

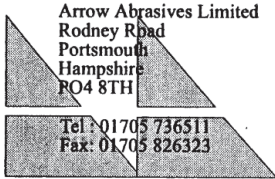
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THE FARNHAMIAN

June 1999

INTRODUCTION TO THE FARNHAMIAN - VOL 6

It is difficult to realise that this is the sixth edition of the new style magazine and to find that the news continues to come in at a steady rate. I hope that you will find the 1999 edition as interesting as the others, for this past twelve months have been quite eventful for the Association.

As usual it has its sad side and during the year we have lost some great supporters of the Old Farnhamians. The first of these was John Aylwin, who passed away in July 1998, and had only just completed his profile for this very magazine. John was a member of a family who have been associated with both the School and the College for well over a century. He had been Chairman of the Governors for the School and the College and for several years President of the Association. The profile of John and the tributes to him printed in this magazine have been approved by his family and will give you a flavour for the man and his achievements.

Other well known Old Boys such as Eric Patrick, Fred Foley and Maurice Elphick have also passed away, and no doubt future magazines will give an insight into these long term supporters of the Association.

On the brighter side I am pleased to announce that both the Southampton Lunch and Annual Dinner were a great success. A committee has been formed to arrange the Millennium Dinner on 8th April 2000, and I can assure you that this will be a very special evening for Old Boys of Farnham Grammar School. Farnham Castle will allow us to seat 150 at the dinner and I suggest that you book your place as soon as possible.

During last autumn I gave a lecture to some sixty members of the Farnham Museum Society on the 'History of The Farnhamian Magazine' and this proved very successful. It is important that we pass on what we know of the history of the School and leave the town of Farnham with living memories of our heritage. There are moves to have a permanent museum for all of the memorabilia that we now have and I am sure this would be welcomed by the Old Boys and the town of Farnham.

I hope that you enjoy the profiles in this edition of Norman Patrick, John Aylwin, John Goddard and Roy Robins and that the introduction of 'The Cup Winners' brings back some memories.

Finally we would like to welcome Michael Horner, who is now the new President of the Old Farnhamians' Association. Those who know him will agree that he will prove an excellent choice and he will have the privilege of taking the Association into the new millennium. I have asked him to say a little about himself in this issue, and no doubt many of you will meet him at the various functions during the coming year. On behalf of all readers of the magazine we offer Michael our best wishes for his time in office.

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT**MICHAEL HORNER (1943 - 1948)**

Joining the School in 1943 I recall my parents and I taking tea with the Headmaster in his study before being assigned to a form and a house. The memories of that occasion (and others!) came flooding back recently when, to my wry amusement and more than fifty years later, I found myself once again in F.A.Morgan's old room. This time though, I was there as President of the Association attending my first meeting of the 400 Trust.

Leaving school in 1948 I qualified as a civil engineer and following National Service in the Royal Engineers, partly in Hong Kong, my career followed a somewhat unconventional path. After a few years I moved from civil engineering into corporate investment and business development within the international division of a major British building materials group. It gave me the opportunity over the next thirty years to travel widely throughout the developed and underdeveloped world and to live overseas for part of the time. As well as the increasing responsibilities associated with the climb up the corporate ladder and running one's own show I found myself meeting and working with people of all nationalities and religions. This in itself has been an enriching experience of lasting value.

Nevertheless my roots have always remained in Farnham and I have observed, albeit from a distance, the transition from Grammar School to Farnham College and the bond that has evolved over the years between the college and the OFA.

I look forward therefore as President, to making a contribution to the work of the Association and supporting a very able and dedicated committee in the challenges that lie ahead. As we approach the Millennium Year and anticipate the 21st century though, it is appropriate to pause for a moment and look back over the events that have shaped and moulded our lives in this century.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to my predecessor, Brian Daniels, who has been President for three years. During this time Brian has contributed much to the activities of the Association and I am pleased to say that he will be staying on the General Committee. I am sure that I speak for all of us when I say that he takes with him our thanks and our good wishes for the future.

Meanwhile, my good wishes to you all and I look forward to meeting you.

MESSAGE FROM THE OLD PRESIDENT**BRIAN DANIELS (1947 - 1952)**

It was just three and a half years ago that I received, via John Crotty, an invitation to be the next President of the OFA. I accepted with customary reluctance, protesting that there must be more worthy candidates etc. Now after three years it is time to stand down and welcome our new President, Michael Horner.

For my part I have enjoyed my period in office and thank you for the honour you bestowed and also for the encouragement and support you have given me these last three years, especially from the General Committee.

I am sure you will display the same support to my successor and I wish him every good fortune during his period in office.

OLD FARNHAMIAN 67TH ANNUAL DINNER - 1999 CYRIL TRUST

It is over twenty five years since the Farnham Grammar School became Farnham College and this year the Old Boys Annual Dinner was probably more upbeat than normal. The membership had increased once again and the one hundred present were clearly looking ahead to the Millennium Dinner and the next century. With the Old Boys getting older one would expect them to be looking towards the end of this excellent and exclusive club, but the association is healthy and looking towards the future.

The dinner was held at the old school in Morley Road and the catering once again was done by the Colleges' own caterers. The meal was first class and the normal Master of Ceremonies, Peter Clark, made sure that the evening was pleasant and nostalgic.

The toast to the School and the Association was made by Roger Edgell, who works at the Home Office and is one of the younger Old Boys, and his speech was full of the past and touched with humour. He recalled the camaraderie at the school and recounted some stories of ex-masters like Harold Beeken, Ned Godsil and John Wills. He then told the guests about the Millennium Dinner at Farnham Castle and said that it would be an occasion to remember. He said that of the 150 places available for that event over 130 had already been booked, with still a year to go before this special evening.

Replying to this toast was the new President, Michael Horner, who began by thanking the outgoing President, Brian Daniels, for all his hard work over the previous three years in office. He said that his time at the school in the 40's had been character building for both his business and personal life. He had found that the teachers were firm, but fair, and certainly not without humour. He hoped that the membership would continue to rise in the future and said that there were at least 3500 eligible Old Boys somewhere in the world who could be contacted and asked to join. He finished his first speech by thanking the secretary, John Crotty, for all of his support, Wally Walsh for arranging another successful dinner and Peter Clark for being the MC.

The ex-Headmaster, George Baxter, then called out the roll of honour and the first Old Boys on their feet were D.C.Horry and H.F.Stuart, who started at the school in 1925. Once again as each year was announced there was at least one Old Boy standing who had attended. Mr Baxter then said that during the past year the Association had lost four stalwarts, as well as good personal friends. John Aylwin, Eric Patrick, Maurice Elphick and Fred Foley had all contributed a great deal over the years.

MESSAGE FROM THE OLD PRESIDENT**BRIAN DANIELS****CONTINUED**

The Association is in good shape with over 300 active members on the roll, which is a considerable tribute to the spirit of fellowship generated during our time at Farnham Grammar School. We look forward to the millennium and its celebratory dinner next year with anticipation of good things. Best of all would be an increase in membership to show that we continue with vigour and rude health despite our advancing years!

Finally my own special thanks to our hard working secretary, John Crotty, he really does keep all aspects of the Association and its officers in good shape and he acts as the engine room of the Association.

OLD FARNHAMIANs 67TH ANNUAL DINNER - 1999

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He said that during the year his successor, Paul French, had been very ill and he was pleased to announce that he is now returning to full health slowly. This most popular and respected ex - member of staff finished by welcoming old teachers Stanley Owen, Robbie Burns and Hugh Batchelor to the dinner. The evening concluded with the robust singing of the School song and it was clear that the Old Farnhamians are very much alive and kicking and they will be with us for much of the next century. Attending;

M.J.Horner; G.Baxter; S.F.Owen; H.Batchelor; R.Burns; M.J.Cox; P.J.Ford; A.D.Harland; J.D.Backhurst; T.Tubb; J.Mitchell; D.A.Bowtell; D.O'Sullivan; R.J.Kite; G.Glazier; R.A.Merson; M.D.Booker; A.J.Everett; P.J.Clark; J.E.Goddard; R.R.Kirk; T.Tidd; P.Huntingford; D.M.Homer; R.E.Hack; J.H.Crotty; G.D.Blunt; S.A.Armstrong; W.Herrington; A.J.Rayer; D.Alderton; P.Freeman; A.L.Brown; P.C.Batterbury; J.L.Vick; H.W.Glover; J.Bateman; F.Loveless; M.E.H.Sturt; W.P.Walsh; R.G.Diamond; D.H.Poleglaze; J.Sherwood; R.Phillips; J.A.L.Chuter; J.P.Bentick; W.R.King; D.R.Skillin; E.F.Hunt; R.Edgell; D.Edgell; A.R.Matthews; C.Beal; C.D.Trust; M.E.Jeffreys; B.E.Bone; J.Falkner; J.Cockle; B.Webberley; C.H.Brindley; D.J.Phillips; B.F.Lake; A.G.Lovell; J.Figgins; H.Upfold; R.Jones; P.Mylles; M.Constantine; A.J.Gatfield; R.D.Edwards; D.Gray; R.Robins; H.F.Stuart; N.H.Patrick; D.C.Horry; G.L.Hooker; E.B.Wade; B.J.Daniels; K.I.Mentzel; D.R.Lucas; P.R.M.Still; S.Pritchard; C.R.Fitch; M.Mehta; R.Well/Jones; M.N.Owen; I.C.Sargeant; D.Hanks; T.Chubb; D.C.E.Coakes; J.Matthews; C.C.F.Slyfield; P.Steadman; M.G.Watts; C.Nash; J.Hirst; M.Da Costa.

OLD FARNHAMIANs MASONIC LODGE

A J Luff (John), not an Old Boy, having completed his year as master of the Lodge from March 1998 to March 1999 has now installed his successor John S Mitchell (left 1947) of 1 Bishop Sumner Drive, Upper Hale, Farnham GU9 OHQ. John was previously master in 1974 and is now doing his second term owing to the relatively small number of Lodge members. During the past year the Lodge has lost one of its two remaining founder members in Eric C Patrick, as well as Maurice Elphick who was one of the early members. Both had become prominent masons in Surrey.

John Mitchell (01252 722485) or Gordon Morris (0118 978 0931) would welcome enquiries regarding possible membership from Old Boys, ex-staff, friends or relatives. The Lodge meets in the Masonic Hall, Castle Street, Farnham on the evenings of the second Saturday in January, March, May and November.

THE FARNHAM LECTURE - 1999

By Patrick Blower

'LIFE AS A POLITICAL CARTOONIST'

at Farnham College, on 21st October commencing at 7.30.pm.

THE SOUTHAMPTON LUNCH - 1998

CYRIL TRUST

In 1998 the annual lunch at Southampton was held on Wednesday 21st October at the Busketts Lawn Hotel, which is outside the city and close to the New Forest. Once again this charming venue was a first class host and twenty nine Old Boys enjoyed the lunch and the meeting with old friends once again.

As usual the day had been well planned by Dudley Backhurst and opening the speeches he announced that this was the 37th annual lunch at Southampton and over the years some 112 Old Boys had actually travelled to this event. He was pleased to see two newcomers in John Vick and Des O'Sullivan as well as the return of others after some years. He had received almost twenty apologies from Old Boys who could not attend for one reason or another and as the membership grows older poor health becomes a major reason for this.

A message to those present was given on behalf of Redvers Godsland, who lives on the Isle of Wight, and is the oldest living Old Boy at 97 years of age. All present actually signed a birthday card for him to congratulate him on reaching this ripe old age. At the meeting there were two ex-pupils aged 84 years and David Horry decided that he was the oldest as he was three months ahead of Roy Robins.

After toasts to the Queen, the School and the Association the Old Boys heard from Maurice Sturt about the 400 Trust Lecture at the Morley Road site that same evening. Here the well known environmentalist Jonathon Porritt would be giving a talk called

'Education for Sustainability', and it was hoped that as many members as possible would help fill the hall.

The President Brian Daniels than asked for one minute's silence in memory of four Old Boys who had passed away since the last luncheon. Three of these, John Aylwin, Eric Patrick and Fred Foley, were well known in the Farnham area and had done much for the Association over the years.

To complete the speeches the editor of the Association magazine, Cyril Trust, gave a potted history of the 'Farnhamian' and the various types of magazine since 1905. He added some humorous stories about his collecting of articles for the magazine and felt that although the Association was growing older it was still possible for it to run well into the next century. He felt that some thought should be given to an exhibition area for the memorabilia from the old Grammar School, as well as some positive signs in the Farnham area to show that it once had a school that was over 400 years old. He looked forward to a great gathering of Old Boys at the Millennium Dinner in April 2000.

Cyril Trust finished by advising that a more detailed version of his talk would be given to Farnham Museum Society in late November. He also congratulated the organiser on another first class luncheon and felt sure that most of those present would attend the next one on October 20th 1999.

Attending; R.Edgell; I.C.Sargeant; C.R.Beale; C.Nash; W.J.Luff;K.I.Mentzel; D.A.Bowtell; R.Robins; D.C.Horry; T.Tidd; P.J.Clark; R.D.Short; J.L.Vick; D.E.Lampard; A.D.Harland; D.O'Sullivan; P.J.Ford; S.A.Armstrong; J.S.Mitchell; J.C.Crowhurst; M.E.H.Sturt; J.D.Backhurst; D.J.Phillips; G.Baxter; P.B.Morice; B.J.Daniels; C.D.Trust; J.H.Crotty; J.E.Goddard.

The Southampton Luncheon - 1998



The photograph above shows Dudley Backhurst on the left, who once again did a splendid job arranging this first class lunch. In the centre is the current President Brian Daniels and on the right is David Horry, who was the oldest guest at the lunch at 84 years of age (just a few weeks ahead of Roy Robins).



Attending the Southampton Lunch on a regular basis will keep you in touch with our oldest living Old Boy, Redvers Godsland. This year a card was sent to him, signed by all those at the meal, to celebrate his 98th birthday. Redvers lives on the Isle of Wight and Dudley Backhurst is in contact with him and does see him regularly. I have no recent photographs of him, but this one shows Redvers Godsland as a boy at the Grammar School in 1906 or 1907. As you can see he is in cadet corps uniform.

Best wishes to him from all of the readers of The Farnhamian.

THE FARNHAM LECTURE 21ST OCTOBER 1998

(Report taken from the Farnham Herald)

“EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY”

Ninety per cent doom and gloom, ‘with an optimistic blip at the end’, was promised by leading environmentalist Jonathan Porritt, embarking on the annual Farnham Lecture organised by the Farnhamian 400 Trust.

The subject ‘Education for Sustainability’, found a ready audience of all ages at Farnham College.

Politicians, the media and in particular the U.K.’s higher education system through its business schools and universities, were all marked ‘must do better’ in a compelling lecture by the director of Forum for the Future.

Educational responsibility was failing at the highest level, said Jonathan Porritt. Universities were in the dark ages and couldn’t even spell ‘sustainability’ at the moment.

‘In modern Europe’s industrial economy, even America, and some of the developing countries in Asia, any major company is making more and more efforts to respond to this environmental challenge. And yet our clever professors of business studies, they still think the environment is for the tree huggers!’

Asked why he was no longer such a familiar figure on television as he once was, Jonathan Porritt cited his move from London to Cheltenham as one reason. But he added; ‘People in the media have got bored by the environment. They think it is yesterday’s issue.’

The BBC considered it had the subject covered by putting on a new David Attenborough series on birds. ‘If you talk about the solution agenda, new ways of looking at the environment, exciting things happening in local government where there is a surge of interest, by and large the media are very bad at dealing with it.’

He placed much of the public in the category of people who say ‘This stuff really counts, but it is important tomorrow - young people have got a better handle on this and I am sure they will sort it out. Practically every single elected member of parliament is like that. Fronting up to the challenge of some of these decisions not being very popular is something they would rather move on to the next generation.’

‘We think we are eternal as a species. We also think we are so different from everything that has gone before that we can ignore the history of the earth. But taking the 3.85 billion year history of the earth as a 24-hour clock, humans had been on earth for a mere seven seconds. The toxic cocktail of elements locked away beneath the surface over billions of years could be spewed out again in what amounted to a milli-second in the 24-hours. But although humans were in the process of reversing evolution and accelerating their own demise, the species was ‘so pathetic and puny’ that nothing it could do would cause more than a temporary hiccup to life on earth’.

Coming to the ‘optimistic blip’, however, he foresaw development over the next 50 to 75 years of ways to take energy from the sun and turn it into different energy sources for different purposes indefinitely.

‘The use of raw materials we take out of the earth is not a problem. It is the way we abuse them and waste them and deal with the by-products.’

THE FARNHAM LECTURE

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'Now there is a whole new school of thought in business which is thinking about the advantages of eco-efficiency... even companies like Shell and BP will now acknowledge that by the middle of the next century that as much as 50 per cent of total energy consumption will come from the renewable resources. The writing is on the wall. What fascinates me is the speed that people will take up the message. This is without a shadow of a doubt the biggest revolution that will ever happen to the human species over the next 50 years. It is the pre-condition which makes all the rest of our dreams and hopes and aspirations possible.'

Asked what it might take for mankind to pull together in the right direction, he referred to 'good old fashioned environmental disasters with a few deaths, but not too many. 'We are such a congenitally foolish species as a whole that only when these shocks are inflicted upon us much more regularly and more painfully will we make the changes.'

He said it was the Tory former environmental secretary Nicholas Ridley, 'a serious red-neck' who developed the 'where is the pile of bodies?' approach to deciding whether to take action.

'Hopefully it will not take too many apocalyptic disasters for the change in the collective psyche,' he added.

But he revealed that he sometimes dreams of a tidal wave that would take out Detroit. Suddenly America would say 'Hey, this is real!'

DOES ANYBODY REMEMBER THE SCHOOL PRAYER

CYRIL TRUST

At the 1998 Annual Dinner George Baxter, the former Head of the Grammar School, had a short conversation with one of his old pupils, Mark Booker (1964-71), who now lives in Kent. They discussed the School Prayer that was used at assemblies most mornings and the origin of the text, and neither knew a great deal about it. To both of them even the words were hazy and Mark followed up the meeting by sending to his former Head the wording he recollected. The version both Mark and George feel is correct is as follows;

School Prayer

Oh Lord, the resurrection and the life of them that believe who art always to be praised, as well in the living as in the dead;

We thank thee for our founder William Edington and all our benefactors, John Childe, John Harding, Henry Massingberd and George Morley through whose goodness we are brought up here for the attainment of Godliness and good learning;

Keep we beseech thee O Lord, us thy children, from all uncleanness, untruthfulness and cowardice and give us grace to grow up into honourable men;

For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever;

AMEN

Perhaps a reader could advise the editor whether this text is correct and who wrote the prayer and in what year?

Old Farnhamians Association
Accounts for the year ended 30th November 1998

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Income and Expenditure for the year	1998	1998	1997	1997
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Subscriptions and Donations Received	662		625	
Life Memberships	50		50	
Interest Received	548		120	
Book Sales	60		11	
Tie Sales	85		72	
Annual Dinner Profit	98	1,503	51	929
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Halifax Windfall		-		1,597
Expenses:				
Magazine	880		680	
Less: Advertising Income	(180)		(120)	
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	700		560	
Postage and Stationery	409		112	
Printing of Membership Lists	199		-	
Flowers and Gifts	70		70	
Meeting and Sundry Costs	27		18	
Audit Fees	70	(1,475)	-	(760)
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Donation to College re Clock		(908)		-
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Net (Deficit)/Surplus of Income over Expenditure		(880)		1,766
Fund Balances brought forward:				
General Fund	5,425		3,725	
Perpetuity Fund	643		634	
College Fund	883		871	
History Project Fund	162		161	
Life Membership Fund	2,844	9,957	2,800	8,191
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Total Cumulative Funds		<u>£9,077</u>		<u>£9,957</u>
Represented by:				
Balances at Banks and Building Societies		<u>£9,077</u>		<u>£9,957</u>
Allocated to be carried forward as follows:				
General Fund		5,212		5,425
Perpetuity Fund		679		643
College Fund (Closed during the year)		-		883
History Project Fund		163		162
Life Membership Fund		3,023		2,844
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		<u>£9,077</u>		<u>£9,957</u>

I have examined the books and records of the Association and in my opinion the above Accounts are in accordance therewith.



MC McAleenan FCA, Examiner

I have prepared the above Accounts from the books and records that I have maintained on behalf of the Association.



SG Pritchard FCA, Treasurer

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 1999

The AGM took place at Farnham College on 2nd February and was well attended as usual. After the reading of the 1998 minutes the various committees within the Association gave reports.

FARNHAMIAN 400 TRUST; Graham Blunt reported that the 1998 'Farnham Lecture' by Jonathan Porritt had attracted 120 people and had been successful. The 1999 lecture has been provisionally arranged for 20th October and will be given by Patrick Blower, who is on the cartoon staff of the Evening Standard. For the year 2000 the speaker has already been approached.

The draft of the College History (The First 25 years) has been presented to the committee for discussion.

OFA LEAVING SCHOLARSHIP; Peter Mylles said that in the past year the committee had met on two occasions and had approved grants for three pupils at the College. There was now no income from insurance but funds were still available to help students in the future.

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE; Wally Walsh reported that the 1998 Annual Dinner had made a profit, thanks to the £313 nett gain from the raffle. 98 Old Boys had paid for the evening, with 96 actually in attendance. It was felt that the dinner had been a success.

FARNHAMIAN MAGAZINE; Cyril Trust advised that the 1999 magazine was almost ready for printing and only reports from the dinner are to come. Already plans are in hand for a special 'Millennium Edition'

MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE; Cyril Trust advised that plans for the Millennium Dinner at Farnham Castle on 8th April 2000 were well in hand. The event should be something special for this unique dinner and the committee felt that the plans would offer this. John Crotty did explain a priority scheme for tickets to this event would be introduced at the 1999 Dinner.

GOVERNORS REPORT; In the absence of Chris Slyfield the report was given by the current College Principal, Sally Francis. She advised of successes in music with a pupil in 1998 and 1999 going to the Royal College of Music. In sport the College boasted an international yachtsman and Clare Wright was captain of the British Trampoline Team with hopes of an Olympic medal.

The College had a strong student council and the Rag Week produced money to help support several charities. The College had been visited by groups from Rumania, Poland and India.

Recruitment was good and the College had approximately 670 pupils between the ages of 16 and 19 and Adult Education pupils exceeding 300 pupils. Examination results were well above the national average with a 92% pass rate.

In the past year the library had been improved and a security system had been installed throughout the College.

The election of officers followed and the existing President Brian Daniells stood down after three years in office. It was unanimously agreed that the new President should be Michael Horner. All other officers were re-elected and the general committee will remain the same.

Dudley Backhurst proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing President after a successful term of office. Membership of the Association increased by 12 during the year.

Mr. Morgan and Staff smoking the pipes of peace?

The Headmaster and five of his masters relax and enjoy a smoke at one of the Combined Cadet camps. From left to right they are Mr. Munton, Mr. Varey, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Ridout, Mr. Withinshaw, Mr. Bacon.



The 1929 First Eleven Soccer Team

Winners of the 'Chapman' Cup for Surrey Secondary Schools.

Back Row: Mr. Lerigo, K.G. Crowhurst, N.H. Patrick, C.J. King,
G.W. Morris, Mr. Morgan.

Middle Row: B.C. Stewart, V.D. Pope, J.C. Kingcome, K.C. Dutton, J.W. Mack.

Front Row: N.J. Phillips, E.G. Glynn.

EXTRACTS FROM THE FARNHAMIAN

CYRIL TRUST

In order to prepare this section of the magazine, it is necessary to quickly read through the many editions printed over the years and extract pieces that hopefully are of interest to the reader. Whilst doing this certain details come to light and the research for the 1999 magazine has provided items that may come into this category.

For example, the handwritten issues from 1905 - 1907 name the editor as 'Herr Jimmus' and it is clear from other later issues that this was Professor James Kendall (1901-1907), M.A., D.Sc., L.L.D., F.R.S. He left the F.G.S. in West Street as head boy, studied at Munich University and was a Lieutenant Colonel in Germany in 1945. In 1933 he founded a prize in honour of the old science master, Dr. G. Brown. In 1952 he became vice-president of the British Association for Advancement of Science and from 1928 until retirement in 1959 he was Professor of Chemistry at Edinburgh University.

For many years new boys came under the heading of 'Valeté' and those leaving under 'Salvete', but in the early 70's these changed to 'Welcome' and 'Goodbye' and in the final editions to 'Captured' and 'Released'. Does this tell us something about changing attitudes to Grammar School education over the years?



D.C. Warner's design for the cover of the first issue.

1905 - 1907 (Sixth Form Magazine)

March (1906)

Everyone's heart has been delighted to hear that we shall not be bothered up with about fifteen different exams next term, as we were last year. The Major is now to be decided on the Matric., for which the ambitious are now swotting. Nemesis has overtaken Keable 11 in the shape of Chemistry, which forms the chief subject in the Agricultural Scholarship.

May (1906)

One advantage of the Old School was its proximity to the road. It is long since a cornet man was hired to play outside the window during French period, but paper, etc., still frequently pass in and out through the open window. Lately, however, one urchin outside, probably sympathising with the chaps who dine at school for their allowance of potatoes, shied half a rotten one inside. It chanced to hit Broadbent, who was taking the Nobles in French, but although we pointed out to him the "pomme de terre" on the floor, he didn't see it. It ought to have been another 'legume', une feve.

May (1906)

The cricket pavilion has not been started by the Old Boys yet, at any rate, it is not to be seen on the ground. It may, of course, be behind one of the mountain ranges on the cricket pitch. The roller has already been used on this by a select party, but does not seem to have made much impression, and it is rumoured that a steam-roller is to be hired to try to push the peaks into the ravines. This is rank extravagance, for certain people could easily level it by walking over it a few times.

June (1906)

The swimming season is again upon us, and, as is right, the Amphibian is again the swimming captain. It seems rather hard lines that we should have to descend to Frogs and Dogs to captain us, but no one in the school is keener on swimming than Wallis, and he is by far the best skipper the swimmers could have chosen.

June (1907)

Will the Nobles please pass this magazine round as quickly as possible, so that it will be seen by everybody this term? Nearly everybody is on the Special List, so, on the evening they get the magazine, they can "feel disinclined for work," and put in an hour or so at its ornamentation.

June (1907)

The Election of a captain and committee for the cricket season was the cause of much excitement. The Head permitted us to hold it ourselves in the Art Room, and a rowdier meeting cannot well be imagined. The elected were as follows; Foster, Bedbrook, Cole, Catcum, Heywood, Walker, Young.

Great excitement prevailed as the names of the successful candidates became known, Bedbrook being especially favoured with the yells of the train contingent. As a proof of how much we are in advance of the rest of the country, it will be noticed that a Suffragette Candidate was elected with great ease.

At a committee meeting held to elect the captain (the result was a foregone conclusion) the vote ran; Foster 7: Bedbrook 1.

1913 - 1919**April (1913);**

The Editorial Committee for the magazine was as follows; Mr Withinshaw; J.K.Dutton. (VI); C.Judd. (VI); H.A.Atton. (Remove); A.W.Putnam. (Remove); R.F.Harris. (V); W.S.Todd. (V);

July (1913);

Perhaps the chief feature of the summer term for most of the school, and especially for Form V, was the daily visit to the baths. Harris was our captain and Chennell II our vice-captain.

Faulkner has developed a new overarm stroke, which sweeps all opponents out of his path - literally. Chennell II is also captain for cricket - a wicked game - and for football.

July (1914);

The attempt that has been made to put the making of the magazine into the hands of the present boys would now appear assured of failure. We cannot even manage a few letters to the editors, in any style, on any school topic! Are "the hands" so inert?

December (1914);

The water meter, read daily by the Sixth, was infested with a species of giant slug, which now, thanks to our energies, has been successfully exterminated. The number of enthusiasts knitting belts for the Troops is surprising. We hope their enthusiasm will hurry them up, or an abdominal belt may become an abominable belt.

April (1915);

We hear Bastow's brother is laid up with German measles. Why does not the Government put a stop to this "trading with the enemy"?

April (1915);

What a shame that the Train Boys have only one period of Latin left each week.

Some more of the Kaiser's doings!!!

April (1919);

Captain L S Harland, Dorsetshire Regiment, has been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in action, while commanding a section of Tanks.

August (1919);

Lieut. Stanley Bessant, formerly Commander of No.III. Platoon, has been awarded the Military Cross for his fine work in Palestine. May he live long to wear it. The War Office gave four of our N.C.O.'s tickets for the Royal Navy and Military Tournament at Olympia. Needless to say they enjoyed the show.

The Lewis gun, promised to us on February 19th, has not yet arrived.

Next term a prize is offered for the best drilled recruit who has joined since May 1st 1919.

The 20's

March (1926)

The meetings of the Literary and Debating Society covered the following subjects last term.

October 23rd 'That wealth has a demoralising effect on character.'

November 20th 'That belief in William Shakespeare as the author of 'Shakespeare' is unreasonable.'

December 11th 'That Polar Expeditions are worth the hardship and sacrifice involved.'

December 16th 'That any man should be counted fortunate who lives in Farnham.'

Others 'That all men should be compelled to wear 'Oxford trousers' during the day.'
'That the art of reading a newspaper should be included in every school curriculum.'
'That the giving of school prizes for sport should be abandoned.'

March (1927)

An Exceptional Offer!

FOR SALE, the three semi-demi-detached tenements, known as Nos.6,7 and 8, The Hut, Morley Road, Farnham. Commanding a beautiful view of the Kitchen Garden and Incineration Area; close to Tuck Shop and Playing Field; within easy reach of commodious and comfortable classrooms and over half an hour's walk from Staff Room, Headmaster's Study and other undesirable localities; these rare educational chambers, secured for the current scholastic year by Messrs. F.O. Ray, T.U. Bee and P. Rep. will become vacant next September.

February (1929)

Programme for The Debating Society includes;

'That professionalism is detrimental to all sport.'

'That jazz is an insult to the human ear.'

'Is porridge out of date?'

'That the egg came before the chicken.'

'That Staff should wear school caps and by so doing would greatly improve their appearance.'

'That the present penal systems are not tending to decrease crime.'

'That the scholar is of more use to the community than the athlete.'

'That children should be taught to believe in Santa Claus.'

'That boxing is a cruel sport.'

'That dirty boys are the nicest boys.'

December (1929)

For two consecutive Saturdays the expedition of the Photographic Society was postponed owing to the bad weather, but on the third the members met at Seale Church.

During the stay at the church, in which many excellent photographs were taken, three members noted for their bravery advanced on to a pack of extremely ferocious Alsations, in order to take their portraits. One big dog gave a bloodcurdling growl, which sent two of the trio scuttling back to their more cautious companions in the rear. This left the third member alone with the enemy. With admirable presence of mind he released the shutter of his camera before he, too, fled. Unfortunately, the resulting photograph was a failure.

The 30's.**July (1930)**

At the spring general meeting of the OFA the reports of the various committees dealing with Association activities-football, rifle shooting,badminton, cricket - were received. Mr Hugh Robins reported a loss of 14 shillings on the last dance, but the dance had been a tremendous success in all other ways. It was agreed that this loss and that of 30 shillings on the Annual Dinner be made good from the General Purposes Fund.

March (1931)

'Near Things' - a report on a cricket match by an unnamed Old Boy.

We were playing Odiham in the Park, and had three runs to win, but time was almost up. The Odiham captain went on to bowl. 'Hurry up, Mack', shouted someone, 'it's almost time'. Carter sent down a beauty, but Mack stepped out, opened his shoulders and smote. Up went the ball, over the great chestnut, right into the moat. Four. Just then the Castle clock struck. 'Near thing,' said the umpire, as he drew stumps, ' very near thing that.'

March (1932)

A letter to Mr George Bacon from an Old Boy;

Dear Mr Bacon,

Very sorry, but I'm afraid the list must go in with my name out of it. To be quite candid, I can't afford it, and even if I could I've no inclination to subsidise a few fellows playing football and cricket, which is about all the OFA is. Also, the school magazines are the worst of any I've read, which is saying a great deal. *Yours sincerely, ROY BRIDGER*

December (1934)

Judging by the references within this magazine, the great feature of school life this term has been the milk-drinking at 11 a.m. It may be so, but we need not add to the more expert comments of our contributors.

March (1935)

Mr Morgan said that at long last the levelling of the OFA Memorial Field was completed and the grass was up. But they had an overdraft of £120. This would mean another big effort in the summer, but he hoped that would clear the debt. It was decided to hold such an effort on the last Saturday in July, to take the form of a fete and re-union.

March (1936)

The term has been saddened and darkened by the death of King George V. So much had he become known and had endeared himself to his subjects that we all experienced a sense of personal loss. On the day of the Royal Funeral, when no school was held, some of us were witnesses of the great procession in London; a few went to Windsor, but the majority of us were present at local ceremonies, and so paid our homage to the memory of a great king.

March (1937)

It is with profound regret that we have to record the death of Mr R W Mason, a boy at the school from 1867 to 1872 and a Governor of the school from 1910 to the present year. Since 1922 he has been Chairman of the Governors. A fuller appreciation is included in this issue where we are reminded that we have indeed lost an old friend and kindly benefactor.

The 40's

January (1945)

The printer tells us that paper is still in short supply. We must cut our coat according to our cloth, and so, once more, literary contributions are absent and the 'News of Old Boys' has been cruelly condensed. This is largely a magazine of facts and figures, and we lead off with the information that there were 294 boys on the register at the beginning of the term.

December (1947)

Once again we are grateful to those who have gallantly done their part in providing a literary and graphic adornment to the School Magazine. But we are not satisfied, and appeal for more from the boys to make the 'Farnhamian' worthy of our ancient foundation. We have good reason to expect more than we get at present from a school with well over 300 pupils.

July (1948)

Football, 1947-48

It was unfortunate that, as usual, at Christmas, we lost several members of this balanced side, with consequent ill effects upon results. Banks, a goalkeeper always full of confidence, and Ford, an inside forward with thrust and ball control unusual in our forwards of recent years, we could not hope adequately to replace. To add to this misfortune we lost the services of Paget and Anderson, both excellent players in their respective positions, for most of the rest of the season. Fortunately, injuries such as they sustained are the exception rather than the rule. In view of these difficulties we did not settle down again easily or quickly last term, but ended up with a convincing and delightful win over Farnborough.

July (1949)

Don't shoot, dear reader; the Editor is really doing his best. Your first sight of the magazine is the cover and you have been startled not to see the old familiar design which was made by DC Warner when at school in 1912. Well, there you have the reason. Even blocks wear out in time and after the many thousands of impressions which have been made it is not surprising that the printer informed us that the end had come. So we called in an expert who produced the new design. To him we express our gratitude for the unstinted trouble he took over the matter and to the reader our hope that time will heal the wound which must inevitably be caused by innovation in a society such as ours which loves tradition.

December (1949)

The members of Forms IV and IVb enjoyed one of the funniest episodes of the school life when, without a word of warning, they found they were to be given cadet uniforms this term.

I suspect that this occasion was not meant to be treated as a joke; but so it happened when harassed N.C.O.'s in an effort to get sixty boys fitted in one dinner hour, sent 12 stone. 7lb. 'Jumbo' Knight out in a uniform which would have looked scanty on a fly, while some of the smaller cadets were hopelessly lost in yards of clothing.

It may not be so humorous wearing the uniform every Friday for the rest of our school career, but I for one believe it will be worth it because of the excruciatingly funny moment when I first saw IVb in khaki.

J.G.Bellamy. IVb.

The 50's**July (1953);**

These members of the school were chosen to represent Farnham Schools in the Schools County Championships at Motspur Park on June 27th.

B Fitzpatrick	Long Jump and 440 Yards, under 15 years.
K Morris	880 Yards, under 15 years.
J Melville	100 Yards, 15/16 years.
M Doyle	Mile, 15/16 years.
M W Dawson	100 Yards, 17/18 years.
V J Snellock	440 Yards, 17/18 years.
M J Tyrell	Long Jump, 17/18 years.
A.J.Tull	880 Yards, 17/18 years.

December (1954);

Our hearty congratulations to Mr G Wilcox, who became a L.R.A.M. in Pianoforte Accompaniment last April! Members and friends of the school have had opportunities of hearing his accomplished and sensitive playing in the Friday concerts and elsewhere.

July (1955);

The scholastic successes of the State Scholars J J Rhind and MJ Garside last year, followed by the achievement of W Wallis in winning an Open Exhibition in English at St John's College, Cambridge, and of AK Common on gaining the Andrews' Scholarship in Mathematics - an inter-collegiate scholarship of London University - have had a tangible result this term because they have been celebrated by a special half-holiday on July 1st!

July (1956);

In the Queen's Birthday Honours List were the names of Mr H Sanders, J.P. C.C., who received the O.B.E., Flight Sergeant LA Lintern, who received the B.E.M. and Mr J Purslow, who also received the B.E.M. Mr Sanders is our newest Governor and Messrs Lintern and Purslow are Old Boys.

July (1956);

Members at the Annual General Meeting of the Association were pleased to learn from Mr Goddard (assistant treasurer) that their treasurer, Mr G H Bacon, was now up and about again after his very serious illness. Mr Bacon, was, however, unable to attend the meeting and, on Mr Morgan's suggestion, it was agreed to send him a letter expressing the Association's regret at his illness, and wishing him a speedy recovery.

December (1956);

In the Advanced level of the G.C.E. examination in July, an outstanding performance was achieved by W.J.Comley. He gained four distinctions and was awarded a State Scholarship and an Honorary County Major Scholarship. He had already won an Open Scholarship to the Imperial College of Science and has gone there to read Physics.

October (1959);

Exhibition at Open Day included an interesting natural history display by the newly formed country club, one of stamps, another of arts and crafts, and the model railway club's layout, as well as chemical experiments from the laboratory. The library display included a portrait of George Sturt, the local author and sometime master of the school, who wrote under the name of George Bourne and several first editions of his books were on view; the portrait had been presented by Boots's branch at Farnham.

The 60's

July (1966)

This year was one of the most successful for the school chess teams for many years. The Seniors went through the whole season without being defeated. The School lost only one match, against Farnborough, on an overall total (including Juniors) throughout the season. The standard of play in the School teams has much improved, for which much of the credit must go to Dr. Megson.

July (1967)

After 50 years 'Farnhamian' has changed drastically, we hope for the better, but the committee have purposely refrained from changing the style of the Old Boys Section.

If, however, after seeing the bulk of the magazine, you would like the Old Boys' News transferred into a new set-up then please let us know.

July (1968)

Dear Sir, The School Magazine enters our house to be read by my mother and no one else. Having read it, she has a completely wrong idea that this School is a haven of peace and tranquillity and also it is inhabited by literary genius. The largest flaw in School Magazines is that they give an entirely false picture of the state of things.

Yours faithfully, GRAHAME PAGE

December (1968)

SPEECH DAY - Nov. 20th, 1968

Once again the cars are parked, the guests have lunched at The Bush and the company have all converged on the Hall for the annual occasion which can only flatteringly be described as a "necessity". What is the motive, one wonders, behind the attendance of this army of parents at this event so accurately known as "Speech Day"? IS it a desire to learn more of the school into whose hands they have entrusted the education of their loved ones - or do they simply seek reassurance?

July (1969)

The School was strongly represented in the recent B.B.C. T.V. production of "Pickwick", with Harry Secombe. The director was Terence Hughes, principal cameraman, Geoffrey Dudley and sound and vision mixer, David Hanks. All three were active in the school opera productions a few years ago.

July (1969)

We would like to record the retirement of Brian Webberley from the O.F.A. Soccer Club. He joined straight from school in 1954 and has played continuously for the first eleven, captaining the side for the past seven or eight years. A strong and tenacious defender, often well above the average of his team mates, he was sometimes sorely tempted to move upwards into better football but, for reasons which would make him blush, never did.

December (1969)

Last direct links with an earlier regime of FGS were severed after 120 years by the deaths, within a few weeks, of Phil and Jack Stroud, the two surviving sons of William Stroud, Second Master for 51 years, and grandsons of Charles Stroud, Headmaster for 50 years.

The 70's

July (1970)

'Prominent People of our Time' - D.O.N.Ickleson.

Ickleson first achieved fame when he wrote a 'hypothesis' under the pseudonym of Grimm. Realising his talent, he became Languages Master at the school, where he vegetated for many years in a book-cupboard, named the "Tardis". He is best known for his invention of the "Dormobile", which has sold over 200 models to English Teachers alone. This car has a special starting system, incorporating 5 or 6 boys, and brakes with a delayed action.

December (1971)

Speech Day (opening paragraph);

Once again Speech Day has come and gone, and once again we were reminded that fewer and fewer people appreciate its real function. On one side of the hall at least, one felt, the formal ceremony of the occasion failed to impress. *Speech Day (closing paragraph);*

So, to ask a well-worn question, does Speech Day justify its existence? Certainly it is one of the traditions stoically-minded conservatives would have us believe we are losing too fast.

July (1972)

When the hustling imposition of amalgamation with the opposite sex is forced upon our lives, no doubt radical changes will occur in the School's digestive system that cannot be cured by Alka-Seltzer. Lunch time-tables are likely to read; '1st lunch at 8.30 a.m. Eating will then be continuous throughout the day until 3.50 p.m., when the 5th forms will remain behind on alternate Wednesdays to eat lunch (the Head and deputy sheriff will eat during assembly). Bells will ring once for lunch and then constantly all day to avoid confusion.'

December (1972)

Formalities ended with a vote of thanks to the school captain, Jeremy Evans, and those lucky people who had a blue card or admitted owning sixth-formers moved off for tea and a chatter. Thus ended not only one of the best, but also the last of Farnham Grammar School Speech Days.

March (1976)

Jeffrey Tate, aged 33, former pupil of the Grammar School, is going to Paris for 10 days to work with the famous opera star Maria Callas, who is planning a "come back". He will then be in Bayreuth for the Wagnerian Centenary Festival until August to work as assistant musical director under Pierre Boulez, the famous French director.

March (1980)

Both O.F.A. Football teams are top of their Leagues, Div. 2 and Div. 3. of the Guildford League. The First Eleven are down to the last 32 teams left in the Surrey Junior Cup. They are also in the final of the local Charity Cup held on the Memorial Ground at Easter.

SOME MEMORIES FROM A BOARDER

TERRY TIDD

It was January 1935 when aged twelve and a half, very small and thin, I became a boarder at Farnham Grammar School in the Junior Dormitory. They wanted to call me 'Tich' but as John Aylwin already claimed that nickname I became 'Tiddler' and he and I soon became firm friends.

In the dormitory I remember Guy Wheeler, 'Locky' Le Clercq, Hutchings and Baker, and the boy in the bed next to mine was Gilbert Over. He had contracted polio and was returning to school after a period of absence, complete with leg-iron. This severely curtailed what had promised to be a brilliant sports career, even so, he still managed to excel at cricket, batting with a runner and turning over a mean slow spin arm. He was one of the Over family from Camberley and eventually became managing director of this local removal company for several years.

When I moved into the Senior Dormitory I joined Frank Barclay, Watmore, Withers and Tony Garrod, who had the nickname of Gan-Gan (or was it Gang-Gang) although I never discovered the origin. Gradually my other friends from the Junior Dormitory joined me so it was very jolly. We had a small 'boarders room', which led out of one end of the Senior Dormitory, where we played cards, chess, or read or studied(!), or listened to the wireless as we called it. In the winter there was a small fire and, on occasions, some of us took bread and butter from the supper table and made toast. One of our favourite toppings was marmalade with sardines, but there is no doubt my stomach wouldn't relish it these days.

We were able to use the Main Hall for table tennis or badminton, both of which were very popular in the winter months, when we could not get on the playing fields for sporting practice which we tried to do on every possible occasion in fine weather. There was one game played in the Main Hall in the dark called 'Light in the Dark' which was a glorified game of 'HE', where we had to get from one end of the Hall to the other without being caught. The secret was to get up on to the windowsills and work round the walls, but if you were caught you had to join the other side. It was sometime before I found out that it was a excuse to enable two or three of the seniors to climb down the drainpipes to meet the local girls for half an hour or so, before climbing back. I believe two from the Southern Libraries were also very popular.

At the end of 1936 or early 1937, we were joined by three German Jews who, with their families, had managed to 'escape' from the Nazis. They spoke very little English and we were encouraged to befriend them. Sickel was a large extrovert, Singer, very studious, but joined in our activities. The third, who's name I believe was Sternberg, was very quiet and kept himself to himself. I remember that we persuaded them to translate some of our swear words so that we could be rude with impunity. I found, many years later, that they had no real sense and the equivalent was much ruder!!

Sport occupied most of our spare time between the school day and 'prep', as already mentioned. In the winter we were on our own with a football, but in the summer 'Rashers' Bacon and Harry Beeken would coach us in the cricket nets. 'Bogs' Tomlinson (initials W.C.), a Cambridge Blue at the Long Jump would look after all the potential athletes.

SOME MEMORIES FROM A BOARDER

TERRY TIDD
CONTINUED

Unfortunately he could not participate any longer as he had smashed his thigh when competing for the Combined Universities at a meeting in Paris and I often wonder if this injury contributed to his early death.

At one time I became scorer for the First XI at cricket and had a real task master in 'Rashers' Bacon, who would go through the game on Monday and find all the mistakes that I had made. I therefore soon learned to be accurate. These days the rules have changed quite a lot as far as the scorebook is concerned, so I never pretend to understand what it is all about. We all had our favourite teams and played each other using agreed scores for each letter of the alphabet, with other letters denoting various ways of ending innings. Once this was established we would use a page of a book to score in the normal way and determine the winning side.

Mrs Morgan acted as School Matron both in the medical sense, where she dealt with our childish ailments, and also looking after our clothing, laundry and tuckboxes. She was helped by her daughter, Sylvia, who, I believe was taught by her father at home, and I have often wondered how she was able to cope with so many boys of her own age and who were around all the time.

I haven't mentioned 'Moggie' - Mr F A Morgan - who was a revered Headmaster and a real eccentric with a decided lisp as a result of a wound in the First World War. Another disability he shared with many of the teachers and I have particular memories of most of them.

I would like to put pen to paper again to pass on my memories of these gentlemen who helped to mould so many of my generation and I will plan to have this ready for the next issue of the magazine.

THE MILLENNIUM DINNER - 2000

For some months now a specially selected committee have been making plans to ensure that the Annual Dinner on April 8th 2000 will be truly memorable. The venue will be Farnham Castle and this will enable us to seat 150 Old Boys in the Grand Hall of this historic building, which has been the home of the Bishops' of Winchester for many years. We will revert to the old formula of having four after dinner speakers and these will be Old Boys who attended the school in every decade from the 1920's to the 1970's. To commemorate the occasion there will be several items to add to the enjoyment and nostalgia of the evening and it is hoped that Old Boys will attend from all over the world.

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From the beginning of the century a number of benefactors, whether they were Old Boys or local dignitaries, have given trophies to the school for presentation to the winners at various sports. Some of these have been given by parents of Old Boys killed during the First or Second World Wars and as far as I am concerned they form part of the history of the school.


Since leaving the school over forty years ago I have only seen these trophies on one occasion, when they were used for holding flowers at one of the important Annual Dinners for the Old Farnhamians' Association. On making enquiries I found that some of the various shields and cups have been locked away for safe-keeping at the school, whilst others lay in a cricket bag in an attic somewhere.

I feel strongly that some record of these trophies should be kept and I have begun to catalogue them as they are brought to light. For some that I feel are important to a number of people I intend to include in this and future magazines a section which is dedicated to these trophies. I am sure that many of you will remember them as they appear and recall that for one year you had this trophy at home for all to see. You will also recall the day that it was won and received from some dignitary at the school, and perhaps most of all you will recollect some of the names engraved on the trophies who were contemporaries or friends.

I am beginning with the cup for the One Mile flat, which was presented to winners of this athletics event from 1929 until 1969 and contains many well known names. Also the Inter House Cricket Cup which was presented to the winning house or houses from 1919 until 1965 and may give some of you a moment of nostalgia as you realise that you were a member of the winning team.

I hope that you enjoy this new series and it will record for all time many of the trophies that we competed for over the years.


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1931;	N.F. LOWRY.	1932;	W.S.L. SMALLMAN.
1933;	W.S.L. SMALLMAN.	1934;	P.E. HUCKIN.
1935;	D.A. LITTLE.	1936;	D.A. LITTLE.
1937;	H. de B. BROCK.	1938;	H. de B. BROCK.
1939;	M.C. COLWILL.	1940;	M.C. COLWILL.
1941;	M.C. COLWILL.	1942;	M.C. COLWILL.
1943;	G.A. BREHAUT.	1944;	G.A. BREHAUT.
1945;	R.E. ROBERTS.	1946;	P.W. VENTHAM.
1947;	E.B. THOMAS.	1948;	P.G.D. NAYLOR.
1949;	D.B. SHAKESHAFT.	1950;	V.D.J. WYATT.
1951;	P.R. CHANDLER.	1952;	J.L. DOW.
1953;	G.L. HOOKER.	1954;	A.J. TULL.
1955;	K.H.S. MORRIS.	1956;	M.H. HALL.
1957;	M.H. HALL.	1958;	P.J. FRANCIS.
1959;	P.J. CRANSWICK.	1960;	J.R. MATTHEWS.
1961;	J.R. MATTHEWS.	1962;	A.R. MATTHEWS.
1963;	A.R. MATTHEWS.	1964;	A.R. MATTHEWS.
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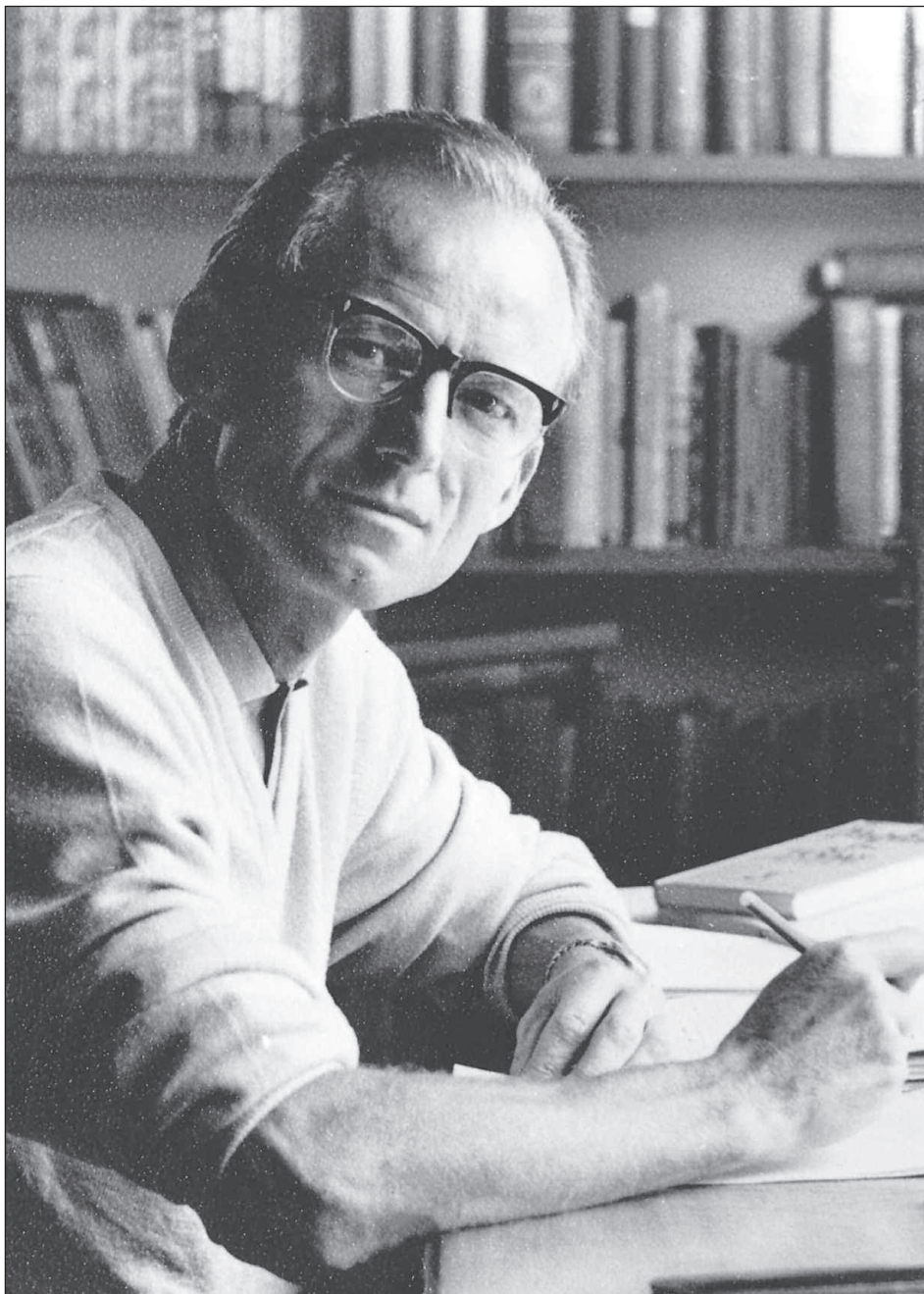
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Athletics sports were held in 1967 and 1968, but there are no record of these in the magazines for these years and no names engraved on the trophy.

CRICKET-INTER HOUSE CUP
Given by Leo Borelli



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SCHOOL | 1932; SCHOOL |
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| 1941; CHILDE | 1942; CHILDE |
| 1943; HARDING/SCHOOL | 1944; MASSINGBERD/MORLEY |
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Ronald Ridout (1916 – 1994)

IS THIS OUR MOST FAMOUS OLD BOY?

RONALD RIDOUT

1916 – 1994

Ronald Ridout, one of Britain's most successful writer of text books, was born on 23rd July 1916 in Farnham, where his father Harry was a teacher at the Grammar School, in the years between the wars. He, and his sister Violet and his brother Geoffrey were all educated in Farnham and whilst at the Grammar School Ronald became one of a close group of friends which included Alan Ryall, Jim Kingcome and Norman Patrick.

He was very much a 'Surrey' man and spent much of his life in the Farnham area, living in Vicarage Lane, Shottermill for many years and later in Grayshott. After he left school, he worked for a short time in the bank, then read English at St. Catherine's College, Oxford, where he also won a half-blue in athletics. He met Betty (nee Dolley), also of Farnham, through the Left Book Club, and they married in 1940. He taught English in several schools during the war years and he and Betty moved all over the country to such places as Shrewsbury, Luton and Portsmouth.

It was while he was teaching that he became aware of a gap in the educational publishing market as far as English was concerned and set about writing his own text-book series. This was English Today, which he worked on between 1943 and 1948. A number of publishers missed what was to become the classic English text book of the post-war period, but the reader from Ginn & Co. spotted its undoubted merits and wrote to him, "we think this may be the book for which we have been looking for the past ten years."

English Today did so well, that by 1950 Ronald was able to give his time to writing completely. He and Betty moved back to the area and set up home in Shottermill, where they brought up their family and became active members of the local community (e.g. the WEA and the Rotary Club). By the late 70's Ronald had diversified his text-book writing to contribute a number of books to the growing market in Teaching English as a Foreign Language. He was much in demand by educational authorities in South America, the Caribbean and the Far East.

Frequent business trips overseas and their love for the sun, led them to acquire houses at different times in Portugal, the West Indies, Ibiza and France. Always generous entertainers, their different homes became idyllic holiday refuges for their family and large circle of friends alike.

He began a whole series of books based on his observation of the various countries he visited. His output was so great that he appeared in the Guinness Book of Records as the most prolific British text-book writer. At the time he had written more than 500 books and sold 91 million copies.

As a writer he was very disciplined and whilst his working hours were comparatively short he wrote with great concentration.

In his latter years Ronald was struck a double blow. Firstly, he became affected by the condition Ataxia and this active and athletic man had to accommodate to loss of balance and co-ordination. Secondly, Betty died from cancer in 1990 and his last four years were the worse for her absence from his and their family's lives. However, he remained a determined traveller, going to Egypt, Australia and South Africa.

Ronald Ridout was an Old Boy who made his special mark in life and died on holiday in East London, South Africa on 5th December 1994.

JOHN MAXWELL AYLWIN - THEN AND NOW

1929 - 1938



When considering the various Old Boys to profile it would be impossible to do this and not include John Maxwell Aylwin. The family name has been part of the Grammar School, either as a pupil or a Governor since the middle of the 19th century. John was born at Camberley in 1921 and early on moved to the Isle of Jersey, where he stayed for three years. The family then moved to Farnham, where his father was a partner of Harold Faulkner in the well known local architect's business. The family included sister Jill and brothers Jim and Tony, and John attended Miss Murrell's School before entering the Farnham Grammar School in 1929. He still had several friends from his days at Miss Murrell's School.

Whilst at the school John played soccer for various school teams. He recalled his first game for the under 11's when 'Pecker' Lock took the team to

King Edwards College at Witley. He earned his colours for athletics, as a sprinter in the summer and a cross country runner in the winter. He was also school swimming captain and won many life saving medals. He felt that his academic career was not remarkable.

In 1938 he left school to work in the family business, training to be an architect. As war approached he passed an exam to enter Sandhurst College, but declined to go. He finally joined the Army with the Royal Engineers, after passing their exam, and whilst in this regiment passed his finals as an architect.

Early in his Army career he was with a 'hit and run' raid into Norway sometime before D-Day. John finally went to France with the Highland Division on D-Day + 3 and was with the forces in Germany until the end of the war. He was now a major and co-ordinated demolitions in North West Germany, then ran a technical school for the Highland Division. After this he attended a 'bridging school' under a Brigadier Anderson, who was a Farnham man, and finally was seconded to the US Army Engineers.

He was demobbed in 1946 and to begin with took up some full time education at Brighton. Whilst here he joined two architect's practices and one of these was awarded a medal for the town planning of the city of Canterbury.

John finally returned to Farnham in 1948 and re-joined the family business, where he remained as a principal in private practice for over 50 years. He had some interesting stories about various projects that he became involved in during this time and these included building two private palaces in India, a very expensive gymnasium in Los Angeles and a house in Kenya. During the late 40's he also married, and from the time that he returned to Farnham he began to get involved in the Association. In his time he was Honourary Secretary and President, and played soccer for the Old Boys for many years.

Whilst all of this was going on in his life he still found time to teach architecture at Farnham, Guildford and Kingston and he said that he stopped when they introduced metrification in 1970.

JOHN MAXWELL AYLWIN

1929 - 1938

When asked what other areas he was involved in the interviewer did not expect such a list, and certainly John Aylwin was a very active person over the years.

The following are the offices that he had held, and no doubt there are others;

Honourary Secretary of the Farnham & District Sports Council.

Member of the Farnham Youth Council for many years.

Chairman of 'Young Farnham' management committee (he is very proud of this work).

President of the Chamber of Commerce.

Farnham Grammar School Governor, including the change from grammar school to sixth form college.

Chairman of the Governors of Farnham College.

President of the Old Farnhamians Association.

Honourary Secretary of the Old Farnhamians Association.

President of the Bourne Club.

Whilst he was doing this he also sailed his boat, belonging to four clubs i.e. Portchester. RIBA, Rotary International and Royal Yachting Association. He played badminton for Farnham and with partner Audrey Foss, became the first Farnham Mixed Doubles Champions. He also had an LTA coaching certificate for tennis.

With his architect's hat on he became a member of the Hampshire County Advisory Panel for architecture and this resulted in him being Chairman of three panels for Hampshire and subsequently Chairman of two panels for Surrey. He sat on the Farnham panel for re-listing the buildings of the town and on the Diocesan panels for Portsmouth, Winchester and Guildford, which embraced sixteen churches.

His company also had contracts for architectural consultancy for Courages Brewery, Watneys Brewery and Gales Brewery and this involved him in looking after many public houses in the Hampshire/Surrey area. When he first met George Gale, the owner of the Horndean brewery, he was asked to visit all nineteen public houses in one day to review the current situation. John said that at each hostelry he was 'forced' to drink a pint of beer and finished the day rather the worse for wear.

He must have got the taste for the brew during that time and he lived within staggering distance of the 'Hare and Hounds' at Rowledge, just outside Farnham. He said that even in his late 70's he managed to visit the public house once or twice a week and clearly he was a connoisseur of the local nectar.

John lived with his second wife Elaine in this charming village and between them there were four children and five grandchildren.

John Maxwell Aylwin still had a great sense of humour and it is clear that he led a more than interesting life. Initially he felt that there was little to tell about his life, but this profile shows that this man, with a great energy, made his mark on the Farnham Grammar School and on the town of Farnham in general.

(This profile was approved by John before his death in July 1998 - ED)



JOHN GODDARD - THEN AND NOW

1930 - 1939



Meeting John Goddard, one meets an unassuming man who feels that readers of this magazine will have little interest in his life story. Having interviewed him at his home in Farnham I found this far from the truth and his story of great interest. John is very proud of his Farnham heritage and can trace his family back well over 200 years as local residents. He is the grandson of Daniel Goddard, who was the first chairman of Farnham Urban District Council, and as such a Governor of Farnham Grammar School in 1894. Daniel's elder brother William was a pupil at the school in 1858, so the association between the Grammar School and the Goddard family spans over 120 years.

The Goddard family were well known builders in the area and built well over 100 churches in the country, including St. James's (now flats), which stands in East Street, and the old Congregational

Church in South Street, which is now the United Reform Church. John's father was Ernest Augustus Goddard (himself an old pupil of the School) who married a Miss Violet Williams in 1921, and the school connection continued as she was for 18 years mistress of the preparatory class at the school. John was born in 1922.

He first went to a local private school in Ford Lane, which runs off the Ridgway in South Farnham and came to the Farnham Grammar School in 1930. Because he lived close to the school he joined School House and began his further education in the preparatory department under Doris Brown.

Whilst at the school his main sport was cricket and he regularly competed in the cross country run. When asked about any academic success he says that his only claim to fame is becoming top of Form 5b.

In 1939 John left the school and began his career with Lloyds Bank in Guildford, where he remained in ordinary banking for nine years. In 1948 he moved to the Trust division of the Bank which deals with estates, trusts and investment management etc. After qualifying he became a member of the management team and remained at Guildford for the remainder of his career.

During the Second World War John played his part in the local Home Guard (Dad's Army) along with members from the school teaching staff i.e. Messrs. Morgan, Lock, Ridout, Horner, Beeken, Varey and Godsil.

Over the years John has involved himself in many interests and because of his financial background invariably became the treasurer for many groups. For example he became an active supporter of the Association soon after leaving school and when the treasurer George Bacon had health problems John assisted by becoming Assistant Treasurer. In time he took over the job of Treasurer of the Old Farnhamians Association and held that position from 1964 until 1980.

If one looks over the history of the Association you will find that John Goddard has been one of its greatest supporters and he has maintained strong links with the school throughout his life.

JOHN E GODDARD**1930 - 1939**

Another important and long term position that he held for twenty four years was that of Treasurer for the Farnham branch of Oxfam.

However, his relationship with the school continued when he served as a Governor of Farnham College from 1980 until 1992, and once again he became the treasurer from 1982 until 1992. There were changes in the governing structure of the Morley Road site and this resulted in John becoming one of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Farnham College Foundation. He was also Treasurer of the OFA Leaving Scholarship Trust, which assists students requiring financial support, and is now the Chairman. He has also been the Treasurer for the 400 Trust since its inception 20 years ago. He remains active with the Old Boys as a member of their General Committee.

When questioned about any sporting interests after schooldays John explained that he had played badminton and also tennis for many years as a member of Farnham Lawn Tennis Club. This club had three grass courts in the centre of Farnham, but they were built upon and now form part of the Central Car Park and the Bush Hotel Car Park.

His main sporting interest now is in fact walking and he was a founder member of the Farnham and District Ramblers Association in 1962. Here, for once, he avoided becoming the treasurer, but held the position of chairman from 1984 until 1987.

John's wife Dorothy died in 1974 leaving him with four children to bring up. His son Daniel joined the Grammar School in 1970 and this gave the Goddard family four generations at the school, which must be a record. His daughter Jill attended the Girls Grammar School in 1972 and represents the Old Girls Association on Farnham College Corporation (the governing body). Also, she followed in her father's footsteps by becoming a Trustee of the Farnham College.

Two of his four children have married and he now has four grandchildren. He married his wife Madeleine in 1986.

The name of Goddard is very closely linked with the town of Farnham, and John Goddard is one Old Boy from the Farnham Grammar School who has contributed much to the School, the College and the Old Boys Association. I certainly feel that he has had an interesting life so far and hope that you the reader agree with me.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

'Top of Form 5B'!!!

Treasurer of the O.F.A. (1964-1980)

Treasurer of Oxfam, Farnham Branch

Governor of Farnham College (1980-92)

Trustee of Farnham College Foundation (1993-)

Chairman of Farnham Ramblers (1984-87)



ROY ROBINS - THEN AND NOW

1926 - 1931



Until meeting Roy Robins for this article I did not know just how much the Robins family were a part of the history of Farnham. During the second half of the last century. Alfred Robins and family came to the town from Dorset and he soon proved to be quite a businessmen. He set up a number of successful businesses, including a Removals and a Haulage firm and a building business.

The latter is interesting as they laid down two roads which ran around the perimeter of the Morley Road site. One was named after the owner of the company i.e. Alfred Road and the other after his brother, St Georges Road. Even the eastern end of Morley Road was originally named William Road after another member of the family. Roy, himself, was

born in Tilford Road near the School in May 1914 and first attended school at Miss Stroud's on Station Hill. From here he went to West Street and then to the Grammar School in 1926. He joined Harding house and says that the only sport he was interested in was swimming and diving - he represented the School in the diving competition in the 1931 Surrey Sec. Schools Swimming Competition. Academically he loved Mathematics and Science and made these his main subjects at the School before gaining his University of London matriculation.

In 1931 he began his first job with Hodgson, Dixon and Quick in Guildford training to be an architect. However, he wished to be more practical and took a position as assistant to the resident engineer for the Liphook Sewerage Scheme. After a year he moved to work with his father and spent four years mainly on conservation work (unpaid he remembers). From here he moved to Hambledon RDC and later to Farnham Urban District Council.

During this period he had met his future wife 'Freddie', who was from Essex and was as an interior designer. They married in 1939.

In 1942 he passed his exams to become a Chartered Surveyor.

When seeking to get into the Territorials in 1938 he was advised he had a heart problem. However, he tried again and in 1942 was accepted for a commission in the Royal Engineers. After training he was posted to North Africa and then Italy. One of his most interesting jobs was to be charged with keeping road communications open across the Apennines to support the battle of Cassino. This included mine sweeping and bridging.

In 1945 Farnham Urban District Council requested his return to civilian life to help design new housing schemes in the town. On his return he saw his daughter, Sally, for the first time. Sally was born in 1944. At Farnham he worked under Leonard Starling and the Six Bells estate was the first scheme that he designed.

In 1946 he turned to town planning and became Assistant Planning Officer for Farnham. In this capacity he initiated two significant schemes. The appointment of consultants to, inter alia, find a solution to the level crossing and the cross roads at Hickleys, which they did. The second was to develop an industrial estate at Guildford Road on Bides Nursery land, to provide employment and take industry out of the town. Regrettably the first was not put into effect; the second Roy saw through himself. He was now studying engineering and in October passed his exams to become a Qualified Engineer.

ROY ROBINS**1926 - 1931**

Roy moved to Gloucestershire 1948 and became Area Planning Officer with two district councils under his charge. After seven years there, he moved to Ayrshire in Scotland, where he was the Deputy County Planning Officer for Ayrshire. In 1955, the same year he crossed the border, he became a Member of the Town Planning Institute.

In 1966 he returned southwards and took the position of Deputy County Planning Officer for Dorset, finding that for some time he actually operated as the County Planning Officer. The year after this move he became a Fellow of the Town Planning Institute, and a little later a Civil Engineer. He also became chairman of the South West Region of the Planning Institute.

In 1974 Roy decided to take early retirement and set up in private practice. He moved to the small town of Alresford in Hampshire and began his practice there, and he is still there working away at the age of 84 years. He says that he has one more scheme to complete and this may result in him taking proper retirement after reaching 85 years.

This is a man who does not look or act his age, and I cannot imagine that I will have that level of energy, if, and when I reach mid eighty. In his later years he has not stood still, but has a very active life outside of his consultancy practice.

In 1978 he became a member of Winchester City Council and held that position for 8 years. In this time he became Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee and Chairman of Land Sub-committee.

During the last Conservative Government he was asked to work as an inspector by the Department of the Environment, this being part of a plan by Michael Heseltine to use private consultants.

Roy was Chairman of the Alresford Society, which is a local conservation society, for five years. He is also a member of the Alresford Historical & Literacy Society, and was their Chairman for 2 years. In addition to all of this he belongs to the local Art Society.

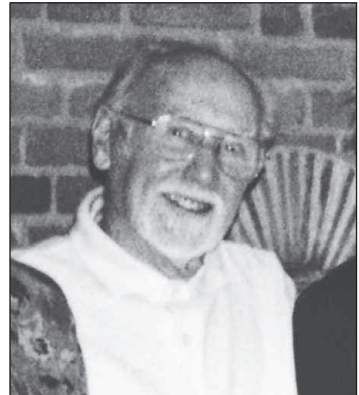
Unfortunately his wife 'Freddie' died in 1990, but he has three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Roy Robins has been one of the stalwarts of the Old Boys Association since he returned south. He has been on the General Committee for over twenty years, including being President for two years. He is one of the founder Trustees of the Old Farnhamians' Association 400 Trust with John Goddard and is also on the Old Farnhamian Leaving Scholarship Trust.

Roy still recalls schooldays with close friends Frank German and Sid Smith on holidays in Dorset and Somerset. His cousin Sydney Robins was a Governor and another cousin, Fred Simmonds, collected and card indexed various snippets of information and newspaper clippings regarding the Old Boys. Roy still has these.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1942 Became a Chartered Surveyor
- 1946 Farnham Asst Planning Officer
- 1955 Ayrshire Deputy County Planning Officer
- 1966 Dorset Deputy County Planning Officer
- 1967 Fellow of Town Planning Institute
- 1970 Acting Dorset County Planning Officer
- President of the Old Boys Association



NORMAN PATRICK - THEN AND NOW

1921 - 1931



Along with Messrs. Kirk, Goddard, Robins and Aylwin we have one more Old Boy from a famous local Farnham family, namely Norman Patrick. His family have been in business in Farnham for 150 years and this period has spanned six generations. Their business was in stone masonry and later in undertaking.

Norman was born in East Street, Farnham in 1914 and his first schooling was at Miss Cooper's Private School in Hale Road.

At the age of seven he moved to the Prep Form at Farnham Grammar School and here he was indebted to Doris (Ma) Brown for her kindness to him in those early years. He remained at the School for ten years and from the start was a great sportsman, playing for the First XI at both cricket

and football. His proudest moments are when the team won the Surrey Secondary Schools Football Challenge Cup for three years in succession and he played in goal throughout this period. He remembers that the photograph of this victorious team, autographed by the players, hung over the school stairs for many years.

Norman was also one of front runners in the annual cross country races and says that he managed to win a few bouts in the school boxing tournaments. He also represented his house Massingberd at rifle shooting and overall you can see that he was involved in a large cross section of sports.

Academically Norman was not such a high flyer, but managed to obtain his "Matriculation at the fourth attempt!" He did manage to win a special prize from F.A.Morgan for his work in Religious Instruction, and still has this gift of the book 'Good Companions'.

Whilst at the School he took part in the activities of the Combined Cadet Corps, in particular the time at camp at such places as Pagham.

On leaving school in 1931 Norman began work in the family firm and continued with his sporting interests, in particular lawn tennis. He played mens doubles with other Old Boys such as Jack Wing, and later Ray Kirk, and over the years won the Farnham Championships on seven occasions. In 1937 he also won the Mixed Doubles with a local girl called Joan Horn, who later in that year became his wife.

He was also interested in music and played the timpani, and at one stage joined with other local musicians to form a dance band. In later years he was to play in the Farnborough Symphony Orchestra and for the Farnham Operatic Society.

During 1937 Norman joined the Guildford Territorials (318 Battery - Anti Aircraft) before being called up at the beginning of the Second World War. He eventually took a commission and as a Second Lieutenant moved to the North of England and joined the

5th Northumberland Fusiliers, which later became an Anti-Aircraft Division. It was during this time that his soldiers captured Rudolph Hess, who had flown solo from Germany in the hope of negotiating peace, when Hitler realised for the first time that he was losing the war.

NORMAN PATRICK**1921 - 1931**

During his days in the Army Norman continued to keep up his sporting activities and regularly volunteered to come to Aldershot for certain fitness courses etc. On one boxing course at the Army School of Physical Training HQ he was the only man of the correct weight able to fight against Jack Petersen, who was British and Empire Heavyweight Champion. Norman says that he managed five rounds, although the champion was a gentleman and could have knocked him out any time he wanted to.

On another occasion he played tennis at Wimbledon and actually managed to have a game on the Centre Court.

One day, whilst watching a football game at Aldershot, he noticed that one player was exceptional and after the match met the player who was the late Joe Mercer, captain of Arsenal F.C. They became good friends and so began the 'love affair' with the team from Highbury which remains strong to this day. Norman still sees matches on a regular basis and his sons are also great fans of the Gunners.

With the new V1 firebombs flying across the Channel Norman was transferred to the Isle of Wight to try and combat them with anti aircraft fire. This weapon was followed by the even more dangerous V2 firebombs and Norman moved to London, once again to try and shoot down these terrible flying bombs. Eventually the war came to an end and he was demobbed in 1945.

Norman returned to Farnham and resumed working in the family business and by now Joan had presented him with two sons and a daughter. He was a founder member of the Farnham Round Table and he resumed playing tennis locally for some years.

Norman had always ridden horses and at the age of ten was taking part in Point to Point races and had some successes in his twenties and thirties. This led to him becoming a member of the local Pony Club and after some time he became Area Controller for this club. His area included some 25 branches, mostly in Surrey and Hampshire, and he held this position for eleven years.

He also became the Chairman of the Prince Philip Cup for Mounted Games, which included the finals being held at the annual 'Horse of the Year Show'.

Norman felt that the age limit for Pony Club members of 15 restricted the development of many riders and he joined with others of a similar view to begin an inter-county Association for pony riders of all ages. Initially there were seven county teams, and to this day their signature tune is the theme music from 'The Magnificent Seven'.

He is the President of the International Mounted Games Association (gymkhana games for teams of five young riders), which he founded in 1984. In their recent World Championship in Ireland there were ten nations competing, including America, Canada, Germany, Sweden etc.

Norman and Joan Patrick live on the outskirts of Farnham and have been married for sixty one years. They have three children and now have nine grand children.

To this day Norman resents those politicians who were responsible for abolishing grammar schools.



OBITUARIES**MAURICE ELPHICK (1918-1998)**

In November 1998 one of our greatest supporters and a member of another well known Farnham family passed away. Maurice Elphick was 80 years of age and had been a pupil at the Grammar School in the late 20's and early 30's. Records show that he won form prizes whilst in Prep and Form 1, and as a member of Morley House was a successful boxer, athlete and swimmer. Probably his prowess with the rifle is most remembered, and he regularly represented the School. In 1934 he was a member of the School Games Committee. Whilst at the School his family donated the trophies for Cock House at both Junior and Senior levels.

Leaving school, he trained for a future in the family business by working at the major London departmental stores of Gorrings and Selfridges. During the war he had the unusual distinction of serving in the Army, Navy and Air Force. In 1941 he married Barbara and after the war they both joined the Farnham business.

Over the years he became a pillar of the community with a wide variety of interests, which included involvement with several charities. He served at various times as President of the Farnham Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Round Table and President of Farnham St John Ambulance Brigade. He was an active Mason and a Past Master and former Secretary of the Old Farnhamians' Lodge. In 1964 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Surrey.

In 1983 he retired as Chairman of Elphicks Limited, and during his years at the West Street store the premises had been greatly expanded. He loved cricket and was a member of Surrey County Cricket Club and the MCC. For those who follow cricket on television, they would often see Maurice Elphick sitting in front of the pavilion wearing his panama hat. Other interests included stamp collecting, steam locomotives and inland waterways.

Maurice Elphick was a popular Old Boy and will be sadly missed at Annual Dinners. He leaves his widow Barbara, three children Michael, Elizabeth and Allan, as well as nine grandchildren.

Allan Ryall, one of his greatest friends, spoke at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Maurice Elphick. He said that neither Maurice nor he could remember their first meeting, for Allan was only two years old and Maurice a baby in arms. It was evident from the early days that Maurice had characteristics that stayed with him all of his life. His equanimity, his cheerfulness, his great sense of humour, his loyalty to friends and his determination.

Although a man of business he could relax with a pint of beer and a nice turn of phrase when describing an awkward customer. He loved his garden, although he had to defer to Barbara as the better horticulturist.

Maurice had an enduring Faith which he followed all his life in everything he did and never more than in his family life. His marriage of over 57 years to Barbara resulted in a close knit and loving family and his affection and interest was evident whenever he spoke of his family - which was often.

In later years his health suffered and it was thanks to his doctor and his family that he reached his 80th birthday.

Allan Ryall finished by saying that he was grateful to have been a lifelong friend, and I am sure that this sentiment is echoed by the many Old Boys and staff of the Farnham Grammar School who knew Maurice Elphick.

OBITUARIES

AN APPRECIATION OF ERIC CYRIL PATRICK

By Gordon WS Morris

The many friends and relatives who attended the funeral at Aldershot Crematorium on 1st June 1998 found it was more a service of thanksgiving for the life of Eric, rather than the usual sombre affair. The main item was a very eloquent eulogy given by one of his nephews and I am indebted to such nephew and to Eric's daughter Sally for permission to quote from same.

Although Eric lived most of his life in Farnham he was born in Fleet and as the eldest of five bore most of the burden of helping his mother, whilst his father was away during the First World War.

I left Farnham Grammar School in 1930 when Eric had already been gone several years and got to know him through the OFA, which in those days was a large and important organisation in the town, and our friendship continued for nearly 70 years.

Eric was articled to a firm of chartered accountants and after qualifying continued on that profession all of his working life, eventually with his own firm in Farnham.

He fought in the Second World War, first with 318 searchlight battery and later as a captain he went through North Africa and Italy; returning home in 1944 on a hospital ship as he was suffering from his appalling experiences.

His first hobby was fishing, with Cut Mill being one of his regular venues. At school he enjoyed football and boxing, but his real passion was full bore rifle shooting at Bisley. Like his father and uncle he shot for Surrey and England and was even selected to represent Great Britain in the 1936 Commonwealth Tour. He declined on the grounds that his marriage and home life were more important. He won various county and other championships and was a member of the Surrey Rifle Association for over 60 years.

Eric was a founder member of the Old Boys masonic lodge, but never became master because of his professional work. However, in 1960 he did occupy the Chair of his mother lodge SIT PERPETUUM No 5725 at Bisley. Also, one year, Jack Clifton, Stan Kimber and Eric brought back to the Old Boy's Lodge three of the five trophies available at the freemasons events during Bisley Week.

He was always known for his sense of humour, gentleness and gratitude. If you offered him a drink etc., he would always say 'Thank you yes!' or 'Thank you no!' as he maintained that if he died suddenly after he had said 'Thank you!', but before saying yes or no, people would understand that he was grateful for their kind offer regardless of whether or not it was wanted. Thus, even in his last hours he was still thanking nurses for everything that they were doing for him.

Eric Patrick was a warm, gentle and very kindly man and will be always remembered with gratitude and affection.

JIM KINGCOME (1923 - 1932)

Jim's connection with the School could hardly be stronger; his father was a master and his brother head boy. An apprenticeship in the business of interior decoration and design was interrupted by the war, when he served in the Fleet Air Arm, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. His wartime marriage to an American lass doubtless contributed to his move to the States, where he occupied himself selling wholesale home supplies and raising a family. He retired twelve years ago to Tampa in Florida.

OBITUARIES

RON STEWART (1927 - 1934)

Ron is remembered by fellow-boarder Lorrie Dowsett, with whom he exchanged Christmas cards for many years. After war service in the Merchant Navy Ron qualified as a pharmacist, eventually running the family business in Bracknell. When this disappeared to make way for redevelopment he retired to Switzerland with his Swiss wife. His brother Bruce, also an Old Boy, predeceased him

JOHN AYLWIN (1929 - 1938)

It is unfortunate that a little time after agreeing on his profile for this magazine John Aylwin died on 2nd July 1998. He was such an important figure in the history of the Association that we have asked several colleagues to write their own personal tributes to him. All of these have been close to John Aylwin sometime during his life.

PAUL FRENCH - EX-HEADMASTER; 'Mr Aylwin', as I knew him then, was one of four Foundation Governors on the Governing Body of FGS when I was appointed Headmaster in 1971. We served the School and College together for many years and I could always rely upon him for support through those difficult times of change. He held the view that the Principal was the professional at the chalk face and that Governors, as on steam engines, were designed to keep things flowing smoothly and to curb excess.

When he became Chairman we had the opportunity to explore together even greater changes to the status and role of the College, namely to become a College of Further Education for all ages. Events overtook us and in due course first he, then I, passed on the baton of responsibility.

My abiding memory is of John as secretary of the OF Leaving Scholarship Trust meeting in his tatty rooms in West Street where time stood still. He used the same book to record the minutes as his father had done, writing on one side only and turning the book upside down when he got to the end to write on the other side. I admired the way he bent the 'Rules' to widen the notion of 'tools for a trade' and to include girls as potential beneficiaries. I shall remember our years together with a smile and with affection. RIP John.

JOHN GODDARD - SCHOOLFRIEND; John and I met for the first time at the age of about four through the friendship of our respective schoolteacher aunts. We lived near each other - it took him two minutes to get to school and it took me only five. We entered the Prep Form at about the same time and thereafter we became firm friends as we progressed up to the Fifth Form (our ninth year together).

Academically, he had a slight edge on me and was very keen on football whereas I preferred cricket, which he disliked. These differences did not affect our friendship and a good deal of our spare time was spent in each other's company at his house or mine in term time and in the holidays. Swimming was a common interest and in summer we often went to the open air baths in South Street at 7.00 am and after school back again in the afternoon.

Naturally, on leaving our ways parted, but we remained closely in touch whenever we could throughout our lives. John had a great sense of humour and an occasional abruptness belied a very soft side to his nature. I shall miss a true and steadfast pal.

OBITUARIES

JOHN AYLWIN

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RAY KIRK - SCHOOLFRIEND; I first met John at the School in the mid 30's and can remember Bill Wickens, our Gym Master, saying that he was one of the best gymnasts that he had taught. 'Just like a rubber ball' were his actual words. We both left the School and went to war, returning to our home town of Farnham in 1946. We joined the local Round Table, a club for young business and professional people between 18 and 40 years of age. John became a valued member, being on many committees, becoming secretary and finally chairman.

Aged 40 we both had to leave Round Table and join the 41 Club, which was for ex-members of Round Table, and remained together in this club for many years. We both married in the 50's and spent several happy holidays with our respective families on the south coast. These were happy times.

Both John and I worked in the centre of Farnham and saw each other regularly. John was a very likeable and sincere person and we remained great friends throughout his life.

JOHN CROTTY - LONGTIME FRIEND; I first met John when I started playing for the football club after my return from National Service in 1952. He was skipper of the 2nd XI and we fielded a side in the Farnham & District League, which took us to most of the local villages. John always seemed to relish appalling conditions; the grounds were invariably muddy with little prospect of a clean-up after the game. The opposition fierce, particularly as we were regarded as toffs. John went some way to redressing the balance with his resolute tackling and endless running. He would agree I'm sure that sometimes his enthusiasm broke the rules, but he would always apologise to the man on the ground. Later on his new shiny Standard Vanguard shooting break became the team transport for some matches, which was generosity itself considering the state we were in after some of the games. We also got to know each other via tennis at Brightwells, which he captained for some years. I have to thank him for being one of my sponsors for membership of the Round Table, where I sometimes saw his more serious side when he was speaking up if he thought things were taking a wrong turn. In the 70's and 80's, after joining a building partnership, I was to respect him as an architect of high competence and integrity who could deal evenly and amiably with the needs of the client and contractor. John Maxwell Aylwin was a man who gave much more to society than he asked of it.

FRED FOLEY (1936 - 39) Fred excelled at football, cricket and boxing and captained Morley. Leaving at the outbreak of the war he was soon in the RAF for the duration. Upon demobilisation he took up a career in municipal engineering, spending the greater part of his working life with Aldershot BC and then Hart DC. He was secretary of the OFA soccer club from 1949 until 1957 and served on the Farnham League Council for a number of years. His dogged determination to play for as long as he was able took him from dashing forward to trenchant centre half, and, finally fearless goalkeeper. His other great service to the Association was in the organisation of the annual dinner. With his drawing office facilities it was he who produced many of the dinner plans that adorned the walls of the Memorial Hall, always with a prominent arrow indicating the direction to the bar. Fred probably attended every dinner and will be sorely missed by his contemporaries and many others.

OBITUARIES

GEORGE EDMOND (1938 - 1943) After qualifying as an architect via articles with Guy Maxwell Aylwin, George moved to Uganda, where he remained until Idi Amin arrived, but shortly after the general departed. His major undertaking was the design of the parliament buildings in Kampala.

JIMMY (AJM) AYLWIN (1940 - 1947) Our condolences must go to Tony Aylwin, the youngest of the three brothers, who has lost both John and Jimmy this past year. At school Jim was one of our more skillful footballers, being selected for the Army Cadet Force national team, and was an above average performer on the cricket field and in the boxing ring. Unfortunately an accident curtailed what could have been a useful sporting future. Jim was a dentist with a practice at Camberley.



The Headmaster and his team of Prefects

Back Row (Left to Right):

W.A. (Alan) Smallman, L.J. (John) Stroud, R.J. (Ronald) Ridout,
G.A.P. (Tony) Hern, T.C. Aldridge.

Front Row (Left to Right):

W.S.L. (Leslie) Smallman, F.A. Morgan, W.A. (Bill) McLelland

NEWS OF THE OLD BOYS

CYRIL TRUST/JOHN CROTTY

The article on the life of Ray Kirk in the last edition resulted in a letter from BARBARA WILLS, the widow of John Wills the Art Master at the school, saying that during the early days when they came to Farnham they lived in a flat at the top of the Kirk household, or 'Kirk's Castle' as she calls it. Ray was away in the army, but his brother Ken was very kind and helpful to the Wills family. When they eventually moved into a cottage at Heath End, the first property that they owned, Ken would bring out the groceries to them from the Ridgeway Stores.

She also remembers that Mrs Munton, wife of the well known mathematics master, would often use her wartime allowance of petrol to ferry her and daughter Gill up the long climb of Firgrove Hill to the crossroads at the Ridgeway. Barbara Wills lives in Rochdale now and it is good that she retains this link with the old school.

In the last edition information was given about BRIAN FITZPATRICK, who has retired and lives in Alton. It was hoped that he would come to the annual dinner, but nothing has been seen or heard of him since the chance meeting in Farnham. That is until early in October 1998 when the editor was watching 'Fifteen to One' on Channel Four. Who should be competing in this popular quiz ? None other than Brian Fitzpatrick. Unfortunately he did not survive to the later rounds and went out of the show for failing to answer a question on literature. One wonders how many more Old Boys have been seen on the screen!

After many years in the building industry our long serving Secretary JOHN CROTTY has retired and is now able to devote more time to his many interests. I find it amazing that this O.A.P. is still able to spend several hours each week playing tennis locally and he is looking remarkably fit. In the initial period of retirement he has visited America and Canada, where he met up with Old Boy TONY GARROOD, and followed this with a trip to the island of Crete. I am sure that all of the membership wishes John a happy and well deserved retirement!

In more than one old magazine the opinion has been given that BRIAN WEBBERLEY (1948 - 54) was one school soccer player who could have graced the professional ranks. Recently seen recuperating after an operation, he advises that after a lifetime in the aircraft industry he is enjoying retirement and is spending his time restoring antique furniture.

At the recent Southampton Luncheon it came to light that DAVID HORRY was the oldest guest at the ripe age of 84 years. It was also announced that he had attended every one of the Southampton lunches since the first one 37 years ago. Quite a record!

During October more than 300 people attended a concert in London to commemorate the musical career of ALAN FLUCK. The concert was introduced by Richard Baker and the performers included Johnny Dankworth, Cleo Laine and Evelyn Glennie. George Baxter and other Old Boys attended the concert. It was revealed that the late music master from the School had left a substantial bequest to the Musicians Benevolent Fund for the benefit of British composers of any age for the composition of operettas, musicals, community theatre pieces or works for choir and/or orchestra, for young people to play, sing or listen to. As reported in our last magazine Alan was artistic director of Youth and Music for 25 years, died in Guildford aged 69, on Christmas Eve 1997.

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One of the main supporters of the Farnham Museum Society is TONY MERSON, who is the treasurer for this popular local group. Tony informs us that the original printing plate from E.W.Langham (Printers), that was used on the front cover of all magazines from 1912 until 1948 was given to him some years ago. The design was by D.C.Warner and eventually the plate wore out and was replaced by a much simpler version. If we ever have a proper museum of our own I am sure Tony would let us have this important piece of history for display.

Your secretary has received volume III of DAVID ROGERS' family biography, The Jesse Rogers Mob. Sub-titled 'The Exodus' its 400 pages covers in enormous and quite painstaking detail his life from 1944 to 1965, during which time his passion for development and design involved him in planes, boats, photography, domestic radiators and, above all, people, both in England and eventually Australia. It is currently on loan to the technical department of Farnham College (who may pass it on to the music class because of his many references to his jazz band days). David has contacted IAN PERKINS, who lives just up the road in Queensland.

Another Queenslander, JOHN LLOYD, was moved by the reproduction of the 1912 Farnhamian cover to wonder if someone could pen an article sometime on the claimed foundation of the school in 1351. Sadly Ned Godsil is not here to help and the history (have you a copy John?) runs out of steam after 400 years, but somebody might be inspired to take up the cause.

RICHARD LAWRENCE is thriving in Florida after a shaky start. A licensed estate broker, he is involved in the sale and letting of holiday and other homes. Having acquired some land, he is about to have a house built for himself.

One-time secretary of the OFA, IAN PATRICK, has returned to the association after an absence of many years. After war service in the Western Desert, Ceylon, India and with the Chindits in Burma, he returned to Farnham and The Herald for four years. He moved to Yorkshire where he remained in journalism until his retirement in 1981, his last post being a sub-editor on the Telegraph and Argus. Much of his free time has been spent supporting the Methodist Church at all levels. Contemporary rivals might like to learn that he thinks that his arthritis may be the price of his athletic prowess at school, although he also suspects his wartime activities may also contribute to his lack of mobility.

Another retired member is COLIN BATTERBURY. He spent 25 years in the building business as a Civil Engineer working for local authorities and consultants, which included a spell overseas. He recalls the school choir and singing solos.

MICHAEL HALL writes from France. He is looking for a copy of the school photo taken between 1952 and 1957 at the top of the playing field just in front of the steps. Perhaps somebody can help. He remained in Farnham for ten years after leaving school and then crossed the Channel, married a local lass and is currently a financial translator with Deutsche Morgan Grenfell in Paris after having worked with several major companies such as Paribas, John Deere and BP.

Another ex-secretary, JOHN HAMILTON-JONES, tells us that he remarried in May last year in Jersey, his wife Joyce being from those parts. We send him our best wishes for the future.

NEWS OF THE OLD BOYS

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Top marks to ROGER THOMPSON for giving his chum TONY BACKHURST the ultimate birthday present, i.e. membership of the association plus the tie! Roger is in the antiques business with showrooms in Winchester and London. He makes frequent trips to Africa and Europe. Tony runs his own scuba diving business and regularly takes parties to the Red Sea, Thailand and Africa.

JOHN WONHAM writes to correct an error in the 1998 magazine. Far from being retired he holds the Chair of International Transport at the University of Wales, a position he took up in 1995.

RICHARD PHILLIPS sounds busy. He is currently managing director of Operations of Automotive Research and Consulting Group and last September he became non-executive chairman of Textile Bonding Ltd.

Sportsmen in the Guildford area should note that MICHAEL WILSON, formerly of the legal departments of BAT and, for the past 15 years, Esso Petroleum, has retired and intends to build up his tennis and golf and take up bowls.

A photo in The Herald resulted in your secretary contacting TOM ALEXANDER. Tom left the school as long ago as 1935 and took up teaching after leaving the services at the end of the war. He started at Badshot Lea, where he became a great friend of Don Sturt, and finished his career as the Head of St. Patrick's Primary School in Farnborough.

MARK WESTCOTT'S architectural practice continues to go from 'peak to trough' as he puts it, an exciting commission being landscape work for Powergen's H.Q., a project which is in its eighth year. He claims that his rates for advice are 'very reasonable' as far as Old Boys are concerned!

JOHN FALKNER has finally decided to take early retirement after many years as a policeman and latterly on the security staff of the University of Surrey at Guildford. He says that he is considering a move to the Isle of Wight, where his daughter lives, although he is a Farnham boy at heart!

DENNIS LAMPARD says that his only claim to fame is that he was born on August 11th 1929. So what is special about that? It works out that he is seventy on the day of the eclipse this summer and he is having problems arranging a suitable celebration. Owing to the popularity of this event, the cost of accommodation in Devon and Cornwall has been inflated and Dennis feels that there must be somewhere else that he can celebrate his birthday and see the eclipse for himself. At the time of going to press the best value for money was a coach trip to Paris for two nights, taking in the eclipse and a little Paris nightlife for £79. If there are spare seats on that coach maybe other Old Boys would like to join the party!

GEOFF HOOKER, who is now semi-retired, reports that he is now enjoying being a part of the Rushmoor Odd Fellows Male Voice Choir. This well-known local choir give their services to several local charities and Geoff finds that our most recent President BRIAN DANIELS is also a member. He still works in the aircraft industry and is responsible for the sales of aviation products to Brazil. In addition he is helping British Airways to re-fit their Concorde fleet so that the life of these planes can be extended.

NEWS OF THE OLD BOYS**CYRIL TRUST/JOHN CROTTY**

As we go to press it is good to hear that MIKE FOSTER, the former English master at both the Grammar School and the College, is comparatively fit and well for a man in his mid 70's. Mike suffered a stroke some months ago and this has affected one leg, making walking difficult. However, typical of the man, he can still be seen making short walks to the local shops and he still retains his humour. He says that his son DAVID FOSTER, who also attended the School, is now living and working in Holland.

MAURICE JEFFREYS advises that he is enjoying his semi-retirement. He now lives on the edge of Dartmoor and comes to London, and Lloyds in particular, only two days a week. With more spare time available he has taken up rifle shooting, which was a sport that he excelled at during his days at the School. He has also begun to play both golf and bowls and clearly intends to keep himself fit in retirement. He still does some consultancy work in the field of insurance and recently attended a meeting with a solicitor who had flown over to the West Country from the Channel Isles. During the meeting Maurice found that the man from Guernsey was G.A. BREHAUT who attended the school in the early 40's. Hopefully we will have another new Old Boy to add to the list in the near future.

CYRIL TRUST was asked some time ago to write an article in a magazine going to the construction industry, and apparently it proved popular. As a result he was asked by the magazine to write a regular column and he has recently completed his tenth article under the 'Trust Cyril' heading. The success is probably the result of the practice in editing the 'Farnhamian' every year.

B.J.OELMAN is still living in Farnham and working for the Department of Transport, although no longer on the project of vehicle taxation. He says that after his time spent in the Gambia his current role is not too exciting.

BRYAN BONE recently visited his brother in South Africa and whilst there he met JOHN BROWN who was at the school from 1944 until 1949. Bryan has photos of John and his family as well as a write up on his career since leaving Farnham Grammar School. It is planned that this will form an article in the next edition of the magazine.

TONY MERSON advises that the recent talk to the Farnham Museum Society by the editor about the 'Farnhamian' magazine has resulted in several requests for similar talks about old local schools. It has been arranged that in October someone from the Farnham Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association will be giving a talk about life at the old school in Menin Way.

BOB LUCKHURST retired last September after thirty years with Zurich Financial Services. The pre-retirement courses that he developed and ran with such success for the company should stand him in good stead.

The 2000 magazine will include a very interesting profile by retired member of staff DOUGLAS LEUCHERS. It is good to hear that he is gradually recovering from a serious illness.

LATE OBITUARY

As this magazine goes to press we hear from Gordon Morris that JIM CASBEN (1923 - 1927) has died. An appreciation will appear in the next issue of the 'Farnhamian'.

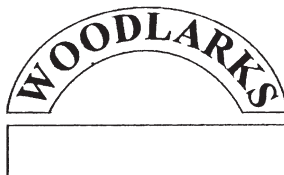
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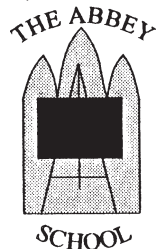
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