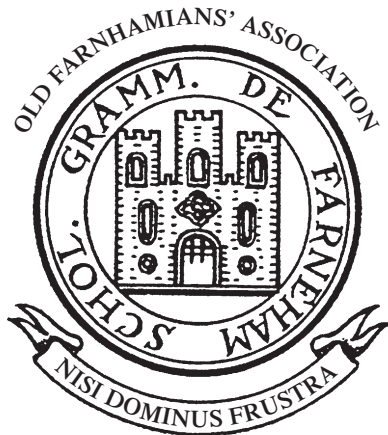


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INTRODUCTION TO THE FARNHAMIAN - VOL 13

In the last twelve months the Association has been more active than ever and only weeks after another successful Annual Dinner we organised a special event to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Old Farnhamians' Association. We began on 28th March 1925, thanks to F A Morgan, and this year was quite a milestone, when one considers that the school closed in 1973. A July Garden Party proved to be an ideal way to celebrate and well over one hundred members and partners, came to Morley Road and enjoyed a few hours together. The weather was superb, the food excellent and the old school reeked of nostalgia. Of course many Old Boys married Old Girls and it was a welcome change to have the ladies in attendance. Maybe we will be fewer in number for the 90th and 100th, but this was well worth the efforts from the organising committee.

In September, the Farnham Lecture was given by Dr. Geoff Jenkins, who spoke about 'Global Warming' and its repercussions. The hall at Farnham College was full and the lecture was one of the most interesting to date and in keeping with this important local lecture in the town. October brought the 44th Southampton Luncheon and yet another well supported event. There were thirty-nine at the table, which is the third highest number to date, and Roy Robins and Jim Hall again took their places although they are in their 90s. The College Awards' Ceremony included 22 sponsored awards from Old Boys or their families and the 74th Annual Dinner was again a great success.



SIX PRESIDENTS AT SOUTHAMPTON

Dennis Phillips; Brian Daniels; Roy Robins; Mike Horner; John Crotty; Cyril Trust.

2006 ANNUAL DINNER

On 25th March 2006 ninety Old Boys and former staff assembled at Farnham College for the 74th Annual Dinner of the Old Farnhamians' Association. The meal was again first class and prepared by the college caterers and for a few hours the former pupils of Farnham Grammar School enjoyed reliving their days at the school. The evening was well controlled by Peter Clark, the regular Toastmaster, who gave the gathering several laughs as he recalled amusing memories of his days at Morley Road in the 1940s.

The toast to the School was given by Comdr. Ron Short who left the school in 1949 and recalled his days during the reign of Headmaster F.A. Morgan. He thanked the school for putting him on the path to a successful career in the Royal Navy and afterwards with the Marconi Company. He had joined the Association in recent years and like many others now enjoyed meeting old friends and attending the various events arranged by the Old Boys. In particular he liked the Southampton Luncheon.

The toast to the Association followed and the speaker was Clive Beal, one of the younger members who attended the school in the 1960s. He was clearly a sportsman and his passion for cricket in particular was ignited at the school. Like many present he felt that the loss of such Grammar School education was not good for today's youth and was sure that the excellent grounding whilst at the school had helped his career. He said that since joining the Association he had enjoyed the regular meetings with former classmates and the camaraderie of events such as the annual dinner.

Cyril Trust, who was starting his second year as President, replied to the toasts with a review of the previous twelve months when the 85th Anniversary Garden Party, Farnham Lecture and Southampton Luncheon had all been highly successful. Whilst several Old Boys had died, new members had increased and the total membership was still rising in spite of the old school closing in 1973.

He welcomed Old Boy, Bill Bodkin, who had flown over from Portugal to attend, and three former teachers at the school, Hugh Batchelor, Tony Moore and Stanley Owen.

He looked forward to the 2006 Farnham Lecture in October, when Simon Clegg, who is the Chief Executive of the British Olympic Association, will be speaking on the subject of 'Winning the 2012 Olympic Games for London'. This year was the 45th Anniversary of the Southampton Luncheon and he hoped that a record number would celebrate this milestone, also in October.

The President then explained the progress on the George Baxter Memorial Scheme, which he had introduced at the 2005 Annual Dinner. The Association had commissioned a bronze bust of the former Headmaster from well-known local sculptor, Sheila Mitchell, which would be completed late summer. On Tuesday 10th October 2006 there would be an unveiling ceremony at Farnham Maltings by Sir Ray Tindle and a tribute by the Reverend Andrew Tuck, Rector of St. Andrews, followed by a reception at the new South Wing. It was planned that family, friends, former staff and representatives of the seventeen organisations who benefited from the influence of George Baxter would join Old Boys for this important event. The

2006 ANNUAL DINNER

project was made possible by the generous help from some of the organisations and the President had been given a cheque that evening for almost £600 from Farnham Rotary. This, plus the contribution from the Old Boys, would ensure the final memorial would be suitable for such a well-loved man.

The President mentioned the sponsorships given by many Old Boys to give bursaries to today's students at Farnham College and hoped that more would be able to do this in the future. It was important to retain the link between the former Grammar School and Farnham College.

Looking further ahead to 2007, Cyril advised that the 75th Annual Dinner was planned to take place on 24th March of that year and would be at Farnham Castle. It would be yet another important milestone for the Association and he hoped that Old Boys would turn out in force to take the 140 seats on offer. He finished by saying that it was planned to make this an event to remember and he looked forward to greeting all those present at the Castle.

As usual Roger Edgell and his friends managed the raffle and over £400 went towards the Association funds.

The evening was completed with the calling of the Roll Call by 90-year-old Allan Ryall, who left the School in 1930, then the School song and finally the National Anthem. For a further hour these former pupils mingled with old pals and recalled their days at Farnham Grammar School. This was another highly successful and nostalgic evening.

Attending:

D.Alderton; H.Batchelor; C.Batterbury; C.Beal; R.Bennett; W.F.Bodkin; M.Bond; B.E.Bone; M.D.Booker; R.Bowtell; H.Brindley; D.Buckell; B.Buer; D.Chitty; P.Clark; J.Clarke; D.Coakes; J.A.Cockle; M.Constantine; J.Cooke; J.Crotty; D.Cutler; M.Da Costa; B.J.Daniels; R.Diamond; D.J.Edgell; R.G.Edgell; J.R.Edmunds; J.M.Fisher; C.Fitch; P.Ford; R.A.Frampton; R.E.Hack; A.D.Harland; G.H.A.Hewes; R.H.Hewes; T.Homewood; G.Hooker; M.Horner; G.V.Hunt; P.Huntingford; M.E.Jeffreys; R.J.D.Jones; R.R.Kirk; R.Kite; S.Lord; A.Lovell; R.Luckhurst; W.Luff; J.R.Matthews; M.Mehta; K.Mentzel; J.Mitchell; A.Moore; C.Mullins; J.Munday; P.Mylles; C.Nash; D.Nunn; D.O'Sullivan; M.Owen; S.J.Owen; R.A.Parker; D.Phillips; B.Philpott; D.Poleglaze; A.J.Rayer; P.Read; A.J.Ryall; I.Sargeant; M.Seignot; M.D.Seignot; R.Short; B.C.Smith; M.E.Sturt; T.Tidd; N.Timmins; J.Travers; C.D.Trust; T.Tubb; H.Upfold; W.P.Walsh; J.R.Wilkinson; P.Wisbey; G.J.Woods.

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**THE 75TH ANNUAL DINNER WILL BE AT
FARNHAM CASTLE ON 24TH MARCH 2007**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2006

The AGM was held at Farnham College on Thursday 26th January and was attended by approximately twenty committee members. A silence was observed for the few members who had died during the previous twelve months.

Membership: Tony Harland reported that the membership continues to increase and there are now eight more than January 2005. There were now 164 annual members and 177 life members giving a total membership of 341.

Treasurer: Stephen Pritchard announced that this year there was a small surplus of £239 and the total assets were now £10,114 compared to £9875 in January 2005. He felt that the Association was operating well, but there was no room for great expenditure, considering the possible £3000 towards the George Baxter Memorial. .

Leaving Scholarship Trust: Ian Sargeant advised that the previous year had seen fewer requests for assistance from College students. Next year he anticipated a return to perhaps twenty requests, which the Trust could deal with from current resources.

400 Trust: Cyril Trust advised that the Farnham Lecture-2005 had been a reasonable success. For this year we have been able to get Simon Clegg CBE, Chief Executive of the British Olympic Association, who will talk on 'Winning the 2012 Olympic Games for London'. This should hopefully attract a full house. The College Awards' scheme now provides 22 sponsors for the College and it helps them and gives the Trust a good return from the use of Gift Aid. The Trust will be taking over the control of the George Baxter Memorial Appeal, as the bust will be regarded as memorabilia.

Annual Dinner: Another successful event with a profit of £241 on the event. Plans are now completed for the 2006 Dinner on 25th March.

Southampton Luncheon: This will be the 45th Southampton event and it is hoped that over 40 will attend. To celebrate this special occasion Sally Francis and Sylvia Backhurst will be invited to attend.

Farnhamian Magazine: Cyril Trust advised that the 2006 edition is almost ready. Only reports for the Annual Dinner are required to give another interesting magazine.

OFA Website: Ian Sargeant advised that the website is still receiving many 'hits' (9200 to date). The committee recorded thanks to Ian for such an excellent website.

OFA College Representative: Ian Sargeant advised that the College results were first class and puts them in the top 16% nationally. However, the main problem is falling numbers of students and this is having a great affect on finances.

85th Anniversary Garden Party: Well over 100 attended and the event was a great success. The budget of £1000 for the event was not exceeded.

Election of Officers: Members for the General Committee, 400 Trust and Leaving Scholarship Trust were all re-elected. John Crotty thanked the President for all his work on behalf of the Association.

FARNHAM LECTURE - 2005

The Performance Studio at Farnham College had virtually a full audience to listen to the 2005 Farnham Lecture, which was the seventeenth in the series to date. This year, Dr. Geoff Jenkins, who is considered a worldwide expert on climate change, gave a very interesting and informative talk entitled 'Global Warming'. Supported by numerous graphics he gave the audience an insight into the problems that we face on Earth, both now and in the future.

After the usual introduction by Sally Francis, College Principal, Dr. Jenkins produced a vast amount of evidence that in the main the planet is warming up and in one hundred years' time we will be enjoying, or enduring, very hot summers and very wet winters. Snow will be a thing of the past and the sea levels will slowly rise and encroach on many coastal areas. Overall Africa and India will be the greatest losers with more droughts and more tornados.

In the year 2005 alone there have been signs of 'things to come' and the tsunami in the Far East and the tornados in New Orleans and Galveston give us an idea of what to expect. The latter has not been proven to be the result of climate change, but it is likely. The first half hour of the talk was very depressing for the future of the planet and humanity as a whole.

Clearly evidence shows that we are responsible for the acceleration in the climate change and unless we act sensibly our children and future generations will suffer. We cannot stop the changes, but we can do much to slow it down over the coming years. Firstly it needs all countries in the world to agree to help with this action, but the major culprit, which is the United States of America, has still to agree to take part.

Overall a thought provoking lecture and Dr. Jenkins spelt out the facts in a most professional manner. He has worked at the Met Office for many years and headed up the Hadley Centre for Climate Change Prediction and is regarded as 'the man Tony Blair talks to for the facts about climate change'. The audience of well over one hundred left the hall feeling that it is about time humanity got its act together and did something to slow down the process and not just leave things as a legacy for our children.

This lecture was well up to the high standards we now expect for this annual event.

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 TONY GATFIELD (Trust Secretary): MIKE HORNER (ex – Trust President):
 BERYL JENKINS (College Governor): MAURICE STURT (Trust Committee).**

OFFICERS OF THE OLD FARNHAMIAN'S' ASSOCIATION FOR 2006

General Committee:

Cyril Trust (President): Stephen Pritchard (Treasurer): Roger Edgell (Secretary): Tony Harland (Membership Secretary): Wally Walsh: John Clarke: Bryan Bone: John Travers: Peter Mylles: Maurice Sturt: Chris Slyfield: Brian Daniels: Alan Lovell: Mike Horner: Bill Luff: David Grimes: John Crotty: Keith Mentzel: Ian Sargeant: Mike Mehta: Tony Gatfield: Robin Welland-Jones. Roy Robins.

Leaving Scholarship Trust:

Brian Daniels (Chairman): Ian Sargeant (Treasurer): Mike Mehta: Phil Dunford: David Grimes: Chris Nash.

Farnhamian 400 Trust:

Cyril Trust (Chairman): Tony Gatfield (Secretary): Stephen Pritchard (Treasurer): Maurice Sturt: John McLaughlin: Bill Luff: Roger Edgell: John Crotty: Mike Horner. Roy Robins.

SOUTHAMPTON LUNCHEON - 2005

Although forty-one members paid to attend the event only thirty-seven actually came to Southampton after four had to cry off with illness or other reasons for not coming. Once again the event was held at the Busketts Lawn Hotel in the New Forest and once again the food and the service were excellent. As usual the luncheon is quite informal and Old Boys have time to talk and reminisce about days when they were at the old Grammar School.

Speeches are kept to a minimum but the President did welcome five new members to the event, namely David Cutler, Gerald LeVey, Peter Read, John Matthews and David Buckell, and then gave a special welcome to Norman Paget, who had fitted in the lunch during a holiday from his home in Baltimore, USA. Cyril Trust also mentioned the fact that Roy Robins and Jim Hall were well into their 90s and were long term supporters of the event. So far this year the number of new members had outweighed those who had died and the membership continues to grow. There was a long list of apologies for non-attendance this year, but clearly the event is still very popular and numbers will rise in the future.

Following the few words from the President, Roger Edgell, the Secretary, told guests of the success of the 80th Anniversary Garden Party in July and said that the Farnham Lecture on 'Global Warming' had been one of the best to date. He looked to future events on the Association's calendar, which included the Awards' Evening at Farnham College, the 74th Annual Dinner, 2006 Farnham Lecture and the 75th Annual Dinner booked for Farnham Castle in 2007.

The President concluded the speeches with a few words about the George Baxter Memorial Fund and the plans to have a bust made of the former headmaster, which would be housed in the gardens of the Museum of Farnham. It is hoped that the money will be available from various organisations connected with George Baxter, plus the Association's input, and that an unveiling ceremony would take place sometime in 2006.

General opinion among the guests was this is still one of the most enjoyable events involving the Old Boys and many present will look forward to the 45th Luncheon, which has been booked for Wednesday 18th October 2006. If you are looking for a few hours of nostalgia, in the perfect setting, and over a first class meal, then this is the event for you. Make sure you attend in 2006!

Attending:

S.Armstrong: J.Bentick: B.E.Bone: D.Buckell: P.Clark: J.C.Crotty: R.Common: D.Cutler: B.Daniels: R.Edgell: J.Hall: A.D.Harland: R.Hewes: G.Hooker: M.Horner: G.V.Hunt: P.Huntingford: D.Lampard: G.LeVey: D.Lucas: J.Matthews: K.Mentzel: J.Mitchell: C.Nash: D.Nunn: N.D.Paget: D.Phillips: P.Read: R.Robins: I.C.Sargeant: M.Sturt: T.Tidd: N.Timmins: J.Travers: C.D.Trust: J.Vick: B.E.Webberley.

It is rare that one has six Presidents of the Association attending a function and in this magazine you will see a photograph of Cyril Trust, the current President, with former Presidents, John Crotty, Mike Horner, Roy Robins, Dennis Phillips & Brian Daniels.

80TH ANNIVERSARY GARDEN PARTY OF THE OLD FARNHAMIAN

On Saturday 16th July 2005 well over 100 guests gathered at Farnham College to celebrate an important landmark in the history of the Association. On this occasion Old Boys were accompanied by their partners and were able to show them parts of the old Grammar School. It was a day where the strict code of 'men only' was forgotten and resulted in a colourful three hours in the company of old friends and classmates.

Entering the reception area each guest was given a souvenir programme and a free glass of wine and then was able to browse around the many boards covered in old photographs or watch an excellent 'moving picture show' prepared and presented by Ian Sargeant. The older Old Boys, 36 in all, moved to a marquee on the school field, the remainder went to a bar on the mezz floor, prior to eating in the restaurant area.

At mid-day the Mayor & Mayoress of Farnham, Mike & Joan Clark, arrived and were taken on a tour of the old school area and the new college area by past President John Crotty and his wife, with current College Principal, Sally Francis. By 1.00 pm old friends and classmates had met and chosen their tables for the excellent buffet lunch that was served by the college caterers, Pabulum Limited. When all guests were seated the President, Cyril Trust, officially welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress and thanked Sally Francis for letting the Association use the college for the event. He also welcomed Peter Larby and his wife and said that Peter was one of very few pupils who had returned as teachers. He was very pleased to be joined by the widows of former Old Boys with Sylvia Backhurst, Marion Homer, Stella Bolt, Elaine Aylwin and Madeleine Goddard among the guests. Cyril was joined by all present in also welcoming Diana Owen and Julia Wilson, the daughters of that legendary teacher, Harold Beeken. The President pointed out that it was wise to hold an 80th anniversary as he could not vouch for how many would make the 90th or 100th.

The Mayor & Mayoress left at 1.45pm for another engagement and guests either mingled for a chat or went on a tour around the old school areas. It was a wonderful day with the sun shining and so many old friends joining together at the old Morley Road site. I feel sure that all present will remember this anniversary of the Old Farnhamians' Association.

Guests: Mrs J.Aylwin; Mr & Mrs S.Armstrong; Mrs J.Backhurst; C.Beal/S.Watts; Mr & Mrs V.Bennett; Mrs.A.Bolt; B.E.Bone/J.Bagwell-Purefoy; Mr & Mrs R C Bowtell; J.Chitty; Mr & Mrs M.Clark (Town Mayor); Mr & Mrs P.Clark; J.Clark; Mr & Mrs D.Coakes; V.Coleby; R.Common; J.Cooke/S.Smith; Mr & Mrs J.Cope; Mr & Mrs J.C.Crotty; Mr & Mrs D.Cutler; Mr & Mrs B.Daniels; Mr & Mrs R Edgell; D.Edgell; Sally Francis (College Principal); Mr & Mrs A.Gatfield; Mr & Mrs D Goddard; S.Granville-Jones/S.Matthewson; B.Hall; Mr & Mrs G.Harnett; R.E.Hewes; Mr & Mrs A.Harland; Mrs.S.Hayter; Mrs.D.Homer; Mr & Mrs G.Hooker; Mr & Mrs M.Horner; Mr & Mrs R.Kirk; Mr & Mrs.P.Larby; R.Luckhurst; M.Mehta; P.Mylles; Mr & Mrs J.Matthews; Mr & Mrs J.Mitchell; Mr & Mrs C.Mullins; D.Nunn; Mr & Mrs C.Nash; Mr & Mrs D.O'Sullivan; Mrs D.Owen; L.Phillips; A.C.Rayer; P.Read/A.Antonakis; R.Robins/Dr.S.Giles; Mr & Mrs A.Ryall; Mr & Mrs.I.Sargeant; A.Spink; Mr & Mrs M.Sturt; Mr & Mrs T.Tidd; Mr & Mrs N.Timmins; Mrs J.Wilson; J.Travers/K.Walpole; Mr & Mrs A Trueman; Mr & Mrs C.D.Trust; Mr & Mrs W Walsh; R.Welland-Jones; J.Wilkinson; D.Wilson/S.Vaughan; Mr & Mrs M Wooding.

**80TH ANNIVERSARY GARDEN PARTY
OF THE OLD FARNHAMIAN**



Roger Edgell (Secretary); Sally Francis (College Principal); Mike Clark (Mayor); Joan Clark (Mayoress); Cyril Trust (President); Pauline Trust.



Diana Owen & Julia Wilson - daughters of that legendary teacher, Harold Beeken.

80TH ANNIVERSARY GARDEN PARTY OF THE OLD FARNHAMIAN



Mike Horner and Ray Bowtell enjoy a chat at the Garden Party.



Roy Robins who entered the school in 1926 with daughter Dr Sally Giles

FARNHAM COLLEGE AWARDS' CEREMONY - 2005

December 15th saw the most successful Awards' Ceremony to date and with twenty two of them being sponsored by either Old Boys or families of Old Boys, the Association was well represented. The packed Hall listened to Sally Francis, the Principal of the College, give her report on the year and this was followed by a short address by Sam Carpenter, Chair of the Student Council.

The guest of honour was the new MP for West Surrey, Jeremy Hunt, and he gave out the awards for the various students who had achieved the most during the year. Having done this he gave an excellent speech, applauding the college, its staff, and its students. The results for Farnham College for the year were the highest so far and it is clear that it carries on much of the excellence of the past.

The evening closed with a vote of thanks by Vicki Burke, Secretary of the Student Council.

The following were the sponsored prizes from Old Farnhamians and their families:

The Wally Walsh Award for Exceptional Achievement.	Myles Brock
The Roy Robins Award for Exceptional Achievement.	Rochelle Brown
The John Travers Award for Endeavour.	Vicki Burke
The Cyril Trust Award for Service in Music and College Life.	Sam Carpenter
The Don Homer Award for Excellence in Drama.	Alice Carter
The Roger Edgell Award for Exceptional Achievement.	Claire Greenaway
The Maurice Jeffreys Award for Endeavour.	Brian Hazell
The Geoff Hooker Award for Exceptional Ach. In Mathematics.	Jennifer Molloy
The Alan Lovell Award for Endeavour in Geography.	Sam Owen
The Michael Horner Award for Exceptional Ach. In History.	Sophie Payne
The Chris Nash Award for Exceptional Ach. In Science/Maths.	Ralph Pelly
The Paul French Award for exceptional Ach. In Mathematics.	Gavin Phung
The Stella & Tony Bolt Award for Ach. In Politics & Art/Design.	Simon Poole
The John Crotty Award for Progress.	Marcus Randall
The Sturt Family Award for Endeavour in Geography.	Polly Russell
The John Aylwin Award for Achievement in Design.	Holly Smith
The Bryan Bone Award for Exceptional Achievement.	Alec Stride
The Ron Short Award for Exceptional Ach. In Science.	James Tonkin
The John Cockle Award for Endeavour in English.	Sarah Tyler
The Dudley Backhurst Award for Exceptional Ach. In Science.	Luke Tyson
The Graham Blunt Award for Exceptional Ach. In Science/Maths.	Laura Watts
The Ian Sargeant Award for Endeavour.	Alexandra Winter

It was an enjoyable and nostalgic evening for the wives of former Old Boys and Anne Blunt, Marion Homer and Sylvia Backhurst were joined this year by Elaine Aylwin and Stella Bolt.

This is an evening when old and new can applaud the efforts of the current students at Morley Road and sponsorship is a great help to the College. There are still more of these sponsorships required and if any reader would like to take part then please contact the editor of the magazine.

A MEMORIAL FOR GEORGE BAXTER

With the death of former Headmaster George Baxter the Association decided that it would be appropriate to consider having a permanent memorial to him in Farnham. After some consideration it was decided that a bronze bust would be commissioned and that the Old Boys would contribute the majority of the money towards the work. For the balance an appeal was made to the many organisations that George belonged to over the years and this resulted in a great deal of money coming in towards the memorial. The bust will be sculpted by the renowned Sheila Mitchell who is well known for her work and is also the sister of Old Boy, John Mitchell.

It is planned that the bust will be unveiled at the Farnham Maltings on 10th October 2006 at 2.00 pm and there will be an invited audience of family and friends in attendance. Sir Ray Tindle, who knew George well, will unveil the bust in the new South Wing and this will be followed by a tribute to George Baxter by Andrew Tuck, who is the vicar of St Andrew's Church in Farnham and a former pupil of the Farnham Grammar School. After the unveiling ceremony there will be a reception for guests in the new South Wing. A few days after the ceremony the bust will be placed in an alcove at The Maltings for a period of time.

George Baxter was involved in many organisations over the years and many of these answered the appeal for help and contributed towards the costs. These include:

Farnham Rotary.	St Polycarp's School.
Farnham Choir Trust.	Farnham Society.
Barfields School.	Probus.
NADFAS (National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Society)	

In addition to the above and the Old Farnhamians' Association there were many friends who contributed to the memorial.

As this magazine goes to press it was decided by the General Committee of the Association to request contributions from members. This was not only to help cover the rising cost of the project, but to satisfy the many Old Boys who had asked if they could contribute towards this important memorial. It was also decided to have the project under the Farnhamian Trust, as the final bust will be classed as an item of memorabilia.

A full report will appear in the next magazine.

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FARNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL WAR HEROES**(Taken from the REMEMBRANCE BOOK written by Henry Ellwood)**

Sergeant Flt.Engineer. ADRIAN LAURENCE CALE (1930-1933)
50th Squadron - Royal Air Force

Adrian Laurence William Cale was the son of William Frederick and Beatrice Mary Cale. He lived with his parents at Glenhurst, Broomleaf Road, Farnham and began his education at Farnham Grammar School in September 1930, when he was eleven years old. He was a member of School House and took part in the athletics and boxing.

He left the Grammar School in 1933 when he was fourteen and it is not known whether he continued his education or if his family left the Farnham area. He became a member of the Old Farnhamians' Association and in 1941 gave his address as; Vine Villa, Southend, Bassingbourn, Royston, Herts.

He married Ethel from Fen End in Warwickshire

Records show that Adrian Laurence Cale was a member of the crew of a Lancaster aircraft No. ED 486 VN, which crashed on 27th January 1943. The plane took off from Skellingthorpe at 1754 hours and was observed to climb normally and then entered cloud. Shortly afterwards the Lancaster was seen in a steep dive from which it failed to recover. All seven members of the crew were killed.

**The Crew: Sgts. A.L.Kitching: A.L.Cale: R.P.Edwards: J.Currie: J.B.White:
J.W.Wilson (RCAF): M.J.Barbe (RCAF).**

General Notes on 50 Squadron - Royal Air Force

50 Squadron was formed in May 1916 and was first equipped with B.E.Variants and then in 1918 with Camel aircraft.

In 1937 the Squadron was operating from Waddington with Hinds and Hampden aircraft.

On the outbreak of the Second World War the squadron began bombing raids using 'Hampdens' but converted to Lancaster aircraft in May 1942 and used this aircraft on operations until the end of the war.

On the day that Adrian Laurence Cale died, 50 Squadron was operating with Lancaster Mark1 and 111 bombers from RAF Skellingthorpe.

Information from the British War Graves Commission

Adrian Laurence William Cale died on Wednesday 27th January 1943

His age was not given.

Service No: 549996

He is buried at Bassingbourn Cum Kneesworth Cemetery, Cambridgeshire.

Grave Ref: Row FF - Grave 7.

Adrian Laurence Cale and George Kingsmill Nolan were the only Farnham Heroes to have died serving the 50 Squadron - Royal Air Force.

FARNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL WAR HEROES

PRIVATE KENNETH C.J.DUTTON (1926 - 1931)
2/5th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

The family home of Kenneth Dutton was the Royal Deer Public House that stood on the corner of South Street and East Street for many years. He was the youngest son of the licensee and his wife Mr & Mrs William Dutton.

Kenneth entered Farnham Grammar School in 1926 and was an exceptional sportsman for Morley House and for the school in general. He boxed most years and in 1930 won his weight. He played cricket for his house and football for his house, the School Under 15 team and in 1928 for the First XI. He was part of that excellent team that won the Chapman Cup, for Surrey Secondary Schools, in 1929. He won the High Jump at the School Sports in 1931 and for several years was unbeatable at Throwing the Cricket Ball. He obtained a Grade One Certificate in Book-Keeping. After school he played for several of the Town's teams.

His final days were told by Col. William Lagdon Farrow, who as a young territorial fought alongside Kenneth Dutton with the 2/5th Queen's Royal Regiment in France.

'The Battalion was in action against the German 7th Armoured Division during May 1940. There were 596 men of all ranks to begin with, but only 209 men finally returned home from France. Only 65 of the original pre-war territorials returned. Ken Dutton was seriously wounded in the fighting around Bellancourt and fell into German hands. He died of his wounds five days later in a German field hospital at St. Riquiers.

General Information on the 2/5th Battalion

The 5th Battalion was the local Territorial Unit, which comprised five companies with 'B' Company located at Farnham and Camberley. On 28th August 1939 the 5th Battalion was split-up into two separate Battalions, 1/5th and 2/5th. In the winter of 1939/40 the 2/5th had their headquarters in Guildford with their men guarding vulnerable points in the area, including an ammunition's dump at Bramley. Three Battalions, 2/5th, 2/6th and 2/7th were formed into the 35th Brigade of 12th Division. On 22nd April 1940 the 35th Brigade sailed from Southampton to Le Havre.

They were not prepared for action. They had no signallers, no carriers, no wireless, no mortars and only a few Bren-guns and anti-tank rifles. They were not fully trained soldiers and had no artillery or heavy anti-tank guns to support them. In a few days they were to encounter the strongest enemy tank attack that had ever been launched, which was supported by absolute air cover. After a brave resistance they retreated across the Somme to Rouen, on to Blain, and the 2/5th having been reduced to 178 men was then re-organised.

The main Allied forces were evacuated from Dunkirk by 3rd June and 35th Brigade from Cherbourg on the 7th June on SS Vienna to arrive in Southampton. The 35th Brigade was then renumbered as the 169th Brigade and served for the next two years on Home Defence duties and extensive training. In August 1942 the 169th Brigade left Firth of Clyde for Iraq via Cape Town. After service in Iraq the Brigade travelled 3000 miles in 31 days to join the Eighth

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Army to take part in the Battle of Enfidaville. After further action in Africa the Brigade landed at Salerno in the invasion of Italy on September 9th 1943. The 169th Brigade advanced across the River Sarno, on to Regi Lagni Canal and to the Volturno River. In November 1943 they were at Monte Camino followed by Garigliano. On February 12th 1944 they moved to the Anzio beachhead and then back to Naples and the Middle East for refitting. In July 1944 they returned to Italy to take part in the last battles of the war in this region.

Information from the British Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Kenneth Dutton died on Saturday 25th May 1940.

He was 25 years old.

Service No: 6091321

He is buried in St. Riquier British Cemetery, Somme, France.

Grave Reference: AA.13.

STANLEY GERALD TILFORD (1937-1944)

Royal Air Force

Stanley Gerald Tilford was born on 23rd October 1926 and first attended Liphook C.of E. Infants' School before moving to Farnham with his parents George and Blanche Tilford. They lived at 'Jersiase', Tor Road (off Crondall Lane) and on 17th October 1933 he entered West Street School. He then went to the Farnham Grammar School.

He joined Massingberd House and whilst at the school was an exceptional sportsman. He regularly did well in boxing and did well in many events at athletics, including High Jump, Long Jump, 880 yards, 440 yards and 220 yards. He was also a first class hurdler. He played in goal for the School Colts and the First XI Football Team.

On leaving the School he became a member of 229(Farnham) Squadron A.T.C. He had completed a course at Queen's College as a cadet officer and was then sent for training at RAF Scone near Perth in Scotland.

There is little information regarding his time in the RAF but it has been confirmed that Stanley Gerald Tilford was flying in a Tiger Moth training aircraft with his instructor when they collided with another plane. He bailed out but his parachute failed to open in time. His instructor was also killed.

It is believed that his parents and sister are now dead and the remainder of the family are now living abroad.

Information from British Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Stanley Gerald Tilford died on Tuesday 28th August 1945.

He was 18 years old.

Service No: 3036459

He is buried in Perth (Wellshill) Cemetery, Perthshire Scotland.

Grave Reference: Div. Grave 847

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE MORGAN LEGACY



A view across Farnham from the school steps with Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery addressing the School and parents in 1946. The Castle in the distance.



George Bacon, Brian Varey, Frank Morgan, Nick Ridout and A.N.Other posing outside their tent at one of the popular Boys' Camps in the 1930s.

 CRICKET - WILLIAM STROUD CUP FOR BOWLING AVERAGES


1948	J.DAY	1957	T.H.GOVIER
1949	R.MOORE	1958	P.B.P.SMITH
1950	R.H.HEWES	1959	N.J.TUDOR
1951	J.D.MUNDAY	1960	G.W.H.HUNT
1952	J.D.MUNDAY	1961	G.R.GREEN
1953	M.DOYLE	1962	R.I.HILL
1954	P.CALLAGHAN	1963	G.R.GREEN
1955	D.B.MOORE	1964	N.WOOD
1956	P.CALLAGHAN	1965	R.J.WILLS

 INTER HOUSE SWIMMING CUP - GIVEN BY A. HORNE


1924	CHILDE	1949	SCHOOL
1925	SCHOOL	1950	SCHOOL
1926	CHILDE	1951	SCHOOL
1927	SCHOOL	1952	SCHOOL
1928	SCHOOL	1953	SCHOOL
1929	SCHOOL	1954	SCHOOL
1930	SCHOOL	1955	MASSINGBERD
1931	SCHOOL	1956	MASSINGBERD
1932	SCHOOL	1957	MASSINGBERD
1933	SCHOOL	1958	MASSINGBERD
1934	SCHOOL	1959	HARDING
1935	SCHOOL	1960	HARDING
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1937	MORLEY	1962	CHILDE
1938	HARDING	1963	CHILDE
1939	HARDING	1964	CHILDE
1940	NO CONTEST	1965	MASSINGBERD
1941	SCHOOL	1966	MASSINGBERD
1942	SCHOOL	1967	HARDING
1943	SCHOOL	1968	MASSINGBERD/MORLEY
1944	SCHOOL	1969	MASSINGBERD
1945	SCHOOL	1970	MASSINGBERD
1946	SCHOOL	1971	MORLEY
1947	SCHOOL	1972	MORLEY
1948	HARDING	1973	CHILDE

FAMILY ALBUM - NO.5.



ANNUAL DINNER-1953: L to R: F.A.Morgan, Geoff King, Ray Kirk, John Hillyer, Fred Foley, Dickie Milburn.



A group of pupils from the Morgan legacy. Can anybody put a name to these boys?

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TERRY TIDD (1935-1938)

The following profile was printed in the Petersfield Herald and gives a profile of yet another Old Boy who has given great service to the Association over the years.

PROLIFIC VOLUNTEER BUSY AS EVER AT 80

Terry Tidd's 80th Birthday Party last July was great fun and looking at the assembled guests, it was obvious that here was a man with a wide range of friends and interests in his community and further afield. In some ways he seems to have always been part of the Petersfield community but in fact he and his family did not move here until 1964. But volunteering and being involved has always been part of Terry's outlook.

Terry's parents met during the First World War. His father came from Lincolnshire and his mother from Suffolk. They met up again at the end of the war and subsequently married. Terry was born in the St.Pancras area of London but he has no idea why - he believes he just happened to arrive there. His father was in the Army and when he was posted abroad it was decided that Terry and his sister should go to an infant boarding school in Hastings. Two years later Terry moved on to a prep school in St. Leonards. His father returned to England and was stationed at Aldershot. Terry was moved to Farnham Grammar School, which then took boarders, to be nearer his parents.

Terry became a member of School House and looking through the records he clearly entered into many of the sporting activities at the school. He was an excellent sprinter and not only won many medals at the Sports Day but also ran for the School in the relay at the Surrey Schools' Sports. He was a member of the house diving team and played football for the School Second XI. He was also an excellent rifle shot and had some very high scores for his House. In 1937 he also won a Form Prize for his academic work at the School. Overall Terry was an all rounder at Farnham Grammar School. In his last two years he contributed to the 'Farnhamian' magazine. His last report was of the first school camp in Jersey organised by Mr Crute, and it appeared in the December 1938 issue when he left the Farnham Grammar School.

He had no idea what he wanted to do as a career and, when he finally matriculated in January 1939, he went to work as an office boy for the builder who put up the family's bungalow, and stayed with the company until he volunteered in December 1941 for the Royal Armoured Corps and was sent to Tidworth. Selected for officer training in June 1942 he went to Sandhurst that August and was commissioned in February 1943, joining a Mechanised Infantry Unit of the 2/5 West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales Own).

Terry volunteered for the Parachute Regiment but was turned down because his eyesight was not good enough. So he joined the Light Car Scout Units, which ran special operations' equipment ahead of the front line troops. Terry says that his war then became a series of "I nearly was there". His unit was due to take part in the invasion of Italy but did not, then it was supposed to be part of the D-Day invasion force but in the end was not sent and 48 hours before being flown out to Arnhem, they were stood down. This was followed by training for joining the war in the Far East. The unit did jungle exercises in three feet of snow in the New Forest. "We were testing our equipment," he said, "but we only managed to find out how

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it did in humid conditions”.

“The unit was part of the planned northern Malayan invasion force and was expected to take Singapore on November 5th. But, once again, I did not make it - Japan surrendered and we were still in the Isle of Arran”. The unit then became part of 60 Special Squadron Engineers based near Devizes and Terry, now a captain, was second in command. He was persuaded to stay in the Army and served for a further two years before being demobbed in February 1949. Then, like so many other young men, it was back to civilian life and making a career, which had been put off during the war years.

Terry joined Petters Ltd of Staines, makers of the first small mobile engines, running the records’ section of the purchasing office. Then he trained as a buyer and ran the purchasing of petrol engine items. In 1956 he joined his professional association, the Purchasing Officers’ Association, which eventually became the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS). Terry served on the South of England branch committee, was their representative to the Central Council for six years and at various times served on the Technical Advisory, Oil and Energy and Education and Training committees. He lectured on Purchasing and Supply at Portsmouth Polytechnic and Highbury Technical College and was Chief Examiner for Special projects and Stores related courses for CIPS until four years ago. In December 1959 Terry joined the De Havilland Engine Company and went to Leavesdon to set up a new purchasing department.

It was during his early years at Petters that Terry became involved with the social side of the company - not really surprising, as he had been an entertainments’ officer in the Army. He ended up running the football team and started directing plays for the drama group, beginning with *Blithe Spirit*. The next production needed someone to play the maid. The someone was Audrey and they were married on March 1st 1958 at West Drayton. By 1960 Terry had decided it was time to move on from De Havilland and he joined Colt Ventilation, who were based in Surbiton. He travelled all over the Continent, buying equipment for the company. The company expanded, became Colt International, and moved to Havant.

Terry and Audrey, with son David, born in 1963, moved to Petersfield in 1964 and daughter Elizabeth was born in 1965. Terry continued his social activities at Colt and was chairman of the company’s Social Club for six years. In 1972 Terry was a Charter (founder) member of the Lions’ Club of Petersfield and is the only Charter member still serving in the organisation. He has been President three times, including during the club’s 30th anniversary year. During his last years with Colt he was seconded to the North East Hampshire Careers’ Service. He took with him a very wide experience of dealing with a large number of different types of manufacturing industries.

This was part of the movement to provide work experience for students in secondary schools. Its aim was to make it possible for students to have ‘taster’ sessions at companies that they would otherwise be unable to access. Work experience is now taken for granted but when Terry started his secondment it was new and Hampshire was way ahead of the rest of the country in this field. In 1986 he became co-ordinator for Industry Year 1986 in South East

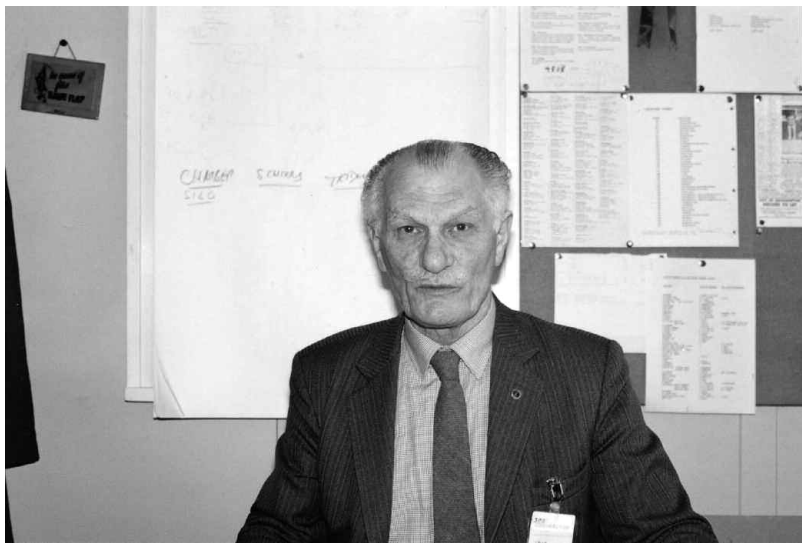
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Hampshire involving primary schools and colleges as well as secondary schools and many companies, large and small. The then Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Sir James Scott, the chairman of Marconi Space, Sir Peter Anson, and Nick Jonas and John Huffell from IBM were all strong supporters of the initiative.

It was during Industry Year that Terry visited the Petersfield School and met the then headmaster, Dennis Jack. In 1991 he invited Terry to become Industrial Governor at the school- a post, which he still holds. Terry finally retired in July 1978 but continued to co-ordinate the Committee for Industrial Matters until it was wound up in 1991. He is still as busy as ever. He is on the Petersfield Community Association committee and is chairman of the fund-raising committee. Annually they stage their two major fund-raisers - the Trivial Pursuit Supper Quiz Night in the winter and Garden Drinks' Party in the summer - major events in the town's social calendar. He also spends 3 months each year doing the financial and stock records for the Christmas Cards for Good Causes shop with manager, Shelagh Hughes.

The Lions still occupy much of his time. Unknown to him, last year the Petersfield Lions Club nominated him for the highest award of the Lions' Club International - to become a MELVIN JONES FELLOW named after one of the Founder Members in OAK BROOK (Nr.Chicago) in 1917. This was presented to Terry in July 2005 by the retiring President and he was so overwhelmed all he could say was, "I'm completely gobsmacked - a word I have never used before". He made amends at the first meeting of the new Lions' year when he expressed his gratitude to all the club members.



Terry Tidd at his desk - still a busy man at 80 years plus.

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ROGER EDGELL (1957-1965)



'FAMOUS IN FINLAND'

Roger Edgell, who took up the mantle of the Secretary of the Association after John Crotty, was born in Frimley. He had a younger brother David, who also attended the Grammar School and a sister, Janet, who unfortunately died at the age of 13 from pneumonia.

In May 1957 he sat the Eleven Plus and after 2 exams was interviewed by George Baxter. In September 1957 Roger entered the School joining Harding House. He enjoyed a good eight years at Morley Road and it is true to say that his sporting achievements surpassed his academic record.

Roger is a great enthusiast about football and played at all levels at the School, as well as becoming a Class III referee before leaving. On leaving he played for Aldershot Social FC in the Aldershot Football Leagues. He coached Wootey Junior School and successfully managed a Sunday Eleven in the Rushmoor Sunday League, winning both the Championship and the Cup. He seriously damaged his knee at the age of 23 and his playing career ended. He now plays golf regularly and with his wife Pam are great fans of Chelsea FC and visit Stamford Bridge as often as they can.

He did become a School Prefect and a member of the School Cadet Force under teachers C.J.(Fred) Rundle and Neil (Paddy) Payne.

On leaving school in July 1965 he attended West Midlands' College of Education in Walsall, Staffs, to begin training as a teacher. In the holidays he worked for Aldershot Borough Council as a Street Cleaning Operative (Roadsweeper) to earn some much needed cash. Only 2 weeks after starting at Walsall he broke his ankle at football and found it difficult to get to the college and classes on time. At the end of the first term Roger and Walsall decided to part company.

Roger decided that he would look for a career nearer home and he joined Admel International in Aldershot who manufactured Photo-printing machines and Drawing Office Equipment. Here he was a trainee Work Study Engineer and for the first time he began to learn about strategic development and organisational improvement in business. In November 1969 he married for the first time and has daughters Karen and Donna.

With the aid of part-time day release at Farnborough Technical College he qualified as a graduate of the Institute of Management Services, being awarded his final certificate in April 1970. During this time he had left Admel and in September 1968 joined Smith's Industries in Godalming still working in Methods' Engineering. Here he progressed and was responsible for the intake of new staff. As Smiths worked within the Amalgamated Engineering Federation framework he was involved in the negotiations with the Trade Unions, who were extremely powerful at that time. This experience would prove very useful in his future career.

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Roger wanted to develop and sustain a management career by the age of 30 and took a post with Basingstoke Borough Council in February 1970, where his work was again Trade Union related. Here he was responsible for designing, installing and maintaining the incentive bonus schemes for the manual workers employed in Local Government.

April 1974 saw him take up the position of Senior Manager in Work Study at East Hampshire District Council. Here he began at Alton, moved to Liss and finally to Petersfield. Alterations in boundaries had brought together the Rural and Urban Councils of Alton and Petersfield to form the East Hampshire area. This brought together areas that were completely different, and part of the job was harmonizing incentive schemes and improving administrative processes.

During these times the Edgell family enjoyed camping holidays in the South of France and although Roger was not a great fan of the sun, he loved the Muscadet de Frontignan on offer.

Roger stayed with East Hampshire until 1990 and in his final two years he was the Direct Services Manager under the CCT (Compulsive Competitive Tendering) rules. Roger had reached the stage where he did not fully agree with policies and he decided it was time for a change of direction. He returned to Management Services with Hill Samuel Investment Services in Croydon and here he learned much about the financial services sector that would prove invaluable to him in his current post.

In May 1997 Roger joined NCIS (National Criminal Intelligence Service) where he was engaged to introduce Service Planning and Corporate Performance reporting in conjunction with the run up to the establishment of NCIS as an agency independent of the Home Office in April 1998. His work has embraced all facets of Strategic Business Planning, Performance and Review. He is currently based in the Secretariat and his current post is that of Business Manager Organisational Development.

During his time at NCIS he has worked with Interpol colleagues in Lyon to promote peer evaluation and design a balanced scorecard of business for colleagues in Europol (The Hague). He has delivered a number of business conference presentations to Finnish Law Enforcement and the Ministry of the Interior Representatives extolling the benefits of the EFQM (European Foundation for Quality Management) Excellence Model. Hence the background to the title of this profile!

Roger has been at the heart of strategic and corporate planning of the organisation and has been privileged to be the mainstay of NCIS Corporate Performance Management Regime for nine years. In October 2005 he was awarded a Director General's Commendation for his contribution.

Over time, NCIS has progressed its business improvement initiatives, by adopting a full suite of policy documentation augmented by standard operating procedures. This direction has only been possible following the adoption of a Key Process Map, one of the most significant developments to have been undertaken following EFQM adoption. NCIS itself is subject to significant change in April 2006 as it merges with the National Crime Squad and the

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investigation wings of Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) and the United Kingdom Immigration Service (UKIS) to form the Serious and Organised Crime Agency (SOCA). Prior to his retirement in the summer of this year Roger is taking up a post in the Secretariat of the new organisation.

So what will Roger Edgell do after a busy career and commuting to London daily? He already writes contributions for a Management Techniques' Technical Archive. He has served as the Membership Development Director on the Financial Sector Board of the Institute of Management Services (IMS), a position he held for five years and this keeps him in touch with management development generally through former colleagues. He is now Secretary for the Old Farnhamians' Association and on the committee of the Farnhamian 400 Trust, and hopes to become more involved in the Association in the future. He has been involved in the Alton & District Indoor Cricket League and was their Secretary for seven years - he hopes to see a lot more cricket nationally and locally in retirement.

From an early age Roger has been a fan of Rock & Roll music and has a large collection of music, including favourites such as The Ventures, Johnny & The Hurricanes and Duane Eddy. With his second wife Pam, who he married in March 1997, he makes an annual pilgrimage to London to attend the Duane Eddy Convention held on Easter Sunday. He feels that most of today's artists will not have such devoted fans after fifty years.

Roger is a great supporter of the Old Farnhamians and still has many cherished memories of his days at Farnham Grammar School. He recalls with affection George, Ned, Peter, John, RB, Harry, Mike, Don, Tony, Stan, Neil, Len, Fred, Alan and Poppa and says that he will leave it to his contemporaries to remember the surnames.



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THE OLDEST LIVING OLD BOY



In the previous magazine it was sad to announce that Ian T Jamieson had died in the autumn of 2004 at the age of 102 years and we now had the job of trying to find the new 'Oldest Living Old Boy' from the Farnham Grammar School. Looking through the membership list it showed the name of **MAJ. GEN. A.F.H.ELMSLIE CBE CB**, who left the school in 1923, and that he was a likely candidate and the editor therefore wrote to him.

The reply missed the 2005 magazine, but the career of 'Fred' Elmslie is worth recording. The photograph above shows him at his 99th Birthday Party and he is without doubt our oldest living Old Boy.

Fred entered the school just after the First World War and became a member of Harding House. He entered into the sporting activities of the school and was a fine sprinter in athletics, a 'top ten' cross country runner and played cricket for the School First XI. He became an NCO in the Combined Cadet Corps and won several form prizes for Geography, Reading and English.

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He left the school in 1923 and entered the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, from which he was commissioned into the R.A.S.C. in 1925. In December 1931, just ten days after his marriage to Winifred (nee Wright), he sailed for China and the Sino-Japanese War. She was able to join him when he was posted from China to Columbo. They returned to England in 1935 on his appointment to the 5th Infantry Brigade. In 1939 he went to the Staff College, Camberley and was there at the outbreak of the Second World War when he began a series of staff appointments mainly concerned with Combined Operations and including training on the west coast of Scotland. He took part in the invasion of Madagascar in 1942, being mentioned in Dispatches. From there he went to India as Military Member of the Directorate of Combined Operations. In November 1943 he was promoted Acting Brigadier and Commandant of the Combined Training Centre, India.

In the later stages of the war and after it he served in North West Europe with S.H.A.E.F. and 21 Army Group. He then served in the War Office, AA Command, East Africa and Southern Command. He was Director of Supplies and Transport Land Forces Far East (1956-57) and his last Army posting was as Inspector of the R.A.S.C. until 1960. This involved him visiting all R.A.S.C. units at home and overseas. He was Honorary Colonel, 43 (Wessex) Infantry Division Column, RASC TA (1960-64) and Colonel Commandant, RASC (1964-65) and of the Royal Corps of Transport (1965-69)

He was Chairman of Traffic Commissioners, North West Traffic Area (1962-64) and then of the South East Area (1965-75). Fred Elmslie refused to permit the closing of the Hastings to Ashford railway line because no satisfactory bus replacement was possible.

He has always taken a keen interest in and much enjoyed the company of family and friends, currently that of his grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Sadly his wife died in 1981 and his daughter-in-law and son in 1996 and 1998 respectively. He lives in Eastbourne with his daughter, Mary.

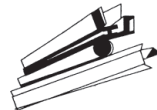
Early in January 2006 we were advised by his daughter Mary, that on 13th September 2005 Fred Elmslie had died, just seven weeks prior to reaching one hundred years of age. It is understood that he had a fall a few weeks before and unfortunately did not fully recover.

Once again we are searching for our oldest Old Boy! Any Suggestions?

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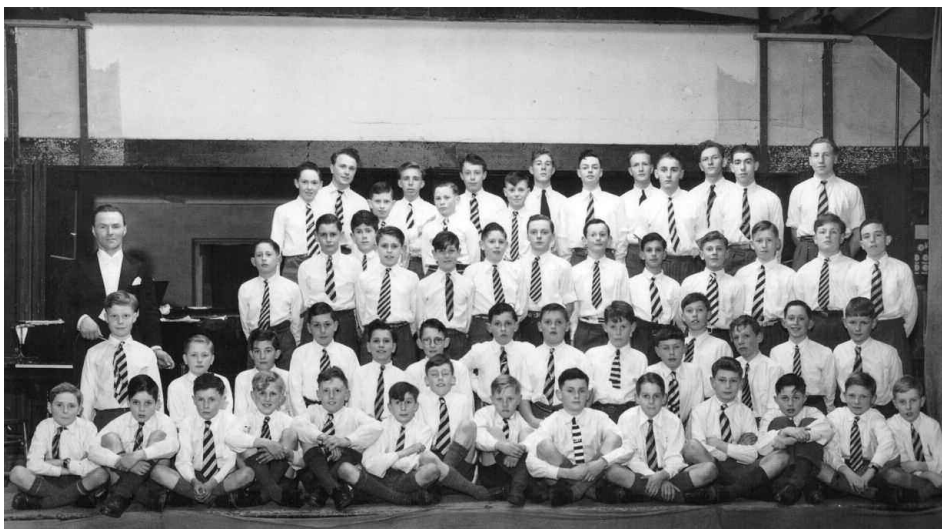
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MUSICAL SCHOOLDAYS



The photographs were sent in by the daughter of MAURICE SHERFIELD (1927-35) who was also the sister of JOHN HAWKINS (1942-1948) seen playing the cello above.

Among these groups are the very youthful Brian Daniels, Graham Hunt, Ivan Bowler, Maurice Sturt, Derek Bowtell, Gerald LeVey and Alan Lovell.



NEWS OF THE OLD BOYS

Early in 2005 a book was published entitled 'Down to the Sea' and was written by Old Boy **W.J. (Billy) DOWN (1945-1954)**. Billy, who spoke at our 2003 Annual Dinner, became the Chaplain and General Secretary of the Missions to Seaman and was appointed Bishop of Bermuda in 1990. He is now retired to Oxfordshire and his book tells of his experiences during his ministry and includes recollections of his schooldays at Farnham Grammar School under F.A.Morgan. The book includes a foreword by the Princess Royal and can be ordered via the publishers - 'The Memoir Club'.

Yet another author from the ranks of ex-pupils of the Grammar School is **JOHN CLARKE (1971-1978)**, whose career as a librarian was covered in the 2005 magazine. His other career referred to in that article was that of an author who has had several books published. Whilst John was still at Farnham he became interested in the railway, which used to serve Brookwood Cemetery and he began to research this subject. His first book on this appeared in 1983 and he is currently working on a 4th edition of what has become a standard history of this railway funeral service. He has since published two editions of an introductory colour guide to the cemetery. In 2004 it was the 150th anniversary of the cemetery and Sutton Publishing produced his major guide to the site (still available at £30).

John continues to research this almost inexhaustible topic and continues to lobby, lecture and promote the cemetery, which he believes deserves to be recognised as a site of national historic importance and is worthy of becoming a future World Heritage site.

Through our website contact has been made with **JOHN MEW (1937-1942)**, who lives in Canada. He says that he is endeavouring to write some amateurish memoirs for the benefit of his grand and great-grandchildren and was describing his time at the Grammar school under the redoubtable F.A.Morgan. Having read some of the relevant magazines on the website he says that he was saddened to read that the legendary Headmaster died so early into retirement. It was a shame that a man who had given so much to the school did not have a few years to pursue his own interests. John says that as an eleven-year-old schoolboy he found F.A.Morgan a forbidding figure, but clearly the words written about him show that there was a kindly side to the man. At the age of 78 years John has joined the Association and is most welcome.

Although **RON SHORT (1942-1949)** has been a regular at the Southampton Luncheon it is only in the past year that he has revisited the Morley Road site. The first time was to take part in the College Awards' Scheme and see his sponsored prize awarded and the other was to the 2005 Annual Dinner. Ron wrote saying how he enjoyed the dinner and gave his thoughts on seeing the old school after more than fifty years.

'I must say I enjoyed the dinner and the conversation plus additionally being able to visit the memorabilia in the old school. It was light enough to see the playing fields descending via the hallowed steps, though no longer leading to the fields themselves. I note from the goalposts that rugby is now on the agenda. However I could no longer see the entrance to the massive concrete shelter in the NW corner of the New Field. I cannot believe that it has been removed, it was so massive. I assume that it had been built over. I remember its dark and

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damp interior well; both from frequent trips to it during the war and afterwards when it was our Scout headquarters for a while - always cold which encouraged us to get out onto the fields.

I met up with **DENIS LAMPARD (1944-1946)** in the old building and we made a comprehensive tour of it together. I was somewhat lost to begin with when, on the first floor, I went through the doors into the old school hall. It had partly disappeared and it took some time to realise that it had been partitioned off for extra rooms as the entrance to those rooms and the side panelling had been created in perfectly matching woodwork. A very good job has been done in joining the new to the old to keep the character.'

Like Ron, many of us have revisited the old school to see the memorabilia and recall the old layout and it is worth coming to the Annual Dinner early to spend a while wallowing in nostalgia.

In the 2005 magazine we printed two poems written by **BRYAN BONE (1948-1953)** and we now have a copy of the book of poems by him entitled 'Inner Reflection'. For those readers who may like to enjoy some poetry by a former pupil of the school, I am sure Bryan would be pleased to supply you a copy (Cost £4).

It was interesting to read excerpts from the journal of **WILLIAM STROUD (1871-1922)**, a well-loved master at the school, in a 1962 edition of the Farnham Herald. He records many aspects of the town and I particularly like his comments on the swimming facilities available in the early 1920s.

'The Grammar School boys had the canal at the end of the school garden cleared out, and they discovered how beautifully it had been constructed, for not only the sides were bricked, but even the bottom. But all this work proved a failure for some surface drains ran into the water. The Town Swimming Club rented a stretch of water in the Broad Meadows, but this was not successful as hooligans cut the canvas that surrounded the bath and sometimes one met defunct cats or dogs when swimming. The Grammar School boys therefore held their swimming races at Eelmoor Bridge. The Farnham competitors had to walk across Caesar's Camp and the Long Valley and they generally arrived at the starting point fairly done up, particularly if the day was hot. The Aldershot boys simply came across the towpath and arrived fresh and won all of the events. Girls could get no bathing.'

In the 2005 magazine we highlighted an award to **ROY ROBINS (1926-1931)** and one would think that at the age of 90 plus he would be taking life a little easier. Over the early months of the New Year he has not enjoyed the best of health, but tells us that he is as busy as ever. Not only is he Chairman of the Alresford Society but also he is now Chairman of a newly formed local history society and is currently involved in agreeing the constitution for this new group and working out a programme of activities. Roy has been sadly missed at both General Committee and 400 Trust Committee meetings and we all look forward to seeing him again offering his experience to the Association.

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In May 2005 our Secretary heard from a Harry Lee, who had found our website and identified his brother in the 1961, 1963 and 1965 school photographs. His brother was **JAMES B LEE (1960-1965)** and he informed us that he now lives in Australia. Jim Lee belonged to Harding House and was a very successful athlete whilst at the school. His forte appeared to be the cross-country event and whilst at the school he came 1st in the Juvenile Race (1961), 6th in the Junior Race (1962 & 1963) and finally 2nd in the Junior Race (1964). As well as being a good runner across country he was also above average for track races at the annual sports' day and won, or was placed, in several races at 220 yards, 440 yards and 880 yards. Hopefully we will hear from Jim direct in the near future.

We are pleased to receive news from **PETER DOWNHAM (1943-1947)**, and his ex-FGGS wife Rita. Here is his May 2005 letter after receiving the magazine.

'It is kind of you to send the magazine. I will be pleased to receive it. I pass it on to Mick Barham (another Old Boy from Farnham) after I have read through it.

We did recently spend four weeks in New Zealand, staying with Rosemary McManus (Dewey) and her husband. Rosemary went to the Church House School with me and Rita went to the Girls' Grammar school with her. Her parents owned the general store in Weydon Lane where I grew up. We went over to their daughter's wedding in 1974.

They took us all over North Island at that time so this time we did the South Island. We flew Quantas (Queensland and Northern Territory Service) to Melbourne and then on to Wellington. I am in favour of security checks, however, because my metal knee set off the alarm, I had to take off my belt, shoes and watch. This happened three times during the trip. Talk about embarrassing, trying to keep my trousers up whilst they checked me over again each time. You could see the people keeping their distance and wondering where I had the machine gun.

We came into land at Wellington airport at mid-night (the sea is at both ends of the runway), and we were nearly level with the streetlights when the plane suddenly accelerated into a climb. The pilot told us that we had arrived at the same time as a storm hit Wellington. After a ride around the sky we landed safely. A couple of days in Wellington then over Cook Straight and down the east coast of the South Island to Gore Bay, where his son Kevin has a beach house. A couple of days there, and then to Christchurch, staying at Kevin's home. Rita and I did the Trans-Alpine train trip, through the mountains, over to Greymouth on the west coast and back. After three days in Christchurch we drove over to the west coast and on down to Franz Joseph Glacier, staying one night. On to Fox's Glacier, then to Queenstown for two days (too many tourists!). Up to Twizel one night and back to Christchurch. All such wonderful scenery! Back to Wellington for a few days visiting old friends. It is always good to get back home again after an extended time away. Well that is a potted version of our trip.

(It is many years since Peter and Rita left these shores, but some readers will recall them when they attended the Boys' and Girls' Grammar School).

It is normal that after the issue of a new magazine several readers write to me with comments on various articles. Only a few days after the 2005 magazine was posted we received a

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letter from **ALLAN RYALL (1924-1930)** with some answers to questions asked in the edition. On Page 38 he says that the cricket team is almost certainly the Morley House team of the mid 1920s. Seated in the centre is J.C. (Jack) Kingcome and on the right seated is R.H.Stay. Standing one from the left is R.J.Pope and two from the right is Ken Dutton. Allan remembers other faces but not their names.

On the photograph of Form VA the boy one from the left in the middle row is Alan Bacon, son of renowned teacher George 'Rasher' Bacon.

Allan is delighted to read of the new Full bore Rifle Club as his father and brother were both members of the original Farnham Rifle Club. In those days the range was at Snailslynch and among the members were Walter Elphick, Humphrey Elphick, Maurice Elphick, Eric Patrick, Alf Thorp and H.C.Patrick. All of these shot at Bisley.

The item in News of the Old Boys about Michael Kilburn also drew a response from **JOHN CROWHURST (19 -1949)**, who now lives at Petersfield. He wrote these words to us:

'With my parents I moved to Bridgefield in October 1938 - I was six years old.

Michael Kilburn was our next-door neighbour. He was an only child and I do not remember any visitors who might have been relatives.

I remember Michael's 'sports' bike, which he rode to School and when he left to join the RAF I believe he received his wings. I was told he disappeared in a blizzard in Scotland in an AVRO ANSON of Coastal Command. His father worked for Gale & Poldens in Aldershot - his mother never recovered and went downhill both mentally and physically and was eventually placed in an Institution - Park Privett/Brookwood. His father, Frank, possibly pre-deceased Michael's mother - the home was sold to the Chapel by the bridge in South Street. Another Old Boy lived opposite from about 1946/47 and may have some information. (*If the people in Scotland are still researching Michael Kilburn we will make sure that they receive this information*).

Another regular contributor is **VIC WYATT (1947-1950)**, who lives in Norwich and has a humorous view on life. His letters are always worth reading! This time he begins by sending in his £5 membership fee because his name did not appear on the 2005 Membership List and he thought he might have been struck off. He paid up so that other members would not think he was dead or detained at Her Majesty's pleasure following a demonstration. (*His elder granddaughter, now aged 7, seeing a newspaper photo of a mass anti-war rally attended by Vic, said to her mother, "That's Granddad's job, isn't it?" She probably thinks that he spends every Saturday morning marching from Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square, or vice-versa, and sometimes it feels like that.*)

Vic says that he was pleased to hear about Bryan Bone writing a book on Lloyd George and recalls riding his cycle to Churt to help pick the former Prime Minister's apples and potatoes during the summer holidays. He has also purchased the latest Guy Bellamy book and says that one should do this via an independent bookshop because the likes of Waterstone's and Ottaker's do not deal with Robert Hale, who published The book for Guy. Vic says that

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the wife of his younger brother Brian has recently died and he will be visiting this country from his home in British Columbia during September 2005. It is hoped that the Editor can arrange to meet Brian, as they were classmates in 1948 to 1953. We will report on any meeting later in this issue.

The new series on 'War Heroes' in the previous magazine has provoked some comment. **E. (Dickie) MILBURN (1938-1943)** recalls that Ollie Levison gave him his first cricket bat , which was gratefully received from one of the First XI at the school. **RAY KIRK (1932-1937)** played in the School First XI Cricket Team in the 1930s with Ollie Levison and says that of the 1936 team six of the players were killed in the Second World War. Ray and Ollie were great friends and he noticed from the article that his service number was directly after that of Ollie. Clearly they entered the Army on the same day.

Tributes to George Baxter continue to come in and a letter from **JOHN BARRY (1953-1959)** in May 2005 is typical. He writes as follows:

'George and I were new boys together, both joining the school in September 1953. I stayed for six years, George a good deal longer.

I was never an academic boy, much preferring to play sport all day and every day if at all possible! Much to my surprise I was chosen to represent the school at cricket, football, athletics and cross-country with varying degrees of success.

I remember on one occasion opening for the Second XI against old rivals Eggar's , Alton. I struggled for over an hour in scoring ten runs! We lost heavily. Afterwards walking down Morley Road to catch the bus back to Guildford I was hailed by George from his garden - "Well played Barry" George called. I was immediately lifted from a feeling of despondency at yet another defeat to almost elation and the prospect of next Saturday's game.

On another occasion I remember keeping goal for the Second XI against Guildford Technical College. We only had seven men and lost 13 - 1. George said nothing!

Without the help and encouragement of Farnham Grammar School and George Baxter I would never have passed the six O' Levels that I needed to commence training to be a Chartered Accountant. I spent six years at FGS and forty-five years in accountancy and those six at FGS are by far the most memorable.

I would like to say that during my time at the Farnham Grammar School there were three outstanding School Captains, namely:

E.B.Waide (known as Winkle), Bill Wallis (of Blackadder fame) and David Milford (as mad on sport as myself).'

The 2005 magazine resulted in correspondence with **HAROLD NORTH (1924-1932)**, who now lives in a care home in Sturminster Newton in Dorset. His first letter arrived only a few days after the magazine had been received by him and was as follows:

'Several items in the current issue (recently received with great pleasure) tempt me to write to you. To my great surprise I found my younger brother G.J. in the form photo on page 38. He is on the far right in the middle row. I have forwarded a photocopy to him - he may be able to enlighten you on some of his class-mates if he feels inclined but don't bank on it!

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Secondly I was delighted to see him listed as the holder of a DFC on page 17. He may not be willing to give you details, but he was somewhat of a 'war hero.' I believe he was one of very few plain Air Gunners so decorated as a result of several tours in Bomber Command as a rear-gunner, latterly in Pathfinder Force. He was commissioned from Sgt. Air Gunner reaching Flight Lieutenant, finally parachuting to 'safety' from his shot-down plane and becoming a Prisoner of War in the last few months of the war in Europe. Like many other survivors he will not thank me for giving these brief details, but with a little persuasion he may give you a story.

For myself (now aged 91) I am creeping up the ladder of oldest Old Boys, together with my friend and ex-classmate Jim Hall. Both entered the Farnham Grammar School in 1924, one term into "Moggie" Morgan's reign as headmaster. FAM was a fine man of the soundest character. Personally I attribute to him the credit for stamping on FGS a standard and tradition of the highest quality. I still have happy memories of my years at FGS.

A reply to this letter stimulated another letter from Harold North, with more information about himself and his brother Geoffrey.

'I have been in touch with my brother Geoffrey, but, as expected with very little co-operation. Like many ex-servicemen he draws a veil over his wartime career, and would not like anything in the magazine than a bald factual mention. But he has been of some help with the Class VA photograph. He queries the date as possibly late 1934 rather than 1935. Of the Old Boys I will quote his verbatim...." Possibly the one next to me (2nd right, middle row) is 'Bunny' Elphick. Second from left in the back row was my friend Eric Larmer. There was a Parratt (father a builder). There was a Williams (father was an electrical contractor living in Rowledge). A man opened a fish & chip shop in Downing Street and his son was always known as 'Fishy', with the possible name of Woods." I hope this meagre information may pad-out memories of others and lead you to further identifications.

Your kind remarks about interesting career histories of Old Boys would be scraping the barrel a little to print me!

I had a reasonable school record of modest sport's achievements, Matric and what was then called Higher Schools, and being a prefect under Jim Hall's Head Boy. After school an apprenticeship with Bateman's Opticians in Aldershot and qualification as F.S.M.C. and gaining a professional diploma at the earliest permitted age of twenty-one. Several locations in the South, and then London. Married 1938. Moved to Guernsey C.I in mid-1939. Evacuated in May 1940 on the demilitarisation and German occupation on the last ship but one (this whole episode is a story all its own!)

Immediate enlistment in Royal Air Force as technical ground crew. Five and a half years service, including the Middle East and Greece (but no histrionics or 'active' postings!). 1945 with a wife and young son, and literally NOTHING, a slow and very dodgy re-building of life.

Ultimately a successful one-man practice, which grew to cause me a coronary, semi-retirement in Dorset, full-retirement, the loss of my wife in 1991, and finally residence here in a care-home.'

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Harold finishes with the comments 'Apologies for boring you!' On the contrary Harold. Your memories are of interest to the readers of the Farnhamian and help to build a picture of the school well over eighty years ago. I am sure all Old Boys wish you continued health and happiness!

During July 2005, one set of questions in the University Challenge programme on BBC2 was under the heading of 'Celibacy'. The second question under this heading asked who was the person who **GUY BELLAMY** felt on a par with in the celibacy stakes in his book 'The Secret Lemonade Drinker'. The teams were unable to give the correct answer. It was The Pope! Knowing our best-selling author for many years I somehow doubt that.

The power of the Internet was evident when, in October 2005, we received an e-mail from The Old Gowers' Club, which is the club made up of former pupils and staff of University College School. They had read our website and found that a profile of **GEORGE BAXTER** was available and asked if they could copy most of the wording for their annual magazine named 'The Gower'. George was the vice master at the school in the 1940s and they wished to insert an obituary of him in the next issue. Of course we were pleased to agree to this and look forward to receiving a copy of the magazine. (The magazine is now to hand and we will have copies at the March dinner).

When sending in his membership fee **T.W. JOHNS (1946-1952)** advised that the following may be of interest to former classmates.

'I qualified as a Mathematics teacher in the 1960s, but had to give it up to run the family insurance brokers' business. I took the Chartered Institute examination in the 1970s and eventually sold the business in the 1990s. Looking back I wish I had stayed in teaching, or rather anything but commercial insurance! Ah well, too late now! I have managed to meet some of my school friends at several reunions - very pleasant.'

Since the death of our 'Oldest Living Old Boy' we have had a new membership list issued and in it there appears to be only two members who were at the School in the 1920s. **M.S.BINNING** left in 1929 and **F.C.GALE** in 1926. We will contact both of these Old Boys to see who takes over the mantle of the 'Oldest Old Boy'.

General opinion is that when one retires one wonders how you found time to work. In the case of **MAURICE JEFFREYS (1948-1953)** this is certainly true. He retired to a sleepy village in Devon after years working in the City and has built a new life. He is very involved in the Exeter Masonic lodge and in 18 months will be the chairman of what is the oldest lodge in the West Country. He still retains links with London and is almoner for Lloyds' Lodge, which means that he has to make regular train journeys to the capital. He has taken up rifle shooting again after many years and is now a member of Meniton Rifle Club. He is also treasurer of the local Probus Club and involved in the activities of the local church. Maurice still manages to see his children and their families regularly, which involves more travelling. One daughter lives in France, a son lives in America and another daughter is still in the UK, living near London. He will have passed 70 when this magazine is printed and intends to keep up the pace for a few more years yet.

A VISIT FROM CANADA

After many years teaching in North Vancouver, Canada, former pupil **BRIAN WYATT (1948-1954)**, travelled to England last September to see family and friends. His first stop was in Kent, where he stayed with old pal, **IAN BOLT (1948-1954)**, and whilst there a meeting was arranged with some of his old classmates. On a very sunny day ten Old Boys gathered at a Reigate hotel and the following sat down with Ian and Brian to an enjoyable and nostalgic lunch: **BRYAN BONE: JOHN TRAVERS: NEVILLE TIMMINS: CYRIL TRUST: BRIAN WEBBERLEY: TONY HARLAND: ALAN COMMON: MAURICE JEFFREYS** (who drove from Devon to attend).

As the drinks flowed each one began to recount stories that they remember about the old Grammar School and its staff. As one started with 'Do you remember?' another carried on and laughter rang out in the restaurant for over three hours. I expect all of the readers will have similar tales to tell e.g.

Do you remember cutting off pieces of wood in Woodwork lessons for use in the playground to have a game of 'pill football'?

Do you remember the boy who challenged Wendall Evans, the Geography master, to a race across the Hogs back. Mr Evans was on his beloved moped and the boy on his bicycle?

Do you remember the boy who fainted when Mr Varey read his end of term Sherlock Holmes' story 'The Severed Thumb'?

Do you remember the chalk flying from 'Johnny Horner' to hit any boy not listening?

Do you remember how painful it was when Harold Beeken tweaked your hair near the ears and lifted you out of the chair?

Do you remember in boxing that Bill Wickens answer to anyone showing off was 'Send for Cheeseman' (reference to one of the better boxers at the school).

Two present admitted to having the cane and agreed that F.A.Morgan would take a run up when administering each stroke.

The tales went on and on and included a session on, 'What happened to certain girls from the school in Menin Way'?

Clearly Brian and Ian had memories of their own when they met in Canada last year and had a holiday together. Apparently whilst in Winnipeg they visited a nightclub, which featured a 'topless female' orchestra. Ian found it hilarious when he read that the following week there would be a 'bottomless male' orchestra playing.

Brian moved on after a week in Kent to see big brother Vic and other members of the family. By the end of the month he returned to Canada with some great memories, and I am sure the lunch at Reigate will be high on his list of enjoyable times when he returned home from a brief holiday.

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The meeting of old classmates and old friends at Reigate to welcome Brian Wyatt home on holiday from Vancouver. (photo taken by Neville Timmins).

From left to right: Maurice Jeffreys; Tony Harland; Brian Webberley; Alan Common; Ian Bolt; John Travers; Cyril Trust; Bryan Wyatt; Bryan Bone;

The Association has been presented with an autobiography written by, **ALAN TICE (1912-1914)**, former pupil, Old Boy and Governor of Farnham Grammar School. It was kindly offered to us by Dorothy French, the widow of former Headmaster Paul French. The Tice family owned many acres of hop fields east of Farnham and Alan and his elder brother Arthur both attended the school. Parts of the book cover his days at Morley Road and the editor found the following amusing.

‘ Another episode of my Farnham Grammar School days was when Mr. William Stroud, the senior master, found out I was taking days off to hunt during the season. I hunted with a private pack, who were very popular, Mr. Hutchinson-Driver’s pack of Harriers, and a good day off it was too. I was penalised and had to write ‘I must not stay away from school’ five hundred times. As you might guess this was too much for me so I tried writing with two nibs, but Mr. Stroud noticed that one line was darker than the other and to my dismay increased the task to one thousand lines!’

(Imagine this sort of punishment today! Pupils would complain about human rights. Also the reference to hunting at the age of 12, would cause a major upset. Editor)

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We have heard from **DANNY BRIGGS**, who left the school in 1955 and is now living in Malaga, Spain. He had hoped to attend the Southampton Luncheon, but was travelling to the UK the day after the event. He says he has a holiday home in Farley Green, which he uses when visiting his family including 5 grandchildren. The rest of the year is spent enjoying his garden and views in Spain and entertaining numerous visitors. During the cooler months Danny and his wife tend to drive off and explore the Spanish towns and countryside. It sounds like a really hard life to me!

As the Editor of this magazine I find it amazing how often one meets an Old Boy, or family of an Old Boy, when one least expects it. I recently attended the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of very distant relatives at Stratford-upon-Avon and talking to the couple next to me was surprised to find that the gentleman's father had attended the Farnham Grammar School early last century. He knew little about him and asked if I could pass on any information. After a little research I was able to send the following.

'**W.G.RUSHTON** attended the School from 1919 until 1923. He regularly ran in the Steeplechase and was placed 26th out of 146 in 1920 and 17th out of 132 in 1923. In 1922 and 1923 he played cricket for the First XI and at Sports Day on 11th July 1923 he came 2nd in the High Jump and 2nd in Throwing the Cricket Ball. On leaving the School in July 1923 he presented a book to the school library.'

If any Old Boy reads this and wishes to contact the son of W.G.Rushton, who lives near Banbury, please let me know.

Another Old Boy approaching 70 is **JOHN COCKLE (1948-1953)** who lives in Yeovil and stays young by playing trumpet (or long cornet) for a local New Orleans jazz quartet. He is also completing his MA in English Literature and still has a very active Internet business buying and selling books. Yet another Old Boy who refuses to put his feet up yet.

In an attempt to preserve some of the information regarding the School and its former pupils and staff, the Editor has written the first of hopefully a series of booklets. Once the cost of printing, which has been paid by the Editor, has been covered the receipts from the sale of these books will go to the Association. The first is the Editor's choice of the most famous Old Boys to have attended the school and a copy will cost £3.

'FAM'D WAS SHE FOR THE SONS SHE BRED' by CYRIL TRUST

A copy can be purchased by contacting the Editor on 01252 338858.

OFA WEBSITE - www.farnhamians.org/ofa

Our Association website continues to thrive with an accumulation of 13,000 visitors and new old boys signing up almost every month. As more and more people have computers and get used to surfing, people reach a point where they realise there may be some interesting stuff about their old school and that is the time they find our website. There are 250 old boys currently signed up to the “Web Membership” of whom almost one hundred are also members of the OFA. This means the OFA has a sort of secondary membership of about 150 people.

Of course, we urge those who are not full OFA members to join the Association. An incentive to do this is to gain access to our library of school magazines over the past 70 years. Another reason, of course, that they will also get this annual magazine posted to them.

The video film that is available on the website seems to be quite popular and there have been many downloads of the 10 minute Garden Party film. That film will remain on-line for some time, as will the film of the last contact the OFA had with George Baxter in August 2004.

We can easily post more photos and written contributions on the site, so do not hesitate to contact me if you have anything suitable to share.

(The Editor would like to thank Ian Sargeant for this article and for the continued excellent website that he offers to the members of the Association)

OLD FARNHAMIAN'S' LEAVING SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

- IAN SARGEANT

This small charity is an important remnant of our association's history. It is as active as it ever was, following a fairly dormant period during which a former President, Dudley Backhurst, spoke at a Southampton Lunch about how sorry he was that it seemed to have lapsed. That was actually the time at which the revival was about to take place following a re-organisation of the trust that the trustees had put in hand.

The key change, that started in 2001, was to offer small grants of up to £100 to ex-students of Farnham College. We did not require applicants to prove hardship but only to prove that they had spent money on material required for their courses or training. Since then, the trust has awarded 45 grants totalling well over £4000. Larger grants have continued to be made to students with a particular need of funding, often due to their particular circumstances such as not qualifying for student loans or state grants.

The trust does not have great financial resources and the trustees feel they can only spend the trust income or money received as donations. The capital will remain invested for the time being, at least.

Do you feel like making a donation to the trust? Or are you thinking of leaving some money in your will to charities? Perhaps you feel that the OFLST would be a good way of giving something to the education of future generations who have passed through the successor of our old school, a school that gave us so much.

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Some time after last year's magazine went to press we heard of the death in January 2005 of **DUDLEY PAGET (1945-1950)**. Dudley was an Aldershot boy and joined School House at the school. He was an excellent cricketer and played for his House, School Colts and School Second XI. He was also a first class swimmer and in his final year won the 100 yards Breast Stroke title. He was an active member of the C.C.F. and also an above average piano player, who obtained a Grade II pass, with merit, for the RSM Examinations.

We were advised by Peter Downham in Australia of the death of **IAN BODECOTT (1941-1947)**. Ian and Peter were best friends, and Ian was the best man when Peter married ex - FGGS girl, Rita Stone in 1953. He died on Saturday 16th July at his home in Northampton and leaves his widow, Jean, and four sons. Ian was a member of Childe House and ran in the school cross country race most years as well as taking part in the boxing tournament.

More news in the same week from Australia with the death of **Cdr. GORDON R. DALRYMPLE (1940-1947)** who lived in New South Wales. Records show that he was an all round sportsman who did not shine in his early years at the school, but in 1944 he came third in the Breast Stroke at the Swimming Sports and in 1945 and 1946 he won this race for Harding House. In 1946 he was elected School Swimming Captain. He always performed well at the Boxing tournament and in 1946 was on the School Boxing Committee. He played cricket for his house, was an above average middle distance runner and always did well at the school cross-country event. However, he was probably strongest when rifle-shooting for his house and was regularly among the top scorers in the school. He became a sergeant in the Combined Cadet Force, a prefect in 1946 and passed his Matriculation before leaving school.

At 17 years of age Gordon gained a scholarship to Dartmouth Naval College and this was considered such an achievement that F A Morgan awarded the school a half-day holiday. After a year as an officer cadet he went to sea as a midshipman on the cruiser HMS London. He saw action early on when the cruiser was ordered to sail up the Yangtze River to try to assist and rescue the HMS Amethyst, which was under fire from the Chinese. Many naval personnel were wounded or killed in what was known as the 'Yangtze Incident.'

In 1950 Gordon entered the Submarine Section of the Royal Navy. In 1958 he was given his first command on the submarine HMS Tactician and followed this with the commands of HMS Trump and HMS Walrus. In 1967 he transferred to the newly formed Royal Australian Navy's Submarine Branch in command of HMAS Otway, a brand new submarine, which had been built at Greenock, Scotland.

Later he became Squadron Commander of submarines at the Submarine Base HMAS Platypus, and then moved to HMS Penguin, which was a Diving Training Centre. For a period of time he was seconded to the Department of Defence in Canberra before taking his final naval position in Sydney at the HMAS Albatross base, where he was Director of the Australasian Joint Anti Submarine School.

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Gordon retired to live in Manly and was occasionally used as an expert by radio and television companies for his opinion on any disasters involving submarines. In 1999, to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Yangtze Incident, he gave a lecture to the Naval Historical Society of Australia entitled 'HMS London in the River Yangtze'. He suffered from poor health for some time and died on 18th July 2005.

Gordon was married and leaves a wife, three children and five grandchildren.

(This obituary was written with the assistance of Gordon's sister, Joan)

In early August last year the local press announced the sad and mysterious death of **KEITH MORRIS (1949-1955)** who will be remembered by many as one of the finest athletes ever to attend the school. Keith joined Morley House and in 1950 began to show his prowess at cross-country running by coming third in the junior event. This was followed by first place in the 1951 race, third in the 1952 senior run and first in the senior event in 1953 and 1955. Along the way he broke the school records several times. In 1955 he became School Athletics' Captain and that year ran in the Surrey Athletic Club's Schools' Cross Country Race and finished third. He was also at home on the track over middle distances and a first class cricketer for his house.

Keith was born in Wandsworth, London on August 15th 1938. After the family moved to Surrey he attended Farnham Grammar School. Apart from the success at running at the school and for the school, at the age of 17 he was ranked second in Britain's youth section for the 1500 metres race. After reading Mathematics at the University of London and then travelling in Asia, Keith decided to follow a different career. From 1965 to 1967 he went to Guildford School of Art, to study photography, but left a term early to assist the eminent photographer, David Bailey, for a few months.

By 1968 he was the photographer for OZ, an underground magazine followed, in 1972, by being the official photographer for Marc Bolan and T-Rex and went on tour with the group. He also shot pictures for the group's record sleeves. In 1999 when the Icons of Pop exhibition was held at the National Portrait Gallery, in London, it included his image of Marc Bolan.

Keith Morris was also in the forefront of deep-sea diving and won the British Sub-Aqua Club's highest award - the Wilkinson Sword - for his outstanding performance in the examinations for national instructor. Keith failed to return from a dive in the English Channel and was presumed dead.

In mid-October last year we heard of the death of **ALAN FORDHAM**, who was a former teacher at both the Farnham Grammar School and Farnham College. Alan was born in 1925 and joined the R.A.F. from the Oxford University Air Squadron in 1943. He trained in Canada, flew in Australia and the Pacific, and was a member of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan. After the war he returned to Christ Church, Oxford to complete his M.A. Degree in Medieval and Modern Languages, and was granted a permanent commission in the R.A.F. in 1951.

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Following a variety of flying, command, and staff appointments, he retired from the R.A.F. with the rank of Squadron Leader and joined the staff of Farnham Grammar School. Here he taught Modern Languages, commanded the Combined Cadet Force, and in 1968 became Dean of the Sixth Form. He became the first of the senior tutors appointed to this position when Farnham College was established in 1973. Despite increasing administrative duties, he continued to teach Spanish, English, Mathematics, Astronomy and Meteorology. He was also a member of the Associated Examining Standing Advisory Committee on Navigation subjects.

Alan was a freemason and was initiated into Apollo University Lodge, Oxford. He then progressed over the years and in the period 1992 - 1998 he served as Assistant Provincial Grand Master for Surrey.

How many Old Boys were regular customers of King's the hairdressers in South Street? Here was a shop that formed part of the history of the town and it was sad to hear the news in October 2006 that **HUGH L KING (1933-1936)** had died.

Born in Broadstairs, Kent on November 15th 1921, the King family moved to Farnham. Where Hugh attended the Grammar School until 1938. He joined the house of Massingberd and there is little record of any special sporting or academic achievements in the old magazines. Training as a gentleman's hairdresser in his father's popular shop he joined the R.A.F. in 1941 for war service. Yet the world is a small one, as his liner journey to Nova Scotia proved. Alongside hundreds of R.A.F. personnel were two of his old classmates from the School. Hugh would always describe his experiences in the North Atlantic Ocean as "freezing".

Following the war he returned to the business as a hairdresser in South Street. King & Son sold tobacco, cigars and fishing tackle and the non-smoking barber proved very popular in the town of Farnham. Indeed Field Marshal Montgomery was a regular customer towards the dusk of his life and the pair became friends, lengthily discussing the war. In 1952 he wed Pamela - a ladies' hairdresser - and the couple were happily married for 51 years, until her death in 2003.

During the post-war period, two consuming passions gripped Hugh. The first was a collection of military badges, which began inauspiciously as a hobby. Over the next fifty years he would accrue a vast knowledge of the subject, seldom possessed anywhere in the world. Co-writing Head Dress Badges of the British Army, volumes one and two alongside Arthur Kipling, the tomes are regarded as the finest on the subject. "Current reference to badges together with those of further generations will continue to be King and Kipling," remarks the inlay.

He also learned to play the bagpipes, becoming "the finest piper who could not read music," according to his colleagues. He played with the Reading Scottish Pipe Band, regularly appearing at the Farnham Carnival. Residents heard him regularly from his practice sessions on the pipes in his back garden on Firgrove Hill, with music echoing throughout the town.

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A good swimmer, Hugh King was also a freemason, a member of the Probus Club and the founder member and life president of the Aldershot Military Society.

He was cremated at Aldershot on October 11th 2005 with five pipers fittingly playing.

Since joining the Association in recent years Alan Jacobs (1948-1953) has tried to track down old classmates and after several years made contact with the sister of JOHN OSMOND (1949-1953), who advised that John had died in 1995. Alan asked for the following to appear in this magazine:

‘We have recently heard of the death of **J.E.Osmond (1949-1953)**. John regularly competed in the annual swimming competitions and was in his younger days an enthusiastic member of the Boys’ Brigade. He served with the Royal Navy for twenty-two years, first as a Writer and later when this became shore-based, as a Stoker. In this role he travelled widely, including memorable visits to Russia, USA and New Zealand. Following retirement in 1977 he joined the Royal Mail in a variety of positions at Bedford, where he died in 1995. His contemporaries might best remember him for those hard-fought shove-halfpenny competitions played on the window sills in the Hall during the early 1950s, during which he was never known to ask or concede an inch!’

Early in December 2005 we heard of the death of **LIONEL F.G.WRIGHT (1925 -1928)**, who was a leading athlete in his day, both at school and afterwards. In 1925 he took part in the Steeplechase and played soccer for the School Under Fifteen XI in the same year. He was a member of the winning Sprint Team Relay for Morley House in 1926, first in the Steeplechase in 1927 and also played soccer for the School in that year. He joined the Combined Cadet Force and finally matriculated in 1928. He continued participating in athletics by joining the AAA (Amateur Athletic Association) and the London Athletic Club. His career was in Insurance and he became an Associate Member of the Chartered Insurance Institute and then a fellow in 1948. He served in the Armoured Corps during the Second World War.

He was captain of the Old Boys’ Athletic Team in the 1930s and later served as the secretary of the Association for a number of years.

Lionel was a long-standing member of the Old Farnhamians’ Lodge and was Assistant secretary from 1964-1967, Secretary from 1968-1982 and Worshipful Master in 1961 and 1986. He was made an Honorary Member of the Old Boys’ Lodge in 2003.

In December 2005 we also heard of the death of **R.G.ENTICKNAP** who attended the School in the 1920s and was a member of Massingberd House. There are few details about him except for a successful run in the Boxing in 1927 when he was beaten in the semi-finals. He also ran in the Steeplechase that year.

On 25th January we heard from his daughter, Rowena, that **ROGER DAVIS (1942-1947)** had died on the previous day. Roger was living in Yorkshire after a career in journalism and sent some amusing anecdotes to the magazine 2001. The following year he travelled south and attended the Annual Dinner, where he met the Editor and many of his former pals,

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including John Crotty. Whilst at the School Roger was a member of Harding House and a regular runner in the Steeplechase, as well as a member of his House Rifle Shooting Team. He obtained his General School Certificate in 1947. Several old classmates will sadly miss him.

As we entered February news came of the death of **AIR COMMODORE JOHN MOULD (1924-1931)**, who was one of our oldest members. Whilst at the School he was a fine sportsman for Massingberd House. He was always in the top twenty runners in the Steeplechase, reached the semi finals at his weight in boxing and was a member of his House Rifle Shooting Team. He also represented his House at both football and cricket as well as the School First XI's. In 1930 he obtained his Matriculation and General School Certificate. His younger brother, Peter, attended the School in 1943. John had many career highlights during his many years' service with the Royal Air Force. He saw active service during the Second World War in the Middle East theatre, in particular the Western Desert. After the war he was posted first to HQ 2nd Tactical Air Force BAOR and then Staff College, Camberley. Air Ministry appointments followed, his particular fields being Intelligence and Logistics. John was awarded the CBE in recognition of his service to his country and retired with the rank of Air Commodore.

The winter months continued to take its toll and mid-February we heard of the death of **F.C.CHAPPELL (1921-1925)** at the amazing age of 98 years. He was buried at Knaphill and clearly lived locally. We have little information about this former pupil, although old magazines show that he was in Harding House and a regular runner in the Steeplechase. In 1923 he received first prize for his Form work.

It is customary that when members of the Association have donated towards a project, their names are shown in the magazine. The following have given to the George Baxter Memorial Fund as of April 10th.

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Among the above there have been cheques from California and New Zealand. There is still a need for more contributions towards this important memorial and I hope that more readers will be contributing.

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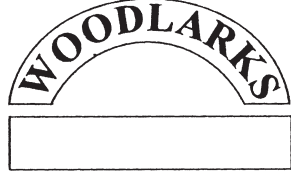
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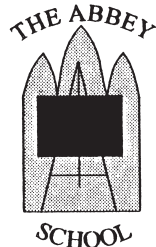
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