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## INTRODUCTION TO THE FARNHAMIAN - VOL 16

A quieter year, with no major events, but still plenty of activity for the Association. The new President settled in well and is enjoying the various tasks asked of him. The relationship between the Association and the new owners of Farnham College appears to be going well and we are still supporting the college through the College Awards' Scheme, the Leaving Scholarship Trust and the Partnership Awards' Scheme.

This edition of the magazine includes a new section under war heroes as we cover Old Boys who died in the First World War. Thanks to Henry Ellwood, who has completed six volumes on this tragic episode, we are able to give details of many of the seventy one men who lost their lives between 1914 and 1918.

With fifteen editions of the modern Farnhamian magazine now completed we have been asked by the Surrey History Centre to let them have copies for the public to see and to go into the archives for Surrey. It is possible that copies may also go to the British Library. We are now officially history!

On a sad note, we have lost some well known Old Boys over the past year, including our long-term Membership Secretary, Tony Harland and an ex teacher and pupil of the school in Peter Larby. Even with these inevitable deaths the overall membership numbers remain stable and new members continue to join us on a regular basis, including two from Australia in recent weeks. To have an active membership of well over 300, for a school which closed thirty five years ago, is tremendous.

Over the years there has been little written about that legendary teacher, Bill Wickens, and I was delighted to be contacted by his grand-daughter asking for information about his days at the school. In return she offered details about his life and I am sure many readers will enjoy the article in this issue. Bill was a 'one-off' and somebody who will be remembered by all who worked with him in that old barn, acting as a gym.

Looking forward to the next twelve months sees a possible event run jointly by the Old Boys' and the Old Girls' Associations. If successful let us hope this could become an annual event.

It is planned to hold a 'Farnham Grammar School' exhibition at the Museum of Farnham for 4/6 weeks and have a seminar on the history of the school at the new Garden Gallery, given by the editor of this magazine.

So, the Association enters its 84th year in existence and still the membership is strong and the annual programme continues to offer reasons for Old Boys to meet and remember the Grammar School that we once knew. Long may it continue!

## 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Well over twenty members attended the AGM, held at Farnham College, on Tuesday 20th January 2009. The following items were discussed:

**Farnhamian 400 Trust:** Cyril Trust (Chairman) advised that in the past year the Farnham Lecture, given by Hugh Bethell MBE from the Alton Rehab Centre, had been very good and attracted over eighty people. This attendance was poor, but the income enabled the Trust to give the Centre £400 and keep a small balance. The 2009 Farnham Lecture will be on Thursday 22nd October and will be entitled 'Who Cares about Farnham's History?' with the speaker being Anne Jones, curator of the Museum of Farnham. Both the College Awards' Scheme and Partnership Schools' Scheme had been successful and would be continued in 2009. The school memorabilia is being catalogued and some items placed in either the Museum of Farnham or Surrey History Centre. During the year the Trust gave £850 to the Leaving Scholarship Trust.

**Leaving Scholarship Trust:** Ian Sargeant, advised that there had been few demands for money during the past year. The funds were much improved and the current Principal at Farnham College has been asked to advertise the scheme to the pupils, both present and past.

**Annual Dinner:** Cyril Trust advised that the 2008 dinner had been profitable, although the meal was not so good as usual. For 2009 the dinner will be held at Farnham Castle on 21st March and this time there will be twelve tables of ten available. Again there will be some entertainment and it is hoped that 120 members will attend. Over sixty had confirmed at the time of the AGM.

**Treasurer:** Stephen Pritchard (Treasurer) advised that the Association was in sound financial state with almost £6000 on hand. The magazine was the greatest expense and Cyril Trust was looking at trying to get a lower cost for the 2009 issue. Revised subscriptions had resulted in a higher income for this year.

**Membership:** Roger Edgell and Brian Williams had been covering this area since the sad death of Tony Harland. Several poor payers will be struck off the list and currently the membership stood at 328, with 196 life members and 132 annual members. There is still a slow trickle of new members, but overall the numbers appear static.

**Farnhamian Magazine:** Cyril Trust advised that the 2009 edition was almost complete and should be issued in May.

**The OFA Website:** Ian Sargeant advised that the website was even more popular, with increased numbers of 'hits' over the year. There were now almost 300 website members, of which 170 were not fully paid up members. Ian and Roger Edgell will try to improve this.

**Southampton Luncheon:** Cyril Trust advised that this will on Wednesday 14th October at The Woodlands Lodge Hotel again.

**College Representative:** Ian Sargeant, who represents the OFA on the trustees, advised that Farnham College was now attended by 600 students and improved marketing had helped. The college results were still of a high standard.

All existing officers were re-elected for the coming year.

## WHY SO MANY COMMITTEE MEMBERS?

At the Annual General Meetings each year the officers for the General Committee of the Old Farnhamians' Association, Farnhamian 400 Trust and Leaving Scholarship Trust are elected by those attending the meetings, and one wonders how the numbers in each committee came into being. The two Trusts had been agreed when they were launched and within the constitutions is the given number of committee members required. However, who decided that there are twenty three or twenty four committee members elected to the General Committee of the organisation?

One has to look back through the original minute book used in 1925 when F. A. Morgan re-launched the Old Boys. At that first meeting there were twenty committee members plus the Chairman, Treasurer, General and Membership Secretaries, and that is the number used today. What was the logic?

At the first Annual General Meeting of the Association on 19th December 1925 it was clear that committee members had been elected to cover various local areas which formed the catchment area for the school. They were as follows:

Chairman/President: F.A.Morgan

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It is good to see some of the old traditions still in existence.

## 2009 ANNUAL DINNER

This was the third time that the dinner has been celebrated at Farnham Castle in recent years, and in spite of a few criticisms regarding the move from the old school it is the ideal venue for our most prestigious event of the year. This impressive castle is prominent on the badge of the former Farnham Grammar School, and it is therefore in keeping that we make use of its excellent facilities.

This March saw over ninety former pupils of the school gather in the Great Hall for the seventy-seventh annual dinner, with Old Boys travelling from Devon, Yorkshire, Wales, Home Counties and even America to rekindle old memories. Former class mates sat in their groups and recounted stories of their days at the school and recalled the various characters among the boys and the staff. For the first time the assembly did not include a former member of staff, which is not surprising when there are no former teachers under the age of eighty available to attend.

All present realise that one day the Old Farnhamians' Association will cease to exist, but they intend to enjoy every minute of nostalgia until that day arrives. After an hour spent prior to the dinner, meeting old pals and having a drink together, toastmaster Clive Beal asked the guests to take their places and grace was said, as is the tradition at this event.

These days one can expect a first class meal, supported by excellent service, from the staff at the castle and the Old Boys tucked into their meal as if they were enjoying one of the old school dinners. Unfortunately there was no 'spotted dick' on the menu!

As the guests sat back with their coffee and liqueurs the toastmaster introduced In Accord, that excellent local group of female singers lead by Sue Lampard. The programme included well known songs and a special Old Boys Song' written for the event by Sue herself to the tune of Widdicombe Fayre. The Old Boys joined in singing this song and the castle walls were shaking to the sound of these Old Boys thoroughly enjoying themselves.

After the entertainment the evening continued with the first speaker, who was Gerald LeVey who travelled to the castle from his home in York, proposing a toast to the School. He recalled being at the school just after the Second World War, when there were many shortages including school caps. He was given a temporary cap until Elphicks managed to obtain the proper design and proceeded to take his old cap from his pocket and wear it for the remainder of his speech.

Gerald recalled the excellent teaching staff at the school and offered several humorous anecdotes about them. He was thankful to Messrs Crute, Reade and Fluck, all music teachers during his time, for influencing him in a love of music, including playing the violin. Finally he paid tribute to Frank Morgan, the Headmaster, who led an amazing team of teachers for many years. His words were supported by all as the Old Boys toasted the School.

## 2009 ANNUAL DINNER

The second toast was to the Association and given by John Travers, who rightly stated that without the association, there would be no gathering like the Annual Dinner or events like the Southampton Lunch and Farnham Lecture. Time marches on and John asked for those present to try and get more former pupils to join the Old Boys and prevent the organization from fading away. He praised the website managed by Ian Sergeant and the magazine edited by Cyril Trust and asked the guests to stand and toast the Association.

Brian Williams, in his second year as President, replied to the two previous speakers and began by welcoming Norman Paget, who again had flown from the USA to attend. He thanked the castle for the excellent meal and the singers for the entertainment, and again asked for help in swelling the numbers of members of the Old Boys. Brian looked forward to seeing the organization continue for many years to come.

With the customary raffle raising a healthy amount the evening began to reach the final and traditional items on the programme. The Loving Cup was passed to all present and John Crotty read the Roll of Honour. This year the first member on the roll was Terry Tidd from Petersfield, who had attended the school in 1934, followed by Peter Huntingford who entered the school in 1938.

Finally the Old Boys stood and sang their old school song with the usual gusto, followed by the National Anthem. The evening ended and general opinion was that the 2009 Annual Dinner had been one of the most enjoyable for some time. The castle was a perfect setting for former pupils of a school that began in Farnham in 1585 and closed in 1973, both being an important part of the history of the town.

Attending:

C.Beal; R.Bennett; P.Blowfield; M.Bond; B.Bone; M.D.Booker; R.Bowtell; D.Buckell; E.Buer; J.Clarke; R.S.Cleminson; D.Coakes; J.Cockle; M.Constantine; J.Cooke; J.A.Cope; P.Cope; J.Crotty; D.Cutler; M.Da Costa; B.J.Daniels; R.G.Edgell; K.Elkins; C.Fairclough; J.M.Fisher; C.Fitch; P.Ford; R.A.Frampton; A.Gatfield; R.Golding; D.Greentree; D.Grimes; H.Groves; B.A.Hall; G.H.A.Hewes; R.H.Hewes; T.Homewood; M.J.Horner; D.P.Hughes; G.V.Hunt; P.Huntingford; M.E.Jeffreys; R.J.D.Jones; W.King; G.LeVey; D.Lucas; R.Luckhurst; W.Luff; J.R.Matthews; E.P.Mayne; M.Mehta; K.Mentzel; K.Mortimer; J.Munday; P.Mylles; C.Nash; D.Nunn; M.Owen; N.D.Paget; J.Peace; D.Phillips; R.M.Phillips; B.Philpott; S.G.Pritchard; A.J.Rayer; P.Read; D.Roe; I.Sargeant; J.Saunders; M.D.Seignot; R.D.Short; M.E.Sturt; T.Tidd; N.T.Timmins; H.Torode; J.Travers; C.D.Trust; H.Upfold; J.L.Vick; W.P.Walsh; R.Welland-Jones; J.R.Wilkinson; B.R.Williams; M.A.Wingent; T.Withall.

**Continue to support this annual event next year and try to bring another former pupil with you to insure that the numbers continue to remain at a respectable level. A first class evening is guaranteed and you can spend a few hours with old friends.**

## 2008 SOUTHAMPTON LUNCH

### CHRISTINE JOINS THE OLD BOYS FOR LUNCH

Christine Sturt, who chauffeured her poor sighted husband, Maurice, to the Old Farnhamians' 47th Southampton Lunch, found herself a guest among the forty three all male Old Boys who attended the event. She found out first-hand what it was like to listen to the guests recalling their school-day exploits during the 1940s and 1950s and said that she thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Again this event, held at The Woodlands Lodge Hotel in the New Forest, attracted former pupils of the Farnham Grammar School from across the South and West of England and enabled them to spend a few hours with old pals, whilst enjoying a pleasant meal. It is not usual to pay tribute to members who have died at this event, but this year the proceedings began with all present standing in silence to respect Tony Harland, who had died recently and was the Membership Secretary for the Association over many years.

As coffee was served Cyril Trust, who has organised the lunch in recent years, welcomed several guests who were attending for the first time. Among these was Brian Williams, the new President, and Hugh Batchelor, a former teacher at the school. A special welcome was given to Norman Paget, who had flown across the Atlantic from his home in Baltimore to attend the lunch and meet old pals.

Cyril advised that he had recently gained possession of a bound set of old school magazines spanning 1912 to 1973 and it was planned to have these available at either the Museum of Farnham or Surrey History Centre. He asked those present to make sure they booked their places for the 2009 Annual Dinner at Farnham Castle on 21st March and also plugged the Farnham Lecture being held at Farnham College on 29th October this year. He finished with some news about former gym teacher, Bill Wickens, and said that he was helping the granddaughter of this legendary master with a family history.

This was one of the most successful Southampton gatherings for some years and it is hoped that even though the membership gets older, the numbers attending this nostalgic event will continue to increase.

**The 2009 Southampton Lunch will be held on Wednesday 14th October at the same venue.**

Attending:

H.Batchelor; C.Beal; J.Bentick; B.E.Bone; D.C.Bowtell; D.Buckell; P.Clark, J.Cockle; R.Common; J.H.Crotty; D.Cutler; B.Daniels; R.Edgell; D.Elstow; P.Ford; G.Hooker; M.Horner; G.V.Hunt; P.Huntingford; D.E.Lampard; G.LeVey; D.Lucas; R.Luckhurst; K.Mentzel; J.Mitchell; K.Mortimer; C.Nash; D.Nunn; N.D.Paget; J.Peace; D.Phillips; B.Philpott; P.Read; D.Roe; I.C.Sargeant; R.D.Short; M.E.H.Sturt; T.Tidd; J.Travers; C.D.Trust; B.E.Webberley; B.Williams; T.Withall; and of course Mrs C.Sturt.



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## 2008 FARNHAM LECTURE

### **'HOW OFTEN?' 'HOW HARD?' 'HOW LONG?'**

**by DOCTOR HUGH BETHELL M.B.E.**

On a very cold October evening, a smaller than usual audience listened to the twentieth Farnham Lecture given by one of the pioneers in cardiac rehabilitation. Dr. Hugh Bethell is the founder of the Rehab unit at Alton and his talk was aimed at those people who would add to the ever increasing worldwide problem of heart disease. He began by outlining the rapid increase in this problem within most countries in the world and in particular in the United Kingdom. He emphasised that this was not a man only problem, but women were also likely to have similar problems.

He moved on to the many reasons for this escalation and these included heredity, obesity, lack of exercise, stress, high cholesterol and general life style. All of these could cause a breakdown in the functions of the heart and would result in a coronary attack of minor or major strength. Diagrams and photos were shown of the hearts of victims and one could see clearly the different types of problems that occur.

Today there are several methods of repairing the body after an attack and Dr Bethell went into some detail about the use of by-passes, whether single, double, triple or quadruple, and the recent increase in the use of stents. All of these have to be followed by an exercise regime to insure that the patient remains fit and the blood in the body continues to flow properly.

The speaker said that in the past heart problems were dealt with by molly-coddling the patient, and it was not until the 1950s that ideas began to change and it was realised that it was necessary to work this important organ to regain and maintain fitness. In the early 1970s he worked with the then manager of Alton Sports' Centre on a series of fitness sessions and began to offer the service to local people. Initially they only took in people who had already suffered a heart attack and began by monitoring them on either a treadmill or a bicycle to assess their levels of fitness. The patient was then given a programme of exercises to follow on a regular basis and monitored to see how the levels of fitness improved and how the heart itself improved. This scheme proved highly successful and soon they expanded the type of patients to those with angina, high blood pressure etc.

By the early 1990s the throughput of patients was such that the Sports' Centre could not cope and it was necessary to have a purpose built building for the Rehab Centre. There would be no local or government help and it took four years to fund-raise the money to build the unit that exists today. Gradually, an experienced staff was built and now the centre takes in over five hundred new patients every year and runs more than one thousand sessions each week. Hugh Bethell has retired from running the centre, but is still involved in overseeing the progress of this revolutionary method of treating such a delicate organ of the body. He is now the Chairman of the British Cardiac Rehabilitation Association and his methods are used nationally as well as abroad.

This was a thought provoking lecture by a man who has made a difference to the life style of many people in this country and especially in this area.

## 2008 FARNHAM LECTURE

This year we repeated our offer to give to the speaker's organisation a part of the profits from the lecture and below we can see Cyril Trust, Chairman of the Farnhamian 400 Trust, handing over a cheque for £400 to the management at Alton Rehab Centre. Several Old Boys, like Cyril, visit Alton regularly to follow an exercise programme to improve the heart and this money was gratefully received.



Denise Ellis (Unit Manager), Cyril Trust,  
Graham Webb (General Manager), Claire Radcliffe.

## OFFICERS OF THE OLD FARNHAMIAN'S' ASSOCIATION

### ASSOCIATION:

Brian Williams (President); Stephen Pritchard (Treasurer); Roger Edgell (Secretary); Alan Lovell; Bill Luff; Keith Mentzel; Bryan Bone; Tony Gatfield; John Travers; John Crotty; Mike Horner; Ian Sargeant; Robin Welland-Jones; John Clarke; Mike Mehta; Wally Walsh; Brian Daniels; David Grimes; Chris Slyfield; Cyril Trust; Chris Nash; Ray Cleminson; Peter Mylles.

(Brian Williams is also acting as Membership Secretary).

### FARNHAMIAN 400 TRUST:

Cyril Trust (Chairman); Stephen Pritchard (Treasurer); Tony Gatfield (Secretary); Bill Luff; Brian Williams; Mike Horner; John Crotty; Roger Edgell; Chris Nash; John MacLaughlin.

### LEAVING SCHOLARSHIP TRUST:

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

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**FARNHAM COLLEGE CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT - 2008**

On Thursday 11th December the annual awards' evening took place at Farnham College, and again over twenty of the awards were sponsored by Old Boys or the families of former members of the Association. Many of the sponsors attended the event, which was highlighted by a stirring speech by Guest of Honour, Rachel Morris, winner of a gold medal at the Beijing Paralympics Games. Clive Cook, Principal of the college thanked all sponsors.

<b>Samina Bhatti</b>	The John Crotty Award for outstanding achievement.
<b>Sakhawatul Chowdhury</b>	The Chris Nash Award for outstanding achievement in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Further Mathematics.
<b>Sophie Colley</b>	The John Wills Award for exceptional achievement in Art.
<b>Alyson Coombes</b>	The Cyril Trust Award for exceptional achievement during her time at College.
<b>Elizabeth Dawes</b>	The Graham Blunt Award for outstanding achievement in Chemistry, French, Mathematics and Further Mathematics.
<b>Zahra Essack</b>	The Roger Edgell Award for exceptional achievement.
<b>Jamie Foreman</b>	The Michael Horner Award for outstanding achievement in Physics, English Language, English Literature.
<b>David Hawkins</b>	The Ian Sargeant Award for outstanding and exceptional Achievement.
<b>Emily Head</b>	The Roy Robins Award for outstanding achievement over the year.
<b>Rebecca Hopwood</b>	The Dudley Backhurst Award for outstanding achievement in Science.
<b>Daniel Kirkbride</b>	The Maurice Jeffreys Award for outstanding achievement in Chemistry, Economics, Geography, Mathematics and Design Technology (Graphic Materials).
<b>Katie Phipps</b>	The John Aylwin Award for exceptional achievement in Art & Design.
<b>Sarah Richardson</b>	The Bryan Bone Award for outstanding endeavour.
<b>James Shuttleworth</b>	The Wally Walsh Award for outstanding achievement.
<b>Hazel Simpson</b>	The Alan Lovell Award for outstanding achievement in Geography.
<b>Karen Slingo</b>	The John Travers Award for outstanding achievement in a Vocational subject.
<b>Sam Staton</b>	The Geoff Hooker Award for outstanding achievement in Mathematics.
<b>Harriet Still</b>	The Sturt Family Award for outstanding achievement in Physics, Mathematics and English Literature.
<b>Eleanor Thornton</b>	The Ron Short Award for outstanding achievement in Science.
<b>Anna Tindall</b>	The Stella & Tony Bolt Award for outstanding endeavour and Progress.
<b>Douglas Beattie</b>	The F A Morgan Award for Drama-excellence in Drama.
<b>Emily Walker</b>	The William Stroud Award for excellence in Drama.

**IF ANY MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR AN AWARD PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITOR OF THIS MAGAZINE.**

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**FARNHAM COLLEGE CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT - 2008**


Some of the sponsors for awards at Farnham College pose with an Olympic gold medallist.

Left to Right: Maurice Sturt; Mike Horner; Wally Walsh; Sylvia Backhurst (widow of Dudley); Cyril Trust; Anne Blunt (widow of Graham); John Crotty; John Travers; Ian Sargeant; John MacLaughlin; Chris Nash.

Front: Rachel Morris (former Farnham College student and gold medal winner at the 2008 Beijing Paralympics Games).

### **THE FARNHAMIAN 400 TRUST AWARDS' SCHEMES**

In 2003 the Principal of Farnham College approached the Association, asking if they could help with some financial support for the awards to students who had excelled in their subjects. The 400 Trust decided to take on this task and began to recruit members who were prepared to donate sponsorships for various subjects and the initial reaction was very positive. It enabled the college to give some financial award to successful students and in 2008 there were twenty three sponsors in total. By now the awards came from widows and families of former Old Boys or teaching staff and the 'Celebration of Achievement' would not be possible without this input. Should any member wish to sponsor an award please contact the editor of this magazine.

The College Awards' Scheme has now been joined by the Partnership Awards' Scheme, which gives a 'Farnhamian' Award to the top pupil at the feeder schools to Farnham College. Over the past two years these awards have been given to students at Heath End School, Weydon School and Ash Manor School. Both schemes are part of the 400 Trust pledge to support local education wherever possible.

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## THE PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS AWARD SCHEME

After the success of this new Farnhamian 400 Trust initiative last year it was agreed that we should continue with the awards to the three 'feeder' schools to Farnham College. The first was at the end of October 2008 at Heath End School, where the trust was represented by our new President, Brian Williams, and our Secretary, Tony Gatfield.

This year the Guest of Honour was Jeremy Hunt MP, and as well as handing out the various awards he gave a stirring speech to those from the school who were soon to move on to college and perhaps university. This year the Farnhamian Award was integrated with the Millennium Award for Excellence and was the major award of the evening, with Brian Williams handing the shield to Sam Bedlow. Clearly comments later from the Headmaster of the school made certain that this award from the former Grammar School members was very much appreciated.

On Thursday 20th November the Presentation of Awards and Certificates for 2008 were given at both Ash Manor School and Weydon School. At the former the 400 Trust was represented by John Crotty, former President and long term Secretary, and Roger Edgell, the current Secretary for the Association. At the latter our representatives were Mike Horner, former President, and Stephen Pritchard, Treasurer for both the Association and the 400 Trust.

Once again Ash Manor School presented a very professional evening in the presence of The Deputy Mayor of Guildford, Councillor Pauline Searle. This school has much sponsorship to help with their building programme and Bob Linnell, the head teacher, outlined some of these in his speech. In particular a recent partnership with Honda. The main speaker and the presenter of the awards was Steven Bennett, managing director of Starchaser Industries that manufacture rockets for scientific exploration into space. He gave a stirring speech and then presented the awards, including The Head Teacher's Trophy for Endeavour & the Old Farnhamians' Award which went to Cameron Bacchus De Lacy.

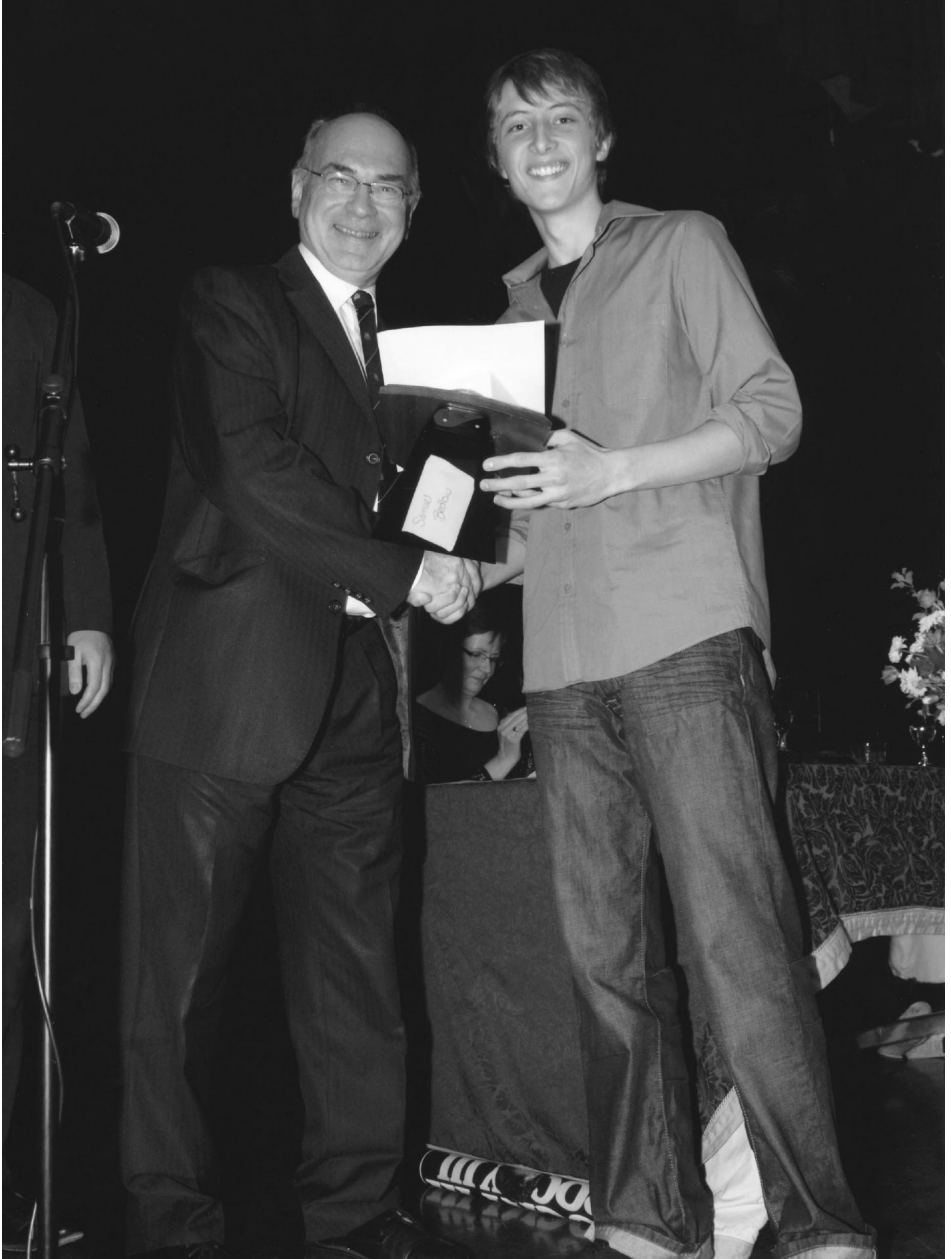
It is usual for the schools to try to attract celebrities as their guest of honour and at Weydon this was Steve Smith, the well known High Jump champion and winner of a Bronze Medal at the Olympic Games.

The celebrations were made special with the news that Weydon School had gained tenth place in the *Sunday Times* top 11-16 state schools in the country for 2008. The ranking is the definitive guide to Britain's top schools which is measured on the number of A\*-A passes and which was 37.1% at Weydon this year.

The Farnhamian Cup for Mathematics was presented to Jack Bowden by Steve Smith and Head Teacher John Winter and is regarded as one of the top awards for the school.

This is the second year that the Farnhamians' awards have been available for the 'feeder' schools to Farnham College and again the scheme has proved highly popular. It is planned to continue with the scheme for next year.

THE PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS AWARD SCHEME



Brian Williams presents the Farnhamian Award to Sam Bedlow of Heath End School.



## THE PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS AWARD SCHEME



Steve Smith (Olympic Bronze Medallist) and John Winter (Headmaster) hand over the 'Farnhamian Award', at Weydon School Awards' Evening, to winner Jack Bowden.



John Crotty and Roger Edgell with Cameron Bacchus De Lacy, who won the 'Farnhamian Award' at the Ash Manor Awards' Evening.

## FARNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL WAR HEROES

In recent magazines we have been giving details regarding some of those former pupils of the school who gave their lives in World War Two, with the information taken from a book compiled by Henry Ellwood. Since completing this book he has worked on a similar project covering those local people who died in the First World War and as one can imagine this has taken six volumes to accommodate the numbers who died during this campaign.

It is interesting to discover that of the seventy one Old Boys who died there are only twenty names shown on the town memorial in Gostrey Meadow. In future magazines we will be giving details of some of these, but to begin the series the full list is shown and those with an M against the names are those shown on the memorial.

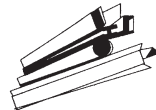
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Reading the books by Henry Ellwood one is aware of how young the servicemen were when they died and the huge numbers killed from each Division, Battalion or Regiment. It is clear that the former pupils from Farnham Grammar School played their part in the many theatres of this tragic war and these articles will preserve the details of their bravery.

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**FARNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL WAR HEROES**  
**(Taken from the REMEMBRANCE BOOK-NO.2**  
**written by Henry Ellwood)**

WILLIAM HENRY BASTOW (1904-1909)

William Bastow was born on 23rd August 1894 and the family home was the White House, West Street, Farnham. He attended St.Polycarps Catholic School initially and then moved to the Grammar School in 1904. He left school in 1909 and was only 21 years of age when he was killed.

Before the outbreak of the First World War he held a responsible position in Malaya and then spent three years training in the Hants Carabineers. He always had a keen desire to fly and entered the flying service and became attached to the R.N.A.S and rendered valuable service as an expert aviator. He was a Second Lieutenant when he died.

An extract from the Surrey & Hants dated December 1915 announced that he had been accidentally killed whilst serving with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

**WHERE HE DIED:**

On Sunday April 25th 1915 the Allied Forces began landings at Gallipoli. The French landed at Kum Kale and the British and Indian troops landed at Cape Helles at Sedd El Bahr and there were five main landing beaches, S,V,W,X,Y used in the assault.

Outstanding was the use of the troop ship "River Clyde" which was run ashore.

Landings were also made some 15 miles north at Anzac Cove by the Australian and New Zealand Division supported by British and Indian troops. Over the next few months these landings became 'bogged' down and as a diversion British troops were landed further north at Sula Bay on August 6th 1915.

In only a few months tremendous loss of life occurred and the Gallipoli landings were a British failure. Evacuation of the troops took place in December 1915 and January 1916.

William Henry Bastow was killed on Friday November 26th 1915 and it is not known what duties he was engaged in at the time. The Royal Naval Air Service operated balloons for artillery spotting and also aircraft for a range of duties. William had been trained in aircrew duties or as an observer in Balloons.

William Henry Bastow is buried in the Lancashire Landing Cemetery, Turkey. This cemetery was named after the 1st Lancashire Fusiliers who landed under severe fire on "W" beach and cut their way through wire entanglements and trenches to the edge of the cliff and then established themselves on the hills of Tekke Burnu and Helles Burnu.

**FARNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL WAR HEROES**  
**(Taken from the REMEMBRANCE BOOK -NO. 2**  
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**PHILLIP BRADFORD**

Phillip Bradford was born on November 5th 1894 and died at the age of 22. The family home was on the Waverley Estate and he attended West Street School initially before entering the Grammar School. His father Curtis Bradford kept the corner shop in Alfred Road and the Waverley sub-post office.

Phillip was a well known member of the school football eleven and after leaving school he assisted his father in the grocery and provision business and made many friends with his kindly, placid temperament.

Early in the war he joined the Hants Carabiniers and later was transferred to the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment. He went to France just before Christmas 1916 and was killed on January 16th 1917 and it was believed that he was shot during his first spell in the trenches.

**WHERE HE DIED:**

The 11th Service Battalion of the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment was raised by the Mayor and Borough of Lambeth in September 1915 as part of the 124th Brigade of the 41st Division. It formed part of the Fifth New Army and was assembled at Aldershot. The Division moved to France in May 1916 and was concentrated between Hazebrouck and Boilleul.

It entered the Somme offensive and in September captured the village of Fles. In October 1916 the Division took part in the Battle of Transloy Ridges. Operations for 1917 included Messines Ridge, Pilckem Ridge and operations on the Flanders coast. In November 1917 the Division was moved to the Italian Front at River Piave. In March 1918 it returned to France and took part in actions at St. Quentin, Bapaume, Arras and the River Lys. Towards the end of the war it fought at Couterai and Ooteghem.

The 41st Division suffered over 32,000 casualties in France with Phillip Bradford being shot, it is believed when the Division was fighting at the Battle of Messines Ridges, on Tuesday January 16th 1917

Phillip Bradford is buried in Dickebusch New Military Cemetery, Iper, Vlaanderen, Belgium.

**BOTH WILLIAM HENRY BASTOW AND PHILLIP BRADFORD ARE  
REMEMBERED ON THE FARNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL ROLL OF HONOUR.**

**FARNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL WAR HEROES****(Taken from the REMEMBRANCE BOOK-NO.2****written by Henry Ellwood)****FREDERICK PERCY COOK**

Frederick lived with his family at 8 Tavistock Villas, St. Georges Road, Farnham. He initially attended East Street School and then entered Farnham Grammar School by winning a scholarship. After a successful period at the school he joined Messrs. Ball & Co., drainage contractors and was with them until he joined the army. He was a Wesleyan local preacher and hoped eventually to join the Wesleyan Church. He joined the 6th Battalion of the East Surrey Regiment, owing to not being able to get into the Queen's R.W.S. Regiment, on November 14th 1914 and was for twelve months at their divisional headquarters.

When the Division was broken up he was transferred to the 7th Battalion and after training went to France. He was there for only five weeks before being wounded in action and was reported as missing. His burial was reported as having taken place in an East German cemetery.

Frederick Cook and his brother Ernest Edward joined up together and both were killed.

**WHERE HE DIED:**

The 7th Service Battalion of the East Surrey Regiment was formed in Kingston in late August 1914. It formed part of the 37th Brigade of the 12th (Eastern) Division of the First New Army. For its final training it was concentrated at Aldershot and by June all its units were moved to the St. Omer district of France.

The Division entered the Battle of Loos in September 1915 and played a major role in the capture of quarries at Hulluch. Heavy fighting took place in this area during March 1916. In July the Battle of the Somme commenced and the 7th Battalion was engaged at Ovillers and other actions in 1916, including Pozieres Ridge and Le Transloy Ridge. 1917 saw the Division in action at the Battle of Arras at River Scarpe, and supporting the tanks at Cambrai and in the capture of Bourlon Wood. The Division returned to the Somme in 1918 and fought at Bapaume, Arras and River Ancre. Towards the end of the war they were involved in the Battle of Albert, Epehy and the St. Quentin Canal.

It is probable that Frederick Percy Cook received his fatal wounds after the Division took part in the attack at Cambrai. He was 22 years of age.

Frederick Cook is buried in Honnechy British Cemetery, Nord, France.

**THE SPORTS CUPS**  
**ATHLETICS - OPEN - FIELD EVENTS**  
 (presented by C.A.J.BEADEL (1947-1951))



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1957	J.A.TYRELL	1967	L.BACKSHALL
1958	B.J.DIDRIKSEN	1968	NOT AWARDED
1959	B.J.DIDRIKSEN	1969	A.J.HEATLEY
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1966	M.S.REES-ROBERTS	1973	N.J.HUGHES

**THEN AND NOW****MIKE LOCK (1938-1944)**

The following profile from Mike Lock was e-mailed from his home in New Zealand.

I was born in my grandmother's home in Great Austins, Farnham, but brought up on the other side of town in Beavers Road. I attended Miss Murell's Prep School from the age of five. I started my grammar school career after the Christmas holidays in 1938 and was appointed to Massingberde House. You could be admitted to the Juniors if you had your 10th birthday during your first term. It did not do me much good getting there that early as I spent five terms under the watchful eye of Bobby Court in Room One and the woodwork shop.

After that sojourn I crept slowly and painfully up the ladder before finally leaving at the end of summer term in 1944. Painfully was sometimes literal, although generally I kept my nose clean. Except for Bill Wickens of course! Gym sessions were usually painful, especially the boxing. I don't think I ever beat anybody at boxing. Still, as they say, it did not do me any harm. Bill Wickens was responsible for one thing that I thought I had discarded in 1944. I never heard the nickname "Eggy" again until some moron brought it up at the Annual Dinner in March 2008. The first dinner I had attended, I think, since 1949.

Although my academic career was not noticeable for anything and sport was not much either, I was certainly busy. At one stage I was a Scout, Sea Cadet, Army Cadet and ARP messenger all at once. Until, that is, the school realized that as a Sea Cadet it was a bit stupid to be in the compulsory Army Cadets as well. Like the ATC we had to study signals instead. My scouting started with the 5th Farnham, The Bourne, but I transferred to the School Troop when it was restarted by Mr Knight. I nearly forgot that I was also in the bell (silent) ringing group at St Andrew's Church.

I well remember the School Camps; Jersey in 1938 and Guernsey in 1939 organised by Mr Crute, the music master. We also had a couple later during the war in North Wales, but they were kept pretty quiet. In 1941 my mother was seriously ill and my father arranged with the redoubtable F.A.Morgan that I be a boarder for several weeks. I well remember having to get up in the middle of the night to run across the New Field to the air-raid shelters under the bank on the far side.

Beginning in September 1944 I attended the School of Navigation, then part of the University of Southampton. A pre-sea training establishment, for those wishing to go to sea in the Merchant Navy as a career deck officer. The course was three terms long and ran on paramilitary lines. Being still wartime we even had our own Home Guard unit.

I completed my course there with a little more success than at school. I obtained an apprenticeship with Shaw, Savill & Albion, then one of the premier shipping companies (long since disappeared). Shaw Savill was primarily an Australian - New Zealand liner company and it carried the first cargo of frozen meat from New Zealand to the U.K. in the "Dunedin" in 1882, a sailing ship with steam refrigerating machinery on deck.

## THEN AND NOW

MIKE LOCK (1938 - 1944)

Shipping at that time was still under the Ministry of War Transport and my first trip was to New York in September 1945. What an experience it was! From drab and dreary immediate post war England into what was, to all intents and purposes, peace time America. There were two more trips to the USA before heading south for my first time in New Zealand. New Zealand was an eye-opener! Wide open spaces, sunshine (even if it does get more rain than England), and food like we had never seen before. Steak, eggs and chips, as much as we could eat. As far as we apprentices were concerned the best thing was the slowness of the "warfies" giving more time in port. Looking back from a shipping point of view it must have been terrible for the owners. It is now 62 years since that call in New Plymouth and it is also 62 years since I met a girl who was to become my wife.

After leaving New Zealand on that first trip we returned to London via Cape Horn, the one and only time I have been around it. Then, followed trips to New Zealand and Australia for the next four years. The only real break in the ship routine was in Melbourne in August 1947 when an explosion on board "Mahia" caused considerable loss of life and damage to the ship. The ship was in Melbourne for some eighteen months, but I was transferred after four months. In January 1950 I resigned from Shaw Savill to join The Union Steam Ship Company in New Zealand. I arrived in Wellington in March 1950 and was appointed 3rd Officer of one of their smallest ships trading on the New Zealand coast.

The USSCo was founded in 1875 and survived for about 124 years. It was, in its prime, the largest shipping company in the southern hemisphere and New Zealand's largest private employer. Many of its ships were household names. With passenger ships to the west coast of North America, the Pacific Islands and Australia. Its overnight ferries between the North and South Islands were virtually the only way for the public to go.

My career followed much the expected path and usually we did not stay very long in one ship, being moved from trade to trade and route to route. We sailed the New Zealand coast with general cargo, coal from the west coast of the South Island, South Australia for bulk cargoes such as wheat and gypsum and general cargoes and steel from Sydney and other NSW ports. The odd voyage to Vancouver and the west coast of North America, ports such as Eureka, San Francisco and Los Angeles mainly for timber and American luxury goods. The passenger ship "Tofua" running to the Pacific islands of Fiji, Samoa and Tonga was a very pleasant interlude. I was promoted to 2nd Officer in 1952 and Chief Officer in 1956. I obtained my Master Certificate in 1957, but had to wait until 1964 before getting my first command. It was the same small coaster that had been my first job with USSCo. By the time I retired in 1988 I had taken command of USSCo's largest and fastest ships and these were roll on - roll off trans Tasman vessels trading between New Zealand and Australia.

My wife Anne and I were married in 1951 and our first child, a boy, was born in 1955 followed by a girl in 1957. We now have three grandchildren. My wife of 56 years died in January 2008.

Since retirement my main interests have centred around my family, a little travel, golf (badly) and the New Zealand Company of Master Mariners, an offshoot of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners in London.

## THEN AND NOW

WILLIAM (BILL) FREDERICK WICKENS  
(1927-1953)

After fifteen years the modern magazine has given profiles of almost all the well known masters from 1925 until 1973, except one in particular. For twenty six years pupils were coaxed or browbeaten into performing various forms of gymnastics by an ex-sergeant-major from the Army who became known affectionately as “Bill” Wickens.

Old magazines show that he retired in July 1953 and prior to joining the school he was a sergeant-major in the Army Physical Training Corps, and had been an instructor at the Army College at Heath End. He had trained and inspired generations of boys in gymnastics, boxing, fencing and his high standards were in evidence when he presented P.T. displays on various occasions. He was no mean performer on the trumpet and had on occasion joined in the performances with the School Orchestra. His methods of discipline included the use of a cricket bat with a biblical name and any cockiness by pupils resulted in a few rounds with one of the better boxers. After assembly on his last day at the school tributes were paid by the School Captain and the Headmaster, who presented him with a Westminster striking clock on behalf of the staff and the boys.

Bill attended the Annual Dinner in March 1954 and Col. Alan Smallman, who had been one of Bill’s pupils, presented him with a gift of an inscribed pewter mug and a cheque from the Association. The assembled company rose to sing ‘For he’s a jolly good fellow’ and drank a toast to him. Later that evening he gave a display with his trumpet, flaming clubs, castanets and the coach-horn.

On the back page of the December 1956 magazine a stop-press announcement stated that Bill had died as a result of an accident and an appreciation would appear in the next issue. In fact this did not appear and the only reference to Bill was in the report of the Annual Dinner in 1957 where the news of his death was announced and those present stood in silent tribute. Peter Larby, teacher and ex-pupil said that “Bill” had taught his pupils that it was not a bad thing to stand upright and face the world squarely.

The above is all that we have on record regarding “Bill” Wickens, until the editor received an e-mail from his grand-daughter asking if we could help with photos for his family history that she was writing. These were duly sent and in return she has given us more information about this former member of the staff at the school.

*‘Bill was born on 8th November 1885 in Malta. At this time his father was in the Army, a member of the 1st Hampshire Regiment. He had a brother called George. We believe his father died in India and his mother remarried and had eight children with her new husband.*

*Bill married Ada Elizabeth Bunney in 1905 in Portsmouth and he was himself a bandsman in the 1st Hampshire Regiment. He became a father in 1906 and proceeded to father another fourteen children, although we believe that Ada had twenty-three pregnancies. (A very fit man!)*



## THEN AND NOW

WILLIAM (BILL) FREDERICK WICKENS  
(1927-1953)

*At the age of twenty-one he went on secondment to the 1st Advance Course at the Army School of Physical Training, and was retained at the school for permanent duty. His rank becoming Company Sergeant Major.*

*Whilst with the Army School of Physical Training he worked to a very high standard in the following areas:*

*PT and Athletics in all areas.*

*Boxing.*

*Swimming.*

*Bayonet Fencing.*

*Wrestling (Army Style).*

*Sabre Fencing.*

*He also had a good knowledge of PT principles, Anatomy and Physiology.*

*He retired from the Army on 26th November 1924 and remained with his family in Aldershot. He was employed by the Theatre Royal and the Hippodrome as a musician into the 1950s, whilst at the same time being employed by the Farnham Grammar School. When he retired from the school on 13th August 1953 he took up a position with the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough in the Ministry of Supply as a messenger. He held this position until the date of his death in a road accident on 14th December 1956.*

*His wife continued to live in Aldershot with her fifth son, Frederick Charles, until her death in 1964.*

My thanks to Iris Hardy, grand-daughter of Bill Wickens, for her assistance in this profile.



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## COMMENTS ON THE CURRICULUM      A PROFILE OF JOHN MEW - 1937 to 1942

**John Mew, who attended Farnham Grammar School from 1937 to 1942, has published his memoirs-including a fascinating chapter on life at the school before and during the Second World War. John has had a lifelong love of the English language and he decided he wanted written record of his life's experiences for family and friends. He is now in his early 80s, and has spent much of his life in Canada. He lives in Ottawa, the Canadian capital, where he has formed a two-man chapter of the Old Farnhamians' Association with Michael Prentice (1948-1954). John published his book privately and titled it, 'Old Men Forget', with the subtitle of, 'A Touch of the Memoirs'. He described the book as a "light hearted look at life in aviation from war time England to 50 years in Canada". John got his start at the Royal Aircraft Establishment in World War Two. He worked for Avro Canada and De Havilland of Canada, and later spent 26 years with the airworthiness branch of the Canadian government's civil aviation directorate. The chapter is too long for the magazine and the following is taken from the part about the school and concentrates on John's thoughts on the curriculum in those days.**

"What did we study at this grammar school? Well, our school was still influenced by what was taught at the public schools of the era. English (comprising grammar, composition, précis, but no literature), Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, History, Geography, Art, Music (theory only, no instruments and no band or orchestra at that time) and, surprisingly, Woodwork. We also had physical training, my absolute nemesis, which took place in the gymnasium, presided over by ex-Sergeant Wickens, formerly of the Army Physical Training Corps.

Sergeant Wickens was a character. We formed up in alphabetical order for most exercises, such as the dreaded vaulting horse. Sergeant Wickens' use of the aspirate H was somewhat shaky, so he would bellow to student Harris : "Arris, get fell in with the A's." I went in fear and trembling of him as I was such a klutz at physical training, but in truth he was a pretty decent character. During the war years he had a second job playing the trumpet in the pit orchestra of one of two music halls (vaudeville theatre in North American translation) in Aldershot. One of the star attractions in those years, usually at the top of the bill, would be a strip tease artiste, whose performance by today's standards would be considered very decorous. Sergeant Wickens' tales of what he could see from the orchestra pit left us rather naive, but nevertheless prurient, schoolboys agog.

I enjoyed English and always did well in the subject. For some reason we never studied English Literature, so all the classic novels, for example, and poetry, remained a complete mystery to me until adult life. In many respects, I'm ashamed to say this remains so. My knowledge of Jane Austen's novels, for example, is based solely on the TV and movie adaptations that I have seen and enjoyed.

French was taught mechanically, a bit like learning arithmetic tables, which is good for mastering the grammar of the language, but not a bit of good for speaking or understanding French.

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## COMMENTS ON THE CURRICULUM      A PROFILE OF JOHN MEW - 1937 to 1942

It was much the same with Latin, although, I must say that we did attempt to translate and learn some of Ovid's poems and Caesar's *Gallic Wars*. Here the fault in not learning was entirely mine. I was just too lazy to do all the translation that was assigned for the homework project. I would invariably spend the train journey to school from Ash to Farnham translating the first paragraph of an assignment. When the class was asked to translate the Latin assignment, my hand would shoot up. If called upon by the Latin master, I would make a creditable job of that first paragraph before it became another boy's turn to carry on. However, if someone else pipped me to the post on the first translation, no doubt with the same motives, I was dead in the water. You would think I would learn (trying, for example, to translate the third or fourth paragraph) but I never did. I guess I never took to either Ovid or Caesar.

Mathematics was another story. I loved it from day one. We had the separate elements of arithmetic, algebra and geometry. I really took to Pythagoras and his theorem that the square on the hypotenuse was equal to the sum of squares on the other two sides of a triangle. So, not all those ancient guys were wasted on me. Curiously, we didn't study calculus. I think I would have saved a lot of time later at college if we had been introduced to calculus at an early age.

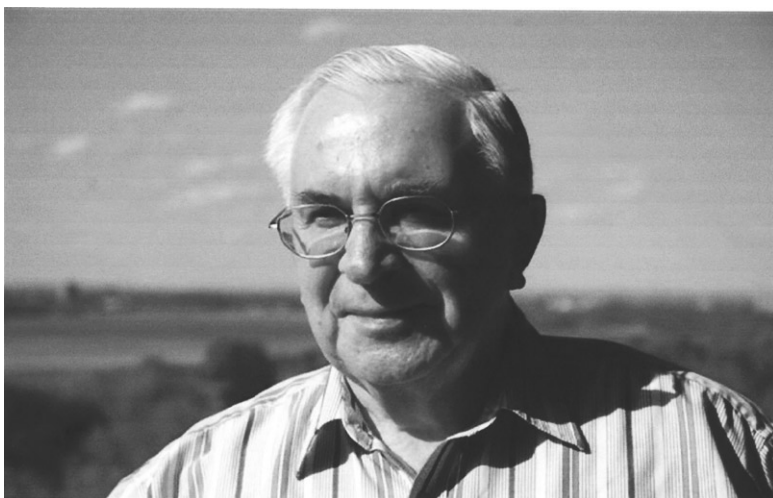
History and Geography were also massive disappointments. Once more, and I think fairly this time, I'm blaming the curriculum set for us in that era. When I consider my adult fascination with history and with travel, I cannot understand how poorly I fared with these subjects, except to say that they were presented in a mind numbingly, boring way. History, for example, was exclusively British history, which ended in early 1800. Long lists of kings and queens, with dates of their reigns, and topics such as the Corn Laws. What on earth were they? I admit I wasn't a very attentive student, but social impact of much of what was taught was never dealt with so thoroughly.

Similarly, Geography was limited to topography and such items as imports and exports for various countries. At the time I went to school, neither of my parents had ever travelled outside of southern England. About the only people who would have travelled, other than the well-to-do, would be military folks and I did not know any of my fellow students or the masters at the school falling into that category. So we were, in essence, extremely insular, cut off from the continent by the English Channel. I really do believe that the curriculum reflected that English insularity.

Art was taught at the School of Art in the old Grammar School premises on West Street in the middle of Farnham, so we really looked forward to this subject as we had to walk into town and back. We were taught to draw, given some idea of perspective and learned to paint with water colours. Our classroom was on the second floor of the school and the windows overlooked the sidewalk of the street below. You can imagine how rotten little kids would empty the water used to clean their brushes. You've got it, out of the window on to the heads of the unsuspecting passers-by.

## COMMENTS ON THE CURRICULUM     A PROFILE OF JOHN MEW - 1937 to 1942

Music was only introduced in my last years at school and was done entirely from a theoretical point of view. We were not taught to play any sort of musical instrument, neither did we function as a choir. But we learned some theory of music, including the rudiments of harmony. The earliest exposure I had to classical music was from the poor benighted master with his music appreciation class. I say poor benighted because I used to give him a terrible time with my smart-ass remarks in class. Finally the master berated me and I am deeply ashamed of my ignorant comments. Although I have never learned how to play a musical instrument and cannot in truth even read music, I have a lifelong love of any classical music. And it all started with that music master, whose name I cannot remember.



A recent photograph of John Mew

According to my school reports, which I have kept over 70 years, both Chemistry and Physics were taught, although there are no entries under Chemistry for me in the reports. I have no memory of a chemistry laboratory, or why it wasn't a subject that I studied. There are entries in the reports for Physics-not very flattering, I must say-but again I have absolutely no memory of a physics laboratory, or being taught Physics.

However, we did have a woodworking shop where we were given instruction in the use of simple hand tools. In those days there were no power tools. We used hand saws, planes and chisels to make simple things like boxes with dove-tail joints. We used old-style casein glue which was heated in pots of water and smelled to high heaven. We had a double woodwork period on a Friday, after a lunch of fish and chips and to this day there is a Pavlovian connection in my mind between the smell of that glue and fish and chips."

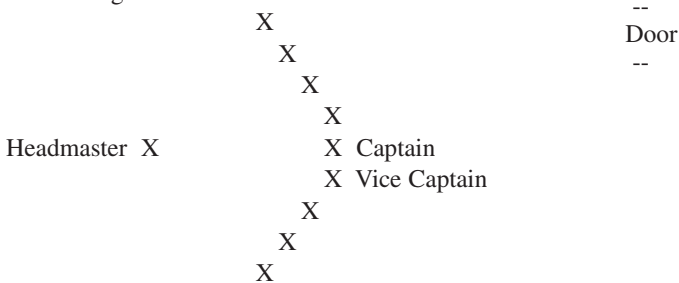
Fish and chips lead John into the delights of the kitchen at the school and Spotted Dick - the great favourite which was served twice each week.

**CEREMONY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A PREFECT**

*Among the paperwork given to the OFA from the Sylvia Morgan estate was the following*

CEREMONY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A PREFECT

1. Have all the prefects seated in the Headmaster’s study and the recruit (or recruits) waiting outside.
2. Have the room arranged as follows:



3. Get the Captain to bring in the recruit (or recruits) and make him (or them) stand in the middle (Captain & vice-Captain seated).

Headmaster addresses recruit(s) “It is the united wish of myself and of the Prefects that you should join their ranks. Who stands sponsor for .....?”

Captain (rises) “In the name of the School I do” (sits).

H.M. “Who seconds the nomination?”

Vice-Captain “In the name of the Prefects I do”.

H.M. (addresses recruits) “I think you know what a responsible office this is to which you are appointed. You know that the whole tone and bearing of the School depends very much on the lead which is given by the prefects. You know that the example which they set has an enormous influence on the conduct of the boys over whom you are put in authority. You know also that the smooth working of the School routine depends largely on the cooperation, the alertness and the efficiency of the prefects. You will be expected to acquaint yourself with the duties assigned to you by the Captain of the School and to execute them punctiliously.

Bearing all this in mind, are you willing to accept the high office of Prefect?”

Recruit “I am”.

H.M. Then, in the name of Farnham Grammar School I appoint you to the office of Prefect, and I now have great pleasure in investing you with the badge of your new office. (pins on the badge).

Prefects of Farnham Grammar School, I charge you to welcome ..... to your ranks, to give him (them) all possible help in his (their) task, and to see that you yourselves set a high standard for him (them) to achieve.

(Each prefect shakes the hand of the new prefect and goes out, Captain last. The recruit (s) finally go (es) up to the Headmaster and shakes hands and goes out).

**THEN AND NOW****DR. CYRIL E. PAYNE JP (1948-1953)**

Cyril Payne entered the school in 1948 and will be remembered for his skills as a musician more than that as an academic or a sportsman. On arrival he was first encouraged by George Read, who was music teacher for a short time before moving on to Cheltenham Grammar School. He was succeeded by Alan Fluck, who was very influential in Cyril's career path, firstly by persuading his parents to let him attend music college, and later giving an appropriate reference for him. This was an extremely costly period both for tuition, books and of course the instruments. Cyril recalls his trombone costing in excess of £2000, an absolute fortune in 1954. Cyril was part of the school orchestra when Alan Fluck organised 'Let's Make an Opera' and 'The Lowland Sea', playing violin, trombone and trumpet.

National Service was delayed owing to the music courses Cyril had been approved for. Not only did Alan Fluck persuade his parents that he needed to take further studies but he obtained a Surrey scholarship for him. As a result Cyril was able to commence a course in teaching through the Royal Schools of Music and practical musicianship through Trinity College of Music, both situated in London. However, it did mean that as well as his studies he had to try to earn part of the required fees, plus music, instruments etc.

He did some part time work in an architect's office in London and with John Travers, another Grammar School pupil, attended a course in the Farnham School of Art conducted by John Aylwin. This suited both old boys very well as they had almost literally grown up together and both being members of the 229 ATC Squadron. Cyril finally graduated and joined the RAF on a short term commission, supposedly to become an RAF bandmaster. Regrettably, this was cut short as it was discovered that he had a strange blood disorder and he was discharged and able to return to his studies to improve his qualifications.

Once again he had to work to pay his way and so it was that he had a series of administrative jobs, firstly with British Eagle International Airways at London Heathrow, then Dan Air and British United Airways, both at Gatwick. He also had a period at the National Westminster Bank in Guildford. The time was well spent as he managed to obtain his B.Mus. and B.Mus.Ed!

It was at this juncture that he joined the BBC and also married Elizabeth Beagley, a former Girls' Grammar School pupil. Life with 'Auntie BBC' was indeed hectic and it was common to work fourteen or fifteen hour shifts, which did not help married life! On the plus side he was able to play with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, as well as working with some of the great celebrities of the time, including Dusty Springfield, The Beatles, Herman's Hermits, Lulu, The Seekers and one show with Cliff Richard.

His first marriage ended, but it was through music that he met his second wife. She was a member of the Haslemere Town Band, a band who invited Cyril to conduct them after he had played with some local bands e.g. Aldershot Brass, Guildford Silver and Southsea Silver. Cyril and his second wife have now been together thirty eight years and are very happy. His son Andrew, from his first marriage, followed him to Morley Road as a student at Farnham College.

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Cyril played in many of the local Operatic Societies' various productions and jazz groups and received a splendid write up in the local press by Michael Prentice, another former pupil from the Grammar School. He began to realize that broadcasting was beginning to interfere with married life so he changed direction by going into teaching on a full time basis, though still retaining some small broadcast presentations on radio. He has retained this position even in his new home in Australia.

Cyril's first appointment was at Tavistock College and their prep school Mount House. This was a most enjoyable period, but he missed playing in the band. When he had the opportunity to move north he took a position just north of Mansfield. Here he was given one of the greatest thrills of his life when he was contacted by the National Coal Board and invited to conduct a couple of Britain's, and indeed the world's finest Brass Bands, Cresswell Colliery were the National Open Champions and regular broadcasters and he came to Farnham Maltings with them during a southern tour. Crookhall Colliery (AMOCO) from County Durham was the other and Cyril won the International Open European Eisteddfod title with them. Soon other conducting contracts arrived, including Southampton Albion, Guildford Silver, Wingates, Cambourne Town and two in Bristol.

In 1980 the Payne family moved to Australia to continue the educational part of Cyril's life. This included assisting in the setting up of the International Baccalaureate system over there. Cyril benefitted personally as he was able to visit the UK for seminars, all expenses paid. The last was at Winchester College and during the visit he came to the old school and the Principal gave him a tour of the college, including Morgan's Gate. His mother was now living in Winchester so it was quite a homecoming!

Prior to this visit he had gained his BSc (music) and his PhD(music) and both Cyril and his wife had gained their BTh Degrees. He went on to obtain his Doctorate in Divinity, reason, universities like to have a Chaplain/Counsellor on hand and he was able to combine this with his status as Professor of Music (brass and wind studies). The Doctorate is non- denominational and Inter faith.

The educational system is very different to the UK and he worked out of one university, that of New England in New South Wales. This required considerable travel throughout Australia, taking him from Sydney to Perth and Melbourne to Darwin, not forgetting Adelaide. Part of the job required him to set music examinations, both theoretical and practical for the Australian Music Board and the combined Music Education Board of New Zealand and Australia. In 1993 he was appointed Chairman to the ASIAN Music Board so his wife had the hardship of accompanying him to Singapore on a regular basis. Cyril worked - she shopped!

At this time he was also appointed Bishop of Darwin for The Church of the Reconciliation (part of the bi partisan Inter Faith/non Denominational system within the system). Recently he has been appointed the following:

***Chaplain/Community Liaison Officer to Moe RSt. Sub Branch & Latrobe Valley National Serviceman's Association and Chaplain Australian Defence Force (Army).***

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Cyril officially retired on 31st May 1996, returning to the UK for six months long service leave. He returned to Australia in December of that year. In 1997 he was invited to set up a music college as part of the Southern Cross University in Port MacQuarie. He retired to his present home in Newborough, Victoria when this work was completed.

He became a JP and this saw him heavily involved with the Dandenong Ranges Emergency Accommodation, Melbourne, which was set up especially for street kids and Kids Under Cover dealing mainly with young people with drug and alcohol problems. He has since become a Director of both. He is also on the Board of the Returned and Servicemen's League (like our British Legion here), the Moe and District Veterans and services Support Centre, Life FM radio and Gippsland FM radio. Life FM is a Christian Broadcasting Station and Gippsland FM is a Community Radio Station.

Cyril has not neglected his music and he currently conducts the Latrobe City Brass Band, a ten-piece Brass Group known as Federation Brass and the RSL Military Band. Federation Brass broadcasts regularly and has put down two CD's in the past twelve months, with another on the way.

Although the other side of the world the Farnham Grammar School connection is still alive. Whilst music director for Rockhampton Girls' Grammar School in the 1980s, one of his pupils was boarder Maree Hall, daughter of Terry Hall. Terry and Cyril met during this time, but lost contact when Maree left for university. It is strange that some thirty years later they have both made contact with the Association and have their profiles in this magazine.

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## IN RETIREMENT

After some years in the Royal Air Force **JOHN COCKLE (1948-1953)** became a supply teacher for many years before retiring. During this time he built up a small business buying and selling books and after retiring travelled throughout the West and South of England attending various book fairs searching for certain volumes that were being sought by buyers. At the same time he played cornet on occasions with a local traditional jazz group and performed at local gigs in the Somerset area, where he lives today.

As he approached seventy he began to alter his books business and instead of travelling he began to buy and sell via the Internet and has found this an excellent way of tracking down specialised volumes and selling them on. At the same time the jazz band has become more popular and John now travels throughout the West Country playing at local pubs, halls and special occasions. He has now made a CD with the band, which is called 'The 4-4 New Orleans Jazz Band' and the personnel on the cover gives you an idea that they have a good sense of humour. The CD personnel listed are, Crazy John Cockle (Trumpet & Vocals), Mad Mike Sims (Banjo), Len 'The Lips' Hurst (Clarinet and Sax) and Mildly Alarming Dave Martin (Double Bass).

One wonders what Alan Fluck would have thought of this musical exercise!

One of the busiest Old Boys is **MAURICE HEWINS (1949-1954)**, who was heavily involved in local politics and local history whilst he followed a long term career at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough. He has written several books about the village of Badshot Lea and belongs to the Farnham & District Museum Society and the Friends of the Museum. He often lectures on various subjects, and as I write is booked to speak soon on "Hops and Farnham".

Maurice is very involved in the Rural Life Centre at Tilford, and with his wife, Judy has helped this centre become very popular as a place to visit in the Farnham area. He spends much of his time there working with other volunteers. Of course there is also potholing, which he has enjoyed over the years and still travels to various sites to spend a weekend exploring underground. Last, but not least, is his association with The Hedgehogs, who fund raise up to £40,000 each year in the town to help local causes. Maurice is one of the original members who began this organisation in 1959 and still works hard to raise money. Finally there is the OFA and Maurice Hewins attends various events to meet old pals.

Maurice Hewins lives life to the full and has a multitude of interests, helping many people while he pursues his life in retirement.

We keep in contact with **JOHN COOKE (1948-1953)** who for many years was a Blue Badge Guide in and around his home at Wellingborough, Northants. At the age of 71 he continues to work with SAGA Holidays on their Special Interest Programme, the past year being based in Sheffield covering Art and Sculpture Appreciation in the area. He says that like many companies SAGA, no longer in the "ownership" of the founding de Haan family, is going through changes of organisation and focus, but are still a grand company to work for and

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John and his partner are off to Peru with them in February 2009 to celebrate his 72nd birthday.

For his 71st birthday he visited Israel/Jordan on a “Pilgrimage” with the churches in his local area. He says “For me, standing by the Sea of Galilee and even “paddling” in the River Jordan as well as visiting most of the “Holy Places” was fulfilling a lifetime wish. It is hard to describe such poignant experiences when one visits places that have been part of one’s life since early Sunday School, School RI lessons (with George Read and Alan Fluck) and throughout adulthood.” John says that walking through the streets of Jerusalem in the early morning was quite an experience.

John is also a Rotarian and this year is the speaker finder for his local branch. He finds Rotary a grand organisation and truly international. An example was meeting another Rotarian from Taiwan, shaking hands and exchanging cards, when at Milford Sound, New Zealand in 2007. He also met other members from Korea and New Zealand.

John comes to Farnham and the local area to see relatives and sometimes to attend the Annual Dinner. Although Farnham is still important to him he finds living in Wellingborough has many blessings. There you can still buy a house for under £100,000 and go to a concert in London by train and still get home the same evening (just!).

Like many Old Boys, John Cooke enjoys retirement and especially travelling abroad.

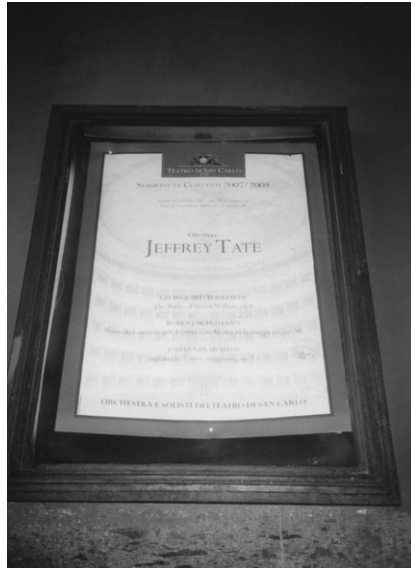
Yet another busy man is **JOHN CROTTY (1942-1947)**, who still gives great service to the Association. The Secretary for many years, then the President, John is steeped in the Farnham Grammar School tradition and has also been a governor of Farnham College. He is well known among the membership, but is also a great supporter of Round Table in Farnham. He still gets involved in some fund raising, arranging speakers for events etc., and is now one of the stalwarts of the 41 Club (after a certain age, members move from Round Table to this club for senior members).

Well into his 70s John is still a tennis fanatic and plays weekly at a Rowledge court. He has always enjoyed his sport and can show younger people that a fitness regime can still exist well into later life.

We could do with more information about Old Boys in retirement and perhaps readers could send to me details of what fills their time since giving up full time work. Talking to others from the school, gardening appears to be popular, and exotic holidays come top of the list for many. But I am sure that others give their time and effort to a huge variety of things and it would be good to know what input retired Old Boys have in society.

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A visit to the Teatro De San Carlo in Naples will give you the opportunity to see the poster below advertising Old Boy, **JEFFREY TATE (1954-1961)** as the 'Directorre' of music for this famous venue. Jeffrey has been in Italy for some time now and clearly enjoys the country and the particular theatre where he works.



The most famous musical talent to come from the Grammar School has a busy programme as usual. In recent months he has conducted in Bonn, Buenos Aires, Rome, Torino and the famous La Scala, Milan. He is currently Musical Director in Naples and Music Director designate of the Hamburg Symphony Orchestra.

Just a day or two prior to the 76th Annual Dinner, **JOHN WILKINSON (1940-1945)** was rushed into hospital suffering from an Aneurysm. He is a regular at the annual event and the Editor wondered what had happened to him. Early in May, John was seen at the Farnham Sports' Centre preparing to dive into the pool and resume his weekly exercise, looking well apart from a livid scar on his stomach. As we approach the 77th dinner he is again fighting fit (or swimming fit!) and will be taking his place at the table as usual.

Two years ago the Editor produced a booklet giving profiles of those Old Boys who had made a name for themselves in the world. Several members have purchased a copy and the original cost has been covered, with any profits going to the Association. In May 2008 another booklet was published, covering the profiles of the teaching staff who worked under F.A. Morgan from 1925 until 1953 and it is hoped that this will prove popular and again help with the Association funds. The cost is £3 and is obtainable at our events or from the Editor direct. A further booklet is already complete and covers the teaching staff under Paul French and George Baxter and some going on to work at Farnham College until the late 1990s.

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The 2008 edition of the magazine brought the comment from the local museum saying that copies should be deposited with both the Surrey History Centre in Woking and the British Libraries in London. The trustees of the Farnhamian 400 Trust agreed that both the Museums of Farnham and Woking should have a complete set of these magazines and in February one bound set from 1912 to 1973, Newsletters from 1973 to 1994 and the modern editions from 1994 to 2008 were deposited at the Surrey History Centre and made available to the public. By the time this magazine is published a duplicate set will be handed over to our local museum. It is planned to make more information about the former Grammar School available to the public over the coming months.

One of the first letters received, commenting on the 2008 magazine, was from **TOM GODDARD (1947-1952)** who included in his long letter several memories of his days at Morley Road. He recalls the time spent with Bill Wickens in the gym and is thankful that in his class were he likes of **PETER FRANCE, RAY CHEESEMAN and MICK BARHAM**, who brought the overall standard up to the required level. He says that the football refereeing of Bill included the wonderful innovation that the **PREMIERSHIP** of today would do well to adopt: no yellow cards for the pretend falling over in agony - just make the culprit run around the field **TWICE!**

Tom writes about old pals, **GEORGE POUND, DOUG LUCAS and TERRY VENABLES** and hopes he can make contact with the latter. He recalls Doug Lucas and himself being great fans of Portsmouth FC and travelling to Fratton Park for the F.A.Cup match, where they were filmed by Pathe News and shown throughout the country the following week. One and a half seconds of fame!

Good to hear from you Tom with all your memories!

We have heard from **ALAN MORGAN (1937-1943)** who thought that a group family Skydive would be of interest to the readers. During a family get together it came up that Alan's 80th birthday, his daughter's 50th birthday and his grandson's 25th birthday were all within a few days of each other.

The Morgan family have a hereditary hearing problem with deafness so they hit on the idea of a group family Skydive for charity. The three of them fell out of an aeroplane from two miles up, opened parachutes after one mile and landed safely.

The event raised £8000 in sponsorship money for the National Deaf Children's Society. I cannot envisage how I would feel doing such a thing after I become 80 and must applaud the Morgan family for such a brave project.

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Since picking tomatoes at the home of David Lloyd George in Churt as a boy, **BRYAN BONE (1948-1953)** has researched the life of this former Prime Minister for many years. He has lectured on the subject and is writing a book about the Welshman, and in the last two years has moved house to live in the village of Criccieth, where Lloyd George spent his early life. Bryan still retains his links with Farnham and is regularly in contact with the Farnham Diary newspaper giving details of life in the Hale area of the town. Bryan can go back many years with the Bone family and his articles are of great interest. Like many of us we are looking back on our lives now that there are not so many years to look forward.

For many years one of the 'ever-presents' at the Southampton Lunch has been **JOHN VICK (1941-1948)** and his absence owing to ill health in 2008 was a cause for concern. On the day of the annual lunch John was recovering from heart surgery in the Royal Brompton Hospital and was unable to attend. Overall the experience was frustrating and painful, but a recent letter from John advises that he has fully recovered and will put in an appearance at the Annual Dinner in March 2009. As we write his name is down on the list of guests and I am sure that all his old pals will welcome him back in the fold!

A sign of the great popularity of former Membership Secretary, **TONY HARLAND (1943-1951)** was the large number of people who attended his funeral on 8th October 2008. His years of playing local cricket and supporting the Old Boys brought together many ex-sportsmen and it was a perfect tribute to Tony. Bill Bodkin was there, having flown in from Portugal, John Crotty, Maurice Sturt, Michael Cox, Tony Aylwin and Don Banks, all soccer or cricket team mates over the years. After the service a reception was held at the Recreation Ground, the home of Aldershot FC, which was a team that Tony supported for most of his life. All of us will miss this quiet man, who had a good sense of humour, and the pipe that was never far away.

(The tribute to Tony Harland, printed in the Farnham Herald, is re-produced in this edition)

As Christmas 2008 approached the local fund raisers were out in force and mid December saw Old Boys, **MAURICE HEWINS, HENRY BRINDLEY & CYRIL TRUST** standing outside the large Sainsburys store in Farnham rattling their collecting tins. During the day several Old Boys stopped to give money and have a chat before doing their shopping and one of these was **BRIAN FITZPATRICK (1949-1954)** a contemporary of both Maurice and Henry. Brian only works part time now and helps at Alton Sports' Centre and looks very fit for a pensioner. He explained that elder brother **TERRY FITZPATRICK (1947-1952)** had recently returned to this country after many years in Zimbabwe. He was with the police force for many years and then studied law to become a lawyer. Unfortunately he suffered circulation problems (Brian says he smokes 60 cigarettes per day!) and has come home to live in Haywards Heath. Since Terry's return to England the Fitzpatrick family have started to hold an annual 'cousin's dinner', with a dozen cousins meeting in 2008. Let us hope that we may see these brothers at an Annual Dinner in the future!

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A recently formed trust in Farnham has been actively raising money to have a life sized statue of William Cobbett (Farnham's most famous son) erected in Gostrey Meadow. The sculptor was Sheila Mitchell, sister of Old Boy **JOHN MITCHELL (1942-1947)** and the initial sculptor of the George Baxter bust now sited at the Farnham Maltings. In January it was announced that Lord Lea of Crondall **DAVID LEA (1949-1955)**, was heading the trust in an attempt to raise the £100,000 necessary to complete the work. We wish him well!

Regular readers of the Farnham Herald will know that over recent years there has been great controversy over the plan to build the East Street extension on the land that currently houses the former Redgrave Theatre, Brightwells' Bowling Club, a large doctors' surgery and the car park on the site of the former Regal cinema. The project has become a political issue and as this is written Waverley BC appear to be no nearer to finalising the plans and commencing building. Some of the comments from the various parties have been idiotic and only now and then does an article appear that shows some common sense. Such is the case with a front page piece by retired traffic expert, **ALAN LOVELL (1947-1953)** in September 2008. He did not enter the argument regarding the various ideas on what is or is not required from the planned layout of buildings, but highlighted the problems of the traffic flow in the town resulting from the development. Farnham already has too few parking spaces and the general flow of traffic and the plan, which is designed to attract more shoppers, will make it much worse. The Farnham Grammar School produced many clever pupils and at the same time attempted to make sure that on leaving school one had a degree of common sense. Alan offers this in his article, but I wonder if the so called experts will take notice.

Passing on information within the Association sometimes leads to making contact after many years. The tragic death of Ian Bolt resulted in a call by the editor to one of his old pals, **BILL WALLIS (1948-1955)**, who lives in Bath. After receiving the sad news Bill advised that his own health was still fragile and his acting therefore restricted. He had recently been to Poland to make some recordings, and relies on his wife to help him travel for this type of performance. Other calls with **VIC WYATT**, **ALAN COMMON** and **MIKE PRENTICE** were also sad, but all advised that apart from aches and pains of advancing years they were all well.

The profile sent in by the grand-daughter of Bill Wickens was of great interest to **BARBARA WILLS (widow of former Art Master, John Wills)**. The editor keeps in contact with her and during a recent conversation she recalled the many happy times that John and she had spent with Bill and his family. When they first arrived in Farnham Bill would invite them to a local pub for a drink and a game of darts and as the evening wore on Barbara and her husband became less and less accurate with the darts. Later Bill would have them to dinner at his home in Aldershot and after the meal he would serenade them with tunes on his trumpet. Like many of us Barbara recalls Bill Wickens with great affection.

In late 2008 Barbara Wills had a stroke and initially moved to a nursery and residential home in Bury, Lancashire. She left there on the last day of January 2009 and currently we are trying to locate where she now lives.



## FROM THE ALBUM



Photograph of the Gymnastic team exercising on the field.  
One wonders whether the children of today are in such good health.



Photograph of the pupils and teachers at the school in 1902 when they were at West Street  
and four years away from entering the new modern school at Morley Road.

## MORE NEWS OF THE OLD BOYS

For some time committee members of the Association have been speaking about a combined event with both Old Boys and Old Girls in attendance, and finally it looks as though this will happen. A committee including three Old Boys and three Old Girls has begun planning a combined event for the summer of 2009 and hopefully it will be along the lines of the successful Garden Party held at the College for the 80th anniversary of the Association.

Two of the former pupils of the boys' school are shown below, with Mike Mehta on the left holding a bottle of champagne won at the annual dinner raffle, and John Clarke on the right. We all look forward to the results of the meetings and feel sure it will attract a large number of former pupils.



With the Museum of Farnham completing the building of a new garden gallery it is intended to have monthly seminars with speakers on specific items of interest in the Farnham area. In April 2009 **MAURICE HEWINS** will be giving his lecture on the history of Hops in the town and later in the year the editor is preparing a seminar on the History of Farnham Grammar School. These seminars will offer local people the opportunity to learn about the history of the town and have in depth discussions about the subjects.

Earlier this year the Editor was approached to see if he could assist in the research for a book and a series of newspaper articles. The subject was Samuel Cody, who was the first man to fly in this country one hundred years ago, and the books and articles were to commemorate this feat. As some people know he actually achieved the flight at the airfield in Farnborough. The research showed that his son, **SAMUEL 'FRANK' CODY (1909-1911)**, was a boarder at the Farnham Grammar School and this needed to be confirmed.

The Farnhamian magazine dated April 1917 stated the following:



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## MORE NEWS OF THE OLD BOYS

'Frank Cody's death was reported on the 12th February. We have no particulars, but we are confident that he met his death in the same plucky spirit as his brave father. The Boarders will never forget his merry ways and his merry days here.'

The researchers advised that Frank Cody was born in Switzerland in 1895 and entered the school on 21st January 1909. He was a member of the Royal Flying Corps and died on 23rd January 1917. Samuel Cody was not related to 'Buffalo Bill' Cody.

We have received an e-mail from Anthony Morton in Australia commenting on the Old Boys' website. He has been researching his father **A.G.MORTON (1925-1932)**, and said that on searching the net he found our excellent Web Site and he must commend the Association for such an interesting, extensive and easily useable site. It is a credit to all. Ian Sargeant must take a bow for his work as our webmaster!

Anthony has promised to send a profile of his father to the editor and it is hoped that this will appear in the next issue.

With the excellent web site and the magazine, information regarding the Association is spread throughout the world and we are receiving increasing contact from across the globe. As well as the contact with Anthony Morton we have the new details from **JOHN MEW (Canada)** and **CYRIL PAYNE (Australia)** and our usual update from **PETER DOWNHAM (Australia)** and **MIKE PRENTICE (Canada)**. From Mike Prentice in Ottawa we hear that he is in contact with **TERRY 'TITCH' HALL (1948-1953)**, who is living in Australia. Again, we have heard from this new contact and find out below how he ended up in Oz.

They say that 'time marches on', and this is true when one looks at the Old Boys who attended the Annual Dinner in March. On this occasion we missed several regulars to the annual evening as illness and Father Time became involved. The following were missing with their ages shown in brackets: **RAY KIRK (89)**, **JOHN CHUTER (86)**, **STANLEY OWEN (85)** AND **JULIAN BENTICK (83)**, although it was good to see **TERRY TIDD (87)**.

News from **TERRY 'TITCH' HALL**, as promised above, has come through. After leaving the school he worked at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough until 1964 when he migrated to Australia to take a position with the Aeronautical Research Laboratories in Melbourne. He left Southampton in December 1964 aboard the 'Castel Felice' to take up a one year contract only. After the contract ran out he drove across to Adelaide in South Australia to work with Weapons Research, or the 'Woomera Rocketry Mob' that he calls them. He played soccer for them and his first game it was 107 degrees in the shade. Then, on to Canberra after six months to join The Bureau of Mineral Resources. These journeys were taken in his trusty VW and included a trip through Broken Hill, which was quite a 'hairy' trip at the time. After nine months, in which time he married, he moved over to C.S.I.R.O. for twelve years. These were good years and for six he was site foreman before moving on to the technical side setting up instrumentation and collecting data to do with plant water use. His family by then were not thriving in the cold climate and they moved to his wife's home town of Sarina, in North Queensland.

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Jobs were scarce and he was on the dole for a while before getting work at the local sugar mill for the 1978 crushing. This time was quite hectic and he would finish the crush on a Tuesday morning in November and 'temps', like Terry, were back on the dole that afternoon. He managed to get a job with the Caterpillar earth moving equipment in Mackay for three months and then a job with CSR distillery back in Sarina.

The distillery was situated next door to the sugar mill and took the molasses from all the central mills. The molasses are fermented, which turns the sugar into ethanol (output of 50,000 kilolitres per annum). Terry spent the last twenty-three years of his working life at the distillery.

In his spare time he went fishing, crabbing, prawning and mowing half an acre of lawn. His wife of thirty years died in 1997. He took up bush walking about two years later and became quite serious at this hobby. In the year of his retirement in 2002 he won a \$4,000 prize for engineering innovation and celebrated by returning to Canberra to attend a jazz festival. It was here that he met his present wife. Terry retired in September 2002 and moved to his present address south of Sydney in New South Wales and got married. He is still bush walking with a group of retirees and he finds this 'sedate', but 'satisfying' just the same.



Terry Hall plays his banjo at home

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Terry came across the Old Boys' website when browsing and has made contact with former school pal, Mike Prentice. Judging by some of the remarks in his e-mail he is still a great fan of traditional jazz, especially the 1920-1930 period. He recalls attending all-night sessions at Ken Colyer's in Charing Cross Road, Terry Lighfoot's near Piccadilly Circus and Humphrey Lyttleton's of course.

With Terry Hall and Cyril Payne making contact the Old Boys' network in Australia is growing fast. Strange to find that in the 1980s Cyril was the music teacher to Terry's daughter in the town of Rockhampton. What a small world we live in!

We cannot complete this magazine without giving an update on the current position of our 'Oldest Living Old Boy'. In fact at the time of writing this **PHILLIP SPENCER (1912-1919)** had managed to come through the winter quite well and was still going strong at 104 years of age. **I did write 104 years of age and find this incredible!**

In the last year I have received the photograph below of Phil when he was a boy at the Farnham Grammar School.



Phil Spencer lives in a retirement home and I am told he keeps very busy and is still able to converse with any visitors. He really is worthy of being the oldest former pupil of the school.

Some weeks after including details of the contact with the family of **ALFRED GEOFFREY MORTON (1925-1932)** in this issue, a specially written article about this former pupil was sent to us by his son, Anthony Morton. There are probably some readers who recall this Old Boy and will find the following of interest.

## MORE NEWS OF THE OLD BOYS

'Alfred Geoffrey Morton attended Farnham Grammar School from 1925 to 1932. He was born in 1913 at Morley, Yorkshire. After leaving the school he went on to study at the Imperial College of Science & Technology, London, graduating with a BSc (London) and ARCSe degrees in Physics and subsidiary Mathematics in 1936. From 1936 to 1937 he completed a post graduate course in Applied Geophysics at Imperial College.

Following these University studies Geoff was engaged in Geophysical exploration using magnetic and electrical methods, in India, as the Chief Assistant to Mr A B Broughton-Edge, the Director of Imperial Geophysical Survey and Honorary Lecturer Imperial College of Science & Technology. He returned to England in November 1938 and carried out research work for Mr Broughton-Edge on various problems on electrical prospecting. This work included both field experimentation and laboratory work and was being prepared for a PhD degree, which was never completed due to the outbreak of the Second World War.

In October 1939, following the outbreak of war, he joined the Air Ministry as a Junior Staff Officer at their research station in Dundee. He was immediately assigned as Scientific Observer at various radar (Gee) stations and later transferred to the calibration unit. He was commissioned as a Squadron Leader in the RAFVR in 1941 and assigned as Staff Officer to Headquarters No 60 Group (Radar) Unit, working in the operation branch of this Unit until released from service in August 1946. He married Brenda Kennedy Hackett, who was also working at the Radar Unit, in 1942.

In May 1947, Geoff went to the United States at the invitation of the National Geophysical Company, Inc. of Dallas, Texas to work as a Geophysicist. His family, wife, three children and an Airedale dog joined him in February 1948. He worked for the company as Party Chief and Seismologist in charge of field operations of seismic crews for several years, moving from Louisiana to Montana and then Colorado. During 1955 he was transferred to Houston, Texas to one of the company's central interpretative offices.

With a yearning to return to a British environment, but also keeping within his professional experience he gained employment with the Australian Commonwealth Bureau of Mineral Resources in Melbourne and once again moved his family, now wife and four children, but not a dog, across the waters. Here he was employed as a Geophysicist specifically in oil exploration and lead the first Commonwealth field seismic exploration team to the Sarat, Roma area of Queensland.

Sadly, following a sudden stroke Geoff passed away in June 1960, aged 46. He is survived by his wife, now 89, four children, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.'

*(Anyone wishing to contact Anthony Morton can use email: [apmorton@bigpond.net.au](mailto:apmorton@bigpond.net.au))*

It was purely a coincidence that a cup donated by **CHRIS BEADEL (1947-1951)**, a former pupil of the school, was chosen for this issue and only recently we have heard from Chris himself. He in fact lives next door to **MIKE MEHTA**, one of our younger members, in Hindhead and with a little persuasion he has given us some details of his career after leaving the school.

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Leaving the school in 1951 he chose Local Government for a career in finance and initially joined Guildford Borough Council's Treasurer's Department. Like many of us he had to do National Service and from 1952-1954 he entered the RASC for two years before returning to work at Guildford Borough Council.

In Local Government, in order to progress, one needs to obtain a professional qualification together with experience in different types of Local Authority. Chris, therefore, obtained his Local Government Chartered Accountants' Qualification AIMTA and Rating and Valuation ARVA and became a member of the Institute of Management. He spent several years moving to four different Local Authorities finally working twenty two years for Waverley Borough Council.

He says that 'for his sins' he enjoyed playing football for the Old Boys and remembers in one game being upended by his captain, John Aylwin, only for the referee to award a free kick to the opponents. In those days the team always 'got hammered' in every game played, but at the end of the season the team always won an award for being good sportsmen. At the same time Chris enjoyed playing tennis and was Treasurer of the Brightwells' Tennis Club for seven years.

In 1963 he married the sister of **DAVID GUDGEON**, another Old Boy, and they lived at Heath End two doors away from **TONY HARLAND**. Both Chris and his wife worked in Local Government until retirement. They have a daughter who teaches musical theatre and drama in London. For the last thirty six years the family has been settled in Hindhead and now attempt to play bowls and golf. Chris says that his other job is feeding the chickens of the Mehta home when they are away on holiday.

Upon retirement in 1994 Chris and his wife did some voluntary work for 'Meals on Wheels' but had to give this up when he had open-heart surgery. He still audits the accounts for the local Women's Institute!

We are delighted that we have made contact with yet another Old Boy and look forward to hearing his current news in future magazines.

We heard at the Annual Dinner that former pupil **GEOFFREY BREHAUT (1941-1944)** had retired and now lived at St Peter Port in Guernsey. He had worked on a project in the West Country with insurance broker **MAURICE JEFFREYS (1948-1953)** some years ago and they still exchange Christmas cards and e-mails.

We keep uncovering former pupils around the country and the world and there must be many hundreds still out there with a story to tell. If any of them read this, please put pen to paper and let us all know how life is treating you in 2009.

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After several months without any deaths among the membership we heard from the son-in-law of **VICTOR RUMBLE (1925-1933)**, advising of the passing of this very Old Boy at the age of 94 years. Vic travelled to the school from his home at Frimley Green and joined Harding House. From the start he fully entered into the life of the school and in 1926 earned his first Form Prize for good work. He took part regularly in what was known as the 'Camberley Tug of War' team, who challenged the Rest of the school each Sports Day. In 1928 he became a lance-corporal in the CCF.

He was clearly a good boxer and was runner up at his weight in 1930, 1931 and 1932. He was given a Senior Prize Chemistry in 1929 and in the same year became a Prefect. In 1930 he was elected to the Games' Committee and the Debating Society Committee. In 1932 he was the top shot for Harding in the inter-House rifle shooting and later that year was elected School Captain. In 1933 he gained his Higher School Certificate (London University) in Science and Maths (with exemption from Inter Science).

For many years after leaving the school Vic would keep in contact and his career before and during the war is documented in old magazines. In the early 1940s he worked in a job directly connected with RAF development and served in the Home Guard. The birth of his daughter caused him to announce "We are now blessed with a baby daughter; nearly five months old, a great treasure....my only regret is that she cannot attend the old School!"

Following our first death of the year we heard in mid June that **GORDON P. HEWES (1938-1945)** had died. He was one of the three well known brothers who attended the school in the 1940s and 1950s and he lived in Llandiello in South Wales. Geoff joined Childe House and in the early days showed that he was to become an excellent athlete. In 1939 he won the Junior Cross Country in record time and came third in the same event in 1941. He converted to the track and in the 1943 Sports Day he helped Childe with wins in the House team 880 yards relay, 440 yards relay, Long Jump and High Jump. That year he represented the school at Imber Court in the Surrey Secondary Schools' Championships in the Long Jump.

In 1944 he continued to run and jump well on Sports Day and he was now also in the Childe Rifle Shooting team. In his final year he excelled at the athletics and came first in the 4x110 Relay, Hurdles Relay, Medley Relay, and High Jump and third in the Long Jump and the 880 yards.

After Gordon left the school he worked for some time on two local farms before going to Merrist Wood College outside Guildford for a Diploma in Agriculture. He then served for eighteen months National Service in the Life Guards and was stationed mostly in London and Windsor. In fact he did not join the army cadet force at the school preferring to be a member of the Air Training Corps.

He then went to New Zealand to work as a Herd Testing Officer and spent two years on North Island. There he met and married his wife June and they returned to the UK in 1953.

He then signed on with The Crown Agents for a tour of Nigeria as a District Agricultural Officer and worked mainly in the Northern Province. He completed several tours leading up

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to independence and one year after and in all spent ten years in Nigeria. He returned to the UK and took a job with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in Carmarthen, Wales until his retirement.

Gordon and June made their home in Bethlehem, near Llandiello and it was here that their daughter Sally was born. Gordon became a well known member of the local community and was an official of the local fishing association, the local darts club, and the local prep. School and a Parish Councillor.

July brought news of the death of **JOHN E. LUNN (1942-1947)** after a battle with cancer. John was a member of Morley House and during his time at the school was not heavily involved with sports, other than an annual run in the Cross Country. He became a Lance Corporal in the CCF, although on leaving school began a career with the Royal Air Force. After a long spell in the forces he settled in East Anglia and worked in the Civil Service ending his career in the local Job Centre. In retirement he enjoyed gardening and became involved in local charity work. His brother Geoff, who did not attend the Grammar School, still lives in The Sands, outside Farnham.

Autumn arrived in 2008 and with it news of more deaths. The first on 13th September was the tragic death of **IAN G. BOLT (1948-1955)**, who was drowned while on holiday in Corsica. He was in contact with many Old Boys at home and abroad and will be sadly missed. The Bolt family lived in the Bourne area of Farnham and several of Ian's friends and class mates recall visiting them to play tennis on the family grass court. The home was sold and became the Eldon Hotel for many years and is now part of a housing estate. Ian lived in Kent and worked alone in the stocks and shares market. His wife died in recent years and a recent magazine told of his trip to Canada to spend time with his old pal Brian Wyatt. Ian's brother, Tony, also attended the school and his widow, Stella Bolt, is the long term secretary of the Old Girls' Association.

On the 21st September we heard of the death of a very popular former pupil and master in **PETER LARBY**. Peter was a boy at the school from 1938 until 1945 and returned as a master from 1956 until 1973. His profile was given in the 2001 magazine and he will be well remembered as one of the finest sportsmen produced by the school. He excelled in both soccer and cricket and was also a first class hurdler. Peter lived in the Bourne area and his funeral took place at St Thomas the Bourne on 2nd October. Another sad loss!

On the last weekend of September we heard of the death of **TONY HARLAND (1943-1951)**, our long term Membership Secretary and popular member of the Old Boys. Tony had been into hospital during the summer for the removal of blood clots on the lungs and appeared to be making a good recovery. However he picked up an infection and was taken back to Frimley, where he passed away after a few days.

Tony Harland was known for being one of the finest goalkeepers to play for the school and he was a great follower of soccer throughout his life. From early days watching Aldershot FC he travelled across the south of England to see many teams play. He also loved cricket and



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supported Hampshire for many years, as well as playing locally well past the age of 70 years. Tony supported the Association and took care of the membership lists and the payment of subscriptions for many years. His banking background made sure that the paperwork was meticulous and he will be difficult to replace.

Tony was a gentle and inoffensive person and all of us will miss his relaxed manner and his well used pipe. After his funeral service, guests gathered at the Recreation Ground, the home of Aldershot FC, for a reception.

(The tribute to Tony, printed in the Farnham Herald, is re-produced in this edition)

Early November 2008 we heard of the death of **GEORGE HOPKINS (1926-1931)**. George was in his 90s and a well known Old Boy, although he actually died in Torquay. He was born on 7th March 1915 in Upper Church Lane, Farnham. His father was a Master Hairdresser in Downing Street. George went to the Convent School at the bottom of Downing Street, and passed on to the Stroud School in Station Hill, and then to the Grammar School in 1926.

He entered Harding House and was an excellent sportsman, excelling in boxing and winning his weight in 1927 and 1931. He won the High Jump at the School Sports in 1929.

On leaving the school he joined the Merchant Navy as an Apprentice Deck Officer, and at the age of eighteen joined the Royal Navy. He served in S.E.A.C. during the Second World War. During his service he boxed for the Royal Navy. Upon leaving the service after thirteen years he joined his father in the hairdressing business. He studied his selected profession in London, first at the Academy of Hairdressers, and latterly at the Polytechnic where he qualified as a member of the Institute of Trichologists. There were fewer than 200 of these in the country who were qualified to deal with problems of the scalp and hair and he practised in Farnham well into his 90s.

George has a daughter and a granddaughter. Another of his interests was yoga and he founded the Farnham Yoga Society in 1962 and taught this art for some time. He was a freemason and entered the Old Farnhamians' Lodge in November 1954. He became Worshipful Master in 1972 and was promoted further before becoming an Honorary Member in 2003. Old friends paid a tribute to George at a reception held at the Farnham Conservative Club the week following his funeral.

On 2nd December news from South Africa arrived saying that **BARRY GAMBLÉN (1947-1952)** had died after a long illness. Barry was a member of Childe House and was a member of the House rifle shooting team. On leaving school he took an apprenticeship at Vickers and became a hydraulics' engineer. He was one of the Farnham younger set who began The Hedgehogs, now the major fund raisers in the town.

Barry decided to move to South Africa in 1974 and worked for several large companies over the years. In 2005 he suffered a stroke and entered a special home, which could take care of him 24 hours a day. Although a post mortem was not arranged it is believed that he probably suffered another stroke. Barry leaves a widow and one daughter living in South Africa, with his other daughter living in England.



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## TONY HARLAND - WAVERLEY CRICKETER FOR 55 YEARS

**(Reproduced from the Farnham Herald - 10th October 2008)**

Tony Harland, who died peacefully at Frimley Park Hospital on September 28th just after his 76 birthday, was a self-confessed sports' addict, his chief passion being cricket. He was also one of the kindest, most approachable people you could meet, as hundreds of his customers could testify when they met Tony in his capacity as a loans' and overdrafts' officer with the NatWest. He worked for the bank for more than 40 years and found he could fit his career nicely around his love for cricket - either playing it or watching it - and also following the fortunes of Aldershot (now Town) Football Club.

He was introduced to Waverley Cricket Club, a nomadic team, by school friend Roy Harrington the year he left school and was still playing the odd game in 2007, when he was 75. During the 2006 season, Tony - always with a head for statistics - calculated that he had played 1,500 innings for the club. He was still club secretary/treasurer when he died and had done more than anyone to keep the club going through good times and bad.

The explosion of league cricket in the 1970s and 1980s inevitably meant that Waverley's fixture list was weakened, but Tony worked hard to make new contacts and the club continued to play attractive friendly fixtures, especially on Sundays. He was, in fact, 'Mr. Waverley' to many opposing teams. To his team-mates he was 'The Guvnor'. He took particular pride in Waverley's tradition of never scratching a game, even if they had a depleted side.

He was delighted when his son, John - at a very early age - followed him into the Waverley side. John, a fine batsman, went on to play league cricket for Frensham and Rowledge. Tony's Waverley playing career extended from 1952 to 2007 and both Harlands played in his last game at Odiham just a year ago (Waverley won). The club website reveals that Tony played 1,514 innings, with 274 not outs and 13,048 runs (av. 10.52). He scored 11 fifties, with a highest score of 70 not out. As a slow bowler, he took 990 wickets (av. 17.69), took five wickets in a match 23 times, with a best of 8 for 33. For good measure, he held 364 catches and made six stumpings.

Tony Harland was born in York Road, Aldershot in 1932 and went to West End School in the town. In 1943 he started at the Farnham Grammar School and it was there that he took up sport in a big way. A goalkeeper, he eventually became vice-captain of the football XI and was skipper of the cricket team. After National Service with the RAF, he lived at Cranmore Lane and then the Harland family moved to Monkton Lane in Farnham. As a youngster, he dreamed one day being the Aldershot keeper, until a knee injury forced him to lower his sights to playing for Old Farnhamians FC in the Surrey Intermediate League. The Old Farnhamians' goal was often under siege and Tony did not mind telling a story against himself - like the day he let in 19 goals and one Mick Mitchell scored 16 of them.

He was a keen supporter of the Shots and was still watching games until late last season. He was a familiar figure at the Rec. Especially around the changing-room area because another hobby of his was autograph-hunting. Anyone with a football connection, not necessarily well known, would be requested - politely of course - to extend his collection. In this way,

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he picked up the autographs of players such as David Beckham and David Seaman before their careers had taken off. Other prize exhibits include Malcolm Marshall, Gordon Greenidge, Geoff Boycott, George Best and Evander Holyfield (Tony waited to pounce after the BBC Sports Personality of the Year Awards).

If not playing cricket, he was watching it at grounds all over England and Wales - Scotland was just a bit too far. He was a Hampshire member for 25 years, but would happily travel to watch Sussex, Kent, Berkshire and Oxford University games as well. The Sky Sports channels were always well used at his home in Hale, where he lived for many years. He was often to be seen at midweek cup matches in the area, puffing contentedly on his pipe, always ready for a chat. He was also a qualified umpire, having passed his exams with marks of 97% and 93%.

After leaving school, Tony Harland became a keen member of the Old Farnhamians and was membership secretary of this Old Boys' organisation at the time of his death. He had an interest in steam trains, while his aforementioned hobby has left his family with a vast collection of autograph books and sports memorabilia, including a George Best montage and four Aldershot montages.

Tony Harland leaves his wife, Christine, and an extended family, including daughter Kate and son John from his first marriage to Mena who died in 1984. The funeral took place this week and was followed by a celebration of his life at Aldershot Town FC.

"His cricket bat will be with him on his journey to heaven - let's hope they are ready for him!" said Christine Harland.

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## FARNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL HOME OF MEMORABILIA

The Farnhamian 400 Trust is trying to collect as much memorabilia of the old school as possible, with a view to having regular exhibitions at the Museum of Farnham and making sure as much information is available at the Surrey History Centre in Woking.

We currently have the following for example:

1. A copy of every Farnhamian magazine from 1912 to 1973, except for two printed during the First World War.
2. A copy of every menu at the Annual Dinners since 1925, except one.
3. A handwritten copy of many of the speeches given by F.A.Morgan at Speech Days.

We are looking for further copies of the printed Speech Day programmes, any medals for sporting or academic achievement, a school cap in good condition and any photographs other than the annual school photo.

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As this magazine went to press we heard of the death of **RAY KIRK (1932-1937)**. A full obituary of this well loved Old Boy will be included in the 2010 edition of the Farnhamian.

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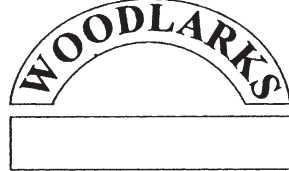
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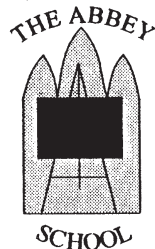
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