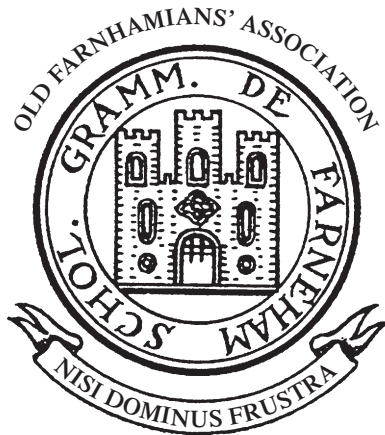


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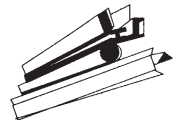


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It is unfortunate that this magazine has to begin with an admission by the editor of one or two errors in the 2015 edition. Firstly, the obituary for Jim Bodkin contained several errors, starting with the wrong assumption that Jim Bodkin and Bill Bodkin were brothers. They were cousins. The details regarding academic and sporting activity at School relate to Bill Bodkin and not to Jim Bodkin and apart from the fact that they were both in School House the remainder is incorrect. The details from the Farnham Herald are correct. Apologies have been sent to the Bodkin family, and the error has been highlighted on the Association website for the past year.

Secondly, is the article about school captains, which assumed that each year a new captain was elected. In fact some school captains held the position for more than one year while others held the position for only a term. More research shows that the names listed did not include the following pupils.

**D.W.CHITTY (Summer Term 1945): G.P.B.WEBBERLEY (Second Half of 1948): JEREMY EVANS** also advises that he was School Captain for the Second Half of 1973.

2015 saw a very successful President's Lunch, Southampton Lunch and College Awards Evening, but the main event was the Spring Party in May where the Old Boys and Old Girls came together for a lunch time event at the former Menin Way home of the Old Girls. This time almost 150 former pupils of the grammar schools were attracted and a superb buffet was served, followed by an excellent cabaret by In Accord Ladies Choir and a great deal of catching up chatter by those present. Combined events like this is surely the future.

In September the Association combined with Farnham College to present a lecture to celebrate the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. The speaker was Dr Sophie Ambler, who was an expert on the subject of Magna Carta, and gave an excellent talk to well over 100 people in the College Performance Hall. The proceeds of £1000 from the event were given to the Nepal Earthquake Appeal in a special presentation ceremony early in October. Both the College and the Association feel that there should be more events organised by the two organisations combining.

Finally, the editor is now reaching a ripe old age and this is the 23rd magazine that he has produced. Plans are afoot to continue with either the magazine, as we know it, or perhaps a different version in the future. Readers can rest assured that news of the old school will continue for a few more years.

## ANOTHER MAGAZINE TO READ

*While the 'Farnhamian' is the main magazine for the Association there is no reason why another version should not be produced by members from the same year and class. Two Old Boys have pioneered such an electronic magazine entitled "Blunderbuss" and it makes worthwhile reading for all members. MIKE MEHTA is one of the founders and has written the following article to explain the purpose and development of the magazine.*

"The website is aimed at, but not exclusive to, the students and staff who attended Farnham Grammar School, Farnham Girls' Grammar School and Farnham College, between the years 1971 and 1978. This was a period of change and transition. 1973 marked the merger of the two Schools at the Morley Road campus and the intake of 1972 was the last of the cohort groups to join the Grammar Schools. The Sixth Form College that we know today, operating from the Grammar School site, began life in the 1970's.

The *Blunderbuss* website is jointly edited by John Clarke and me (1971-1978) and by coincidence, or otherwise, we were also involved in the original production of the paper copy of *Blunderbuss*, with the first issue rolling off the Roneo duplicating machine in 1977.

The web version of *Blunderbuss* which came into being some seven or eight years ago, has expanded considerably. It was originally thought that it would be populated with occasional news items and an events' calendar, so that students and staff from that period could stay in touch and have an opportunity to attend social occasions.

We now have a website which holds a considerable volume of archive material, which will be of interest to those from the 1970s, as well as those from older cohort groups. For example, John has arranged large numbers of pictures taken of the "400 Fete" in 1978, to be shown in slide format. A similar format displays the "2000 Millennium Re-Union", which features many former staff.

The Schools and College were noted for the quality of their drama productions and the website includes copies of the original programmes, newspaper reports and photographs of the cast. There is a sports section and obituaries.

There is also the very popular "Where are the now" feature, with condensed autobiographies, which make for fascinating reading and demonstrates the range of talent and expertise which the Schools produced. Notable alumni from the decade include James Mates ITN news correspondent, Jeremy Hardy – stand-up comedian, world record attempts by David Bathurst, musical star Michael Ball and several old boys and girls who have had factual books and novels published.

The link for all of this and more is: [www.blunderbuss.org.uk](http://www.blunderbuss.org.uk)

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## ANNUAL LUNCH OF THE OLD FARNHAMIAN'S' ASSOCIATION-2015

On the day that the Rugby Triple Crown was decided, over eighty ex-pupils of the former Farnham Grammar School gathered at the Legacy Hotel on the Hog's Back for their 83rd annual lunch. The school closed in 1973 and the room was full of grey hair and walking sticks as time marched on.

The President opened the proceedings by asking members to stand as he read out a list of those Old Boys who had died in the previous year. The number was well into double figures.

The excellent meal arranged by Roger Edgell, the organiser of the event, was followed by a series of first class speeches. The first was from special guest, Mike Potter, the current Principal of Guildford and Farnham College, who explained that as an ex-grammar school boy he applauded the longevity of the Association and was grateful for the first class co-operation between the old school and the college. He was presented with an Old Boys' tie and cufflinks and made an honorary member of the Association.

The toast to the School was given by Bob Golding, who had a career in Air Traffic Control, who soon had the hall laughing with his recollections of his days at the School playing football. He recalled many of the masters who helped shape his life and his nostalgia was full of humorous asides. It was an excellent speech to begin with.

Following on was Jim Peace offering the toast to the Association, who said that after an undistinguished career in Banking and the Civil Service he became a successful freelance journalist. He applauded the work of the Association and wished it a long future.

Ian Sargeant, current President of the Old Boys, said that he felt that those sitting at the tables had been lucky to go to school when the education system in this country enabled working class boys to have the opportunity of getting the very best teaching from grammar schools. He thanked the officers of the Association for their support and hard work in keeping the organisation moving forward.

The traditional Loving Cup was passed around the room with the President asking those to stand as he called out the years. This time the oldest former pupil present began school before 1940 and the youngest began in 1973.

This was followed by some hearty singing of the old School Song and the National Anthem. This is always a successful afternoon and enjoyed by Old Boys who went to the school in Morley Road. The 2015 event was one of the most successful to date!

## 2015 ANNUAL LUNCH

*ATTENDING:* G.Andrews: T.Andrews: H.Batchelor: C.Beal: R.Bennett: B.Bone: D. Bowtell: R.Bowtell: D.Buckell: D.Coakes: J.Cooke: P.Cranswick: J.Crotty: D.Cutler: M. Dawson: D.Edgell: R.Edgell: K.Elkins: D.Elsmore: J.Fisher: P.Ford: R.Frampton: A.Gatfield: R.Golding: B.Hall: M.Hall: R.Hewes: J.Hibberd: T.Homewood: G.Honey: G.Hooker: M. Horner: D.Hughes: Rev.J.Innes: M.Jeffreys: R.Kite: D.Lampard: G.LeVey: S.Linney: R. Lord: R.Luckhurst: W.Luff: A.Matthews: J.Matthews: E.Mayne: D.MacManamon: K. Mentzel: K.Mortimer: P.Mylles: C.Nash: J.Neave: J.Peace: J.Pesterfield: D.Phillips: R. Phillips: B.Philpott: D.Poleglaze: D.Pollard: M.Potter: P.Read: F.Sansom: I.Sargeant: J. Sherwood: R.Shipton: C.Slyfield: P.Steadman: R.Stenning: M.Sturt: J.Terrill: J.Travers: H. Torode: C.Trust: H.Upfold: M.Watts: W.Walsh: R.Welland-Jones: B.Williams: T.Withall: M.Wingent: N.Wood: R.Wood.



Jim Peace: Hugh Batchelor: Ian Sargeant: Bob Golding: Mike Potter: Rev. John Innes.

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## OLD BOYS AND OLD GIRLS ENJOY A COMBINED SPRING PARTY – MAY 2015

In 1973, Tony Crosland, the then Minister for Education, decided to close as many grammar schools as possible across the country. Overnight, the town of Farnham lost two of the finest schools in the South of England, with the Farnham Grammar School for Boys and Farnham Grammar School for Girls both ceasing to exist.

Almost immediately Old Boys' and Old Girls' Associations began to flourish and over the years both have enjoyed regular events and reunions where former classmates have been able to meet again. Life-long friendships have evolved and several former pupils from the two schools have married, although pre-1973 Mr Morgan and Miss Inman, the heads of the schools, frowned on pupils forming any sort of relationship.

Forty-two years on, and both Associations are experiencing a decline in membership as time takes its toll, and it makes sense for these organisations to hold combined events. With this in mind a Spring Party was arranged, and on a May afternoon over 150 former Grammar School pupils and staff took over the main hall at South Farnham Junior School (the former home of the Farnham Girls' Grammar School) for a few hours of nostalgia.

The guests came from across the country to enjoy the afternoon, which began with a welcome from Patricia Atkinson, the current chairman for the Old Girls. One of the current staff was on hand to take groups around their old school to see the many changes over the years. This was followed by an excellent buffet lunch, mainly laid on by the Old Girls under the leadership of Secretary, Gill Picken. As coffee and tea were served the guests were very surprised when a number of the helpers burst into song and revealed that they were that well-known ladies' choir, In Accord.

A programme of songs followed and the audience enjoyed "Fever" and "Fields of Gold" in particular. Also included was a special version of "My Favourite Things" from the "Sound of Music" with new words aimed at the elderly and entitled "Botox and Nose-Drops". Sue Lampard, the leader of the choir, came among the audience and invited them to try a cappella singing. The final result was amazing as the 150 voices filled the hall with harmony.

After a very successful raffle it was time for more chat among the tables and the hall buzzed as old friends met again and updated their lives to others.

The afternoon was brought to a close by the chairman of the Farnhamian 400 Trust, Cyril Trust, who thanked the helpers, the wonderful choir and the guests for attending. He hoped that the Association would work together again in the future and asked the guests to spread the word that an event such as this was well worth attending.



Above is the event committee and below the 1948 pupils table





2015 OLD BOYS-OLD GIRLS SPRING PARTY  
AS SEEN BY CARTOONIST TREVOR



Among the guests at the Combined Old Boys and Old Girls Spring Party sat Trevor Andrews, who for many years has produced excellent cartoons for the local press and for the Old Farnhamians' magazine.

These two new cartoons add something to this issue and the theme probably possesses some truth. Over the years male and female pupils from the Grammar Schools formed short and long relationships, with several ending in marriage.

2015 OLD BOYS-OLD GIRLS SPRING PARTY  
AS SEEN BY CARTOONIST TREVOR



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## MAGNA CARTA LECTURE A GREAT SUCCESS!

On the afternoon of Sunday 20th September the Old Farnhamians' Association combined with Farnham College to present the lecture entitled "The Magna Carta Project – Uncovering the Charter and its World". The performance Hall at the college welcomed well over one hundred people to listen to Dr Sophie Ambler from the School of History – University of East Anglia covering the early days of the charter and some new developments from a small group of top historians in this country.

The afternoon began with a welcome to the speaker and the audience by Mike Potter, Group Principal, who explained that this was the first combined event by the college and the Old Boys (former pupils of the Farnham Grammar School).

The speaker began by saying that King John has been described as a cruel and evil king in the thirteenth century, but in fact he was far worse than his reputation. He subjected the people of this country to harsh treatment and bled them dry via taxation to fund his army and his desire to retain control over France. He did win one battle initially, but afterwards lost them and finally lost the control of France. Findings show that his treatment of enemy prisoners and people who plotted against him were often locked away and starved to death.

Eventually the barons of the realm could not accept this treatment and teamed up to force the king to agree and sign a new set of laws for all, including royalty. This was the first sign of Magna Carta and John was forced to sign it at Runnymede in 1215. The charter was amended a number of times after that occasion until a final version emerged when Simon de Montfort led the barons. Battles between sympathizers of the king and the barons were waged across southern England and Farnham Castle, Shere Church, Guildford and Odiham were incorporated into the talk. Much of this information was new to the listeners.

There were originally 14 copies of the charter, but only four are known to survive today. One was recently found in a scrapbook held by a man from Kent. Are there any more?

Dr Sophie Ambler is an excellent speaker and clearly very knowledgeable about her subject. This was a lecture of the highest order.

Ian Sargeant, President of the Old Farnhamians, closed the afternoon by thanking the speaker for such an excellent talk. He also thanked several people, including the college student council, for all their help in organising the event.

Several former pupils in the audience were then taken on a tour of the college so that they can compare it with the grammar school pre 1973.

The ticket sales were added to by some generous donations and it is hoped that the college will be able to present to the Nepal Earthquake Appeal a cheque for £1000.

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**MAGNA CARTA LECTURE A GREAT SUCCESS!**


Mike Potter (Group Principal): Jason Jones (Farnham College Director): Stephen Pritchard:  
Pat Frost (Farnham Town Mayor): Cyril Trust: Dr. Sophie Ambler (Speaker): Roger Edgell:  
Brian Williams: Ian Sargeant (Old Farnhamians' President).

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**OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AT THE END OF 2015**

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FARNHAMIAN 400 TRUST: Brian Williams: Stephen Pritchard (Treasurer): Tony Gatfield (Secretary): Roger Edgell: Bill Luff: Cyril Trust (Chairman): Bryan Bone: Mike Horner: John Crotty: Hugh Batchelor.

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

## THE COLLEGE AND THE OLD BOYS PRESENT A CHEQUE FOR NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

The combined effort of Farnham College and the Old Farnhamians' Association presented a lecture in September 2015 to celebrate Magna Carta, and as shown elsewhere in this issue the event was a great success. The speaker was Dr Sophie Ambler, from the School of History at the University of East Anglia and those people lucky enough to attend found the talk given by an expert on the subject.

The event was also held to help those affected by the Nepal earthquake disaster in the summer and the total proceeds of £1000 were to be given to the Barpak Foundation. This organisation was set up in 2014 to support two orphan children from the village of Barpak, but has now become heavily involved in the rescue and relief effort when Barpak was hit badly by the earthquake and being at the epi-centre 99% of buildings were destroyed.

Mandhoj Gale, the Media Secretary for the Barpak Foundation was invited to Farnham College to receive the cheque from Jason Jones, the College Director. He thanked the College and the Old Boys for this much needed money and explained that his village of Barpak is still subject to earth tremors and it will take many years and a great deal of money to rebuild.



Jason Jones (College Director): Cyril Trust (OFA): Ian Sargeant (OFA President):  
Mandhoj Gale (Media Secretary for the Barpak Foundation).



## 2015 SOUTHAMPTON LUNCH

The question is, “Why do former pupils of a fine old Surrey Grammar School arrange an annual lunch in the New Forest in the neighbouring county of Hampshire?” Although the former Grammar School for Boys was regarded as one of the best in Surrey, the catchment area included parts of Hampshire. Many pupils also continued with their higher education in places such as Winchester, Portsmouth and Southampton. In 1961 four Old Boys, who lived and worked in Southampton, decided to meet at the Dolphin Hotel and it was so enjoyable that they agreed to repeat it the following year and ask ex-pupils and staff to join them. Over the years the event grew and the venue moved to a hotel in the New Forest where there were soon over thirty Old Boys and staff attending every year. The Southampton Lunch peaked when it celebrated its 50th anniversary with almost fifty Old Boys in attendance.

In October 2015, the event again attracted almost thirty members, and as well as the usual contingent from Farnham they travelled from Somerset, Hampshire, Susses, Surrey, Devon and Dorset Once again this was an informal affair, with no speeches and a few hours of nostalgia with former classmates. The repeat event will be on 5th October 2016 at the same venue of the Woodlands Lodge Hotel.



Maurice Jeffreys: Cyril Trust: Neville Timmins: Bryan Bone: Hugh Batchelor:  
Brian Webberley: Brian Daniels.

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## 2015 SOUTHAMPTON LUNCH

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## 2015 FARNHAM LECTURE

In keeping with the high profile speakers over the previous twenty-six lectures since 1988, The Farnhamian 400 Trust, part of the Old Farnhamians' Association, presented a talk given by Sir Andrew Carter, Head-teacher of the highly successful South Farnham Junior School. The subject was "Education in the UK today – a personal view" and Sir Andrew was a first class choice to give this lecture.

The background of the speaker is a story of success and his involvement in local education and national education gives him unparalleled experience to speak on the subject. He reminded the audience that the past fifty years has seen great changes since they attended school. South Farnham School was grammar school, a primary school, a junior school, and now an academy. He began by showing the number of schools in Farnham and the number of pupils currently and said that this resulted in some £40 million in costs. He then talked about the current structure of education in the United Kingdom and likened it to one of the country's largest businesses in monetary terms. It was a huge employer!

Currently schools had more freedom and his school began the South Farnham Trust, which oversees two local schools and has many other schools across the country under their control. Some are failing schools seeking better leadership and others wish to attach themselves to a successful group and move ahead.

Sir Andrew explained the "free schools", the current situation regarding grammar schools, and the non-participation of "church schools". He feels that the system is moving in the right direction, but the country is well down in the world list of schools and much work needs to be done to bring our children to a higher level of excellence.

He is proud that South Farnham has been appointed a National Teaching School and over the years many aspiring teachers have been trained at the school, including almost forty head-teachers and over thirty deputy head- teachers.

This was a wide ranging lecture, given by a truly modern educationalist and clear for the audience to see why he was given a CBE and more recently knighted.

Cyril Trust, Chairman of the Farnhamian 400 Trust, closed the lecture after a lengthy question time and suggested that it will be difficult to find a speaker for the 2016 Farnham Lecture who can offer such a compelling talk.

## HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED!

A few years after the opening of the Grammar School in Morley Road in 1906 a revised issue of the School Prospectus was printed and it makes interesting reading almost 100 years later.

**SITUATION:** Farnham is situated in one of the prettiest parts of Surrey; the country round is well-wooded, the soil gravel, the climate bracing. The new school buildings are about three minutes walk from the Station, which is a little over one hour from Waterloo on the L.S.W.R.

The School proper contains on the ground floor a large Cloakroom and Changing-Room, a Dining Hall for 90 boys, a large Laboratory and an Art Room. On the first floor is the big School-Room, beautifully panelled in oak, and five class-rooms, each capable of accommodating 25 boys. The class-rooms are all lofty, well-lighted and ventilated, and every room is heated by hot water. The School has been newly furnished throughout, and the whole of the equipment is of the most modern character.

Alongside the School is the Carpenter's Shop and Workshop for boys, and a large barn fitted up as a Bicycle House.

**OBJECTS OF THE SCHOOL:** The main object of the School is to train boys to be worthy Christian citizens.

The great majority of the boys go into business or commercial life, while some few go every year into the professions, or to the universities. All the arrangements of the School are made to meet these ends. The subjects of instruction set out below are not merely taught. But the greatest attention is paid to neatness, accuracy, method of work, mental alertness and use of leisure. While the Headmaster and his colleagues seek to co-operate most earnestly with the parents in developing and fostering those sound principles of duty, obedience and uprightness, which are the basis of life.

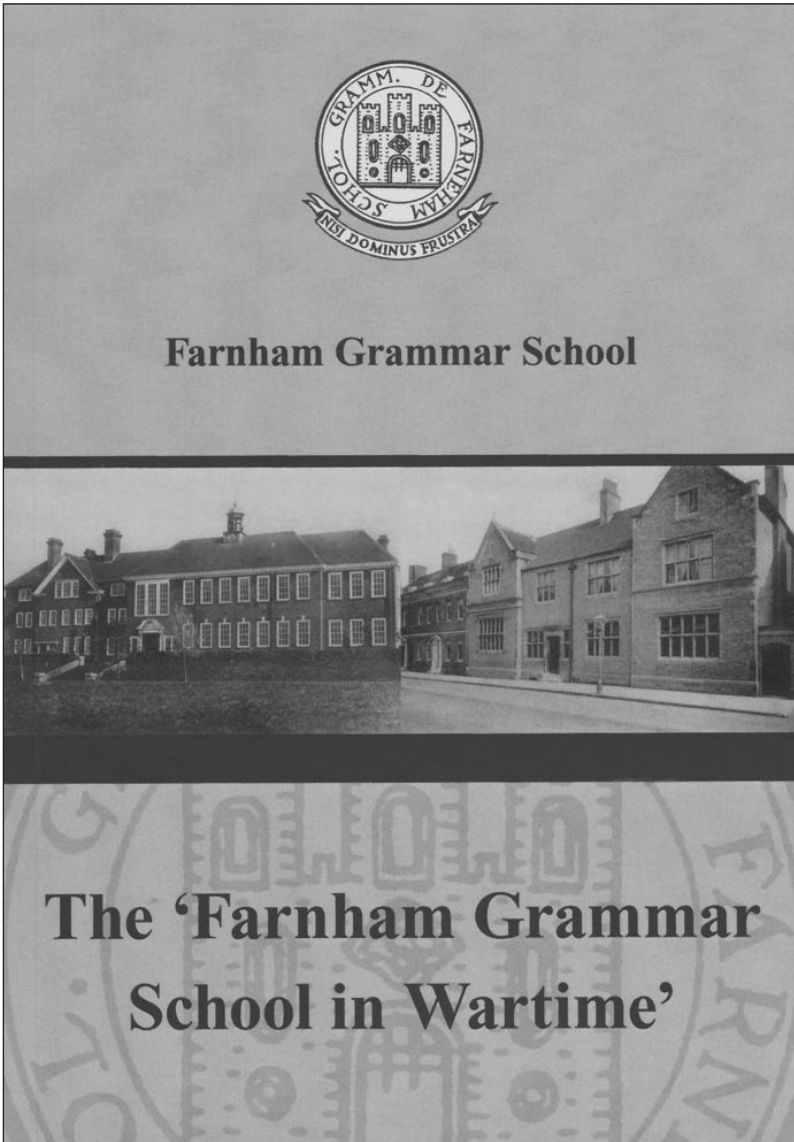
Many of the subjects of instruction may have only an indirect value for some of the boys, but that indirect value is a very great one. For some of the boys who shall be called to leading positions in their towns, the value of some culture, of something more than so-called useful knowledge is recognized by everybody.

For those who proceed to universities the qualifications of the staff of masters is sufficient guarantee that the boys will be well-grounded and well-prepared.

**HOMEWORK:** This should occupy the boys in the Lower School from 1/1/2 to 2 hours, and the boys in the Upper School from 2 to 3 hours at the most. But on one or two evenings of the week there is very little homework, and on Saturday evenings there should not be more than one lesson to prepare. It is very desirable that boys should have some evenings almost entirely free from lessons, both that they may have leisure and that they may learn to use it.



ANOTHER NEW BOOK FOR THE COLLECTION



*This new book by Cyril Trust & Jenny Harvey is the second in a series about various aspects of the history of the old School. This book was in keeping with the 2014 celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the Great War. The cost is £5.50 and can be purchased from Cyril Trust.*

## FELLOWSHIP OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY

In November 2014 we were approached by the Royal Society of Chemistry for any information regarding an Old Boy of the Farnham Grammar School who had been awarded a fellowship to the Society. The person was **CHARLES REES CBE (1939-1944)** and the secretary of the OFA and the editor of the magazine supplied what details were available from the memorabilia.

A thank you e-mail from the Society added that from their records three other former pupils of the School had been awarded fellowships, being **SIR ERIC KEIGHTLEY RIDEAL MBE, JAMES KENDALL (1901-1907)** and **ERNEST A.R. BRAUDE (1934-1939)**. On researching these four men it was obvious that they were scientists of note, and the editor felt it would be of interest to produce an article about them.

**SIR ERIC KEIGHTLEY RIDEAL MBE** was born in Sydenham, South London in 1890 and his father was a chemist, Samuel Rideal, whose work on water purification and disinfection included the Rideal-Walker Test. Eric was educated at Farnham Grammar School before moving on to Oundle School, Northants. In 1907 he won a scholarship in Natural Sciences to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, graduated in 1910 and continued his studies in Germany, obtaining his PhD in Chemistry in 1912 at the University of Bonn.

In World War One he returned from working on water supplies in Ecuador to join the Army and served on the Somme in 1916. He was invalided home with dysentery and spent the rest of the war researching in catalysis at University College, London. He was awarded his MBE for his war work.

Following the war he spent a year as a professor at the University of Illinois and then returned home to take a position at Cambridge University. He remained at Cambridge for the next 26 years, becoming Professor of Colloid Science in 1930, the same year he was made a Fellow of the Royal Society. During this time he founded the Colloid Science Laboratory, which became a world centre for surface science and was used in World War Two. Following the war he became Fullerian Professor of Chemistry at the Royal Institution in London and from 1950 until retirement in 1955 he was senior research fellow at Imperial College. It is estimated that over the years he authored or co-authored nearly 300 papers and a dozen books.

Rideal was knighted in 1951 for his service to the country during World War Two. He received Honorary Degrees from the universities of Dublin, Birmingham, Brunel, Belfast, Turin and Bonn. He was President of the Faraday Society, the Society of Chemical Industry and the Chemical Society. Eric Rideal died in London on 25th September 1974.

**JAMES KENDALL** was born in Chobham and attended the local village school until entering Farnham Grammar School in 1900. In 1907 he went to Edinburgh University graduating as a Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in 1910. In 1912, with the help

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## FELLOWSHIP OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY

of a scholarship, he left for the Nobel Institute for Physical Chemistry in Stockholm to work on electrolytes.

In 1913 he accepted the position of Professor of Chemistry at Columbia University, New York. He served in 1917 as a Lt. Commander in the United States Naval Reserve, acting as Liaison Officer with Allied Services on Chemical Warfare. He was elected to the Royal Society in 1927 and the previous year he became Professor of Chemistry at New York University. From there he made a final move back to Scotland to be Professor of Chemistry at Edinburgh University.

After many years of service to the Royal Society of Edinburgh he was appointed President from 1949-1954. He retired in 1959 and died in Edinburgh in 1978. He wrote and co-authored several books.

**ERNEST A.R. BRAUDE** was born in 1922 and educated at the Farnham Grammar School. He was then at Birbeck College, London, from 1939-1940, Imperial College, London, from 1940-1944) where he obtained a B.Sc., PhD and a DSC. He remained at Imperial College for the rest of his life, being appointed research assistant (1942), demonstrator (1945), assistant Lecturer (1946), lecturer (1947) and reader (1952). He succeeded to the chair of Organic Chemistry in 1955, author or co-author of a large number of papers. He received the Meldola Medal of the Institute of Chemistry in 1950. He died in 1956 at an early age.

**CHARLES REES CBE** was born in Egypt in 1927 and was educated at Farnham Grammar School before joining the RAE Farnborough for 3 years as a laboratory technician. He attended University College Southampton and graduated in 1950 He completed his PhD at Southampton, and then spent 2 years on research at the Australian National University, Canberra. Returning home he was appointed assistant lecturer at Birbeck College in 1955 for 2 years and then spent 8 years as a reader and lecturer at Kings' College London. He worked in the field of Heterocyclic Chemistry and in 1965 was appointed Chairman of Leicester University. In 1969 he was Professor of Organic Chemistry at Liverpool and in 1977 became Heath Harrison Professor of Organic Chemistry. A year later he was appointed Professor of Organic Chemistry at Imperial College London, where he remained until his retirement in 1993. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry in 1974 and awarded an Honorary DSc by the University of Leicester (1994), University of Sunderland (2000) and University of London (2003).

Charles Rees was elected President of the Royal Society of Chemistry from 1992-1994 and served on many boards and committees at various times.

These four men all reached the top in their scientific field and all from a start at the Farnham Grammar School. They are a tribute to the quality of teaching at the School and I am sure the readers will agree that this tribute is worthwhile.

**THEN AND NOW****GEOFF HOOKER (1948-1953)**

Geoff Hooker was born in February 1936, one of three children born in Edward Road, Farnham, on the same day. What special event was being celebrated in May 1935? He began his education at the Bourne School and moved on to the Grammar School in 1948.

While at the School I was not an academic, but my claim to fame was as an athlete. In 1948 I broke the record for the 100 yards and the following year won the Victor Ludorum for winning the 100, 220 & 440 yards races. My record for the 100 yards still stands as the event is no longer a preferred distance. The following day I suffered the ignominy of being run out at cricket. Later years found me running half and one mile events with reasonable success, not to mention Cross-country running which was quite a challenge with the final leg coming up through Paradise Woods. Phew!!

Bill Wickens used to have Gymnastic displays in the old Church House and I was chosen to demonstrate Boxing on stage. I think Bill was a bit sadistic at times setting me against a colleague well out of my class, with me receiving a black eye into the bargain. Ouch!! Shooting was quite successful and I was the School House captain at one stage. Quite an achievement with those very heavy “sleeved” 303 rifles.

I used to help at D H Morgan’s garage at Wrecclesham at weekends and in holiday times. Dave Morgan was an Old Boy of the Grammar School who built an unusual recovery vehicle on the principal of the present AA get you home service. Some people will remember the “Martin’s Veg” stall in Castle Street for which I did some design work. The vehicle was lowered to the ground when in situ and raised for towing back to base after the day’s market. A theme that Dave applied to articulated Low Loaders at a subsequent date.

Upon leaving the School I took an apprenticeship with Vickers-Armstrong at Weybridge, Brooklands, where Viscount aircraft were in construction and the “Royal Aircraft” Viking was regularly maintained and polished to perfection. I spent time on full-scale aircraft testing to “destruction”, with wings being bent beyond belief to prove their integrity. It was exciting to see the first flight of VC10 and Vanguard aircraft, a remarkable achievement out of the BROOKLANDS airfield, but quickly over to Wisley for flight testing and approval. One had the occasional opportunity for a route proving flight as part of a passenger compliment to prove the systems. Like Lagos and back in a day!!

While building my career I had met Margaret and in 1960 we married. We built our own house in Menin Way, next to the Girls’ Grammar School, which is still our home

I moved on to Aerodynamics and wind tunnel testing with the Super VC10 and Vickers 1000, a project that was aborted as so many of our great projects were at the time. I got bored

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with report writing and moved into the TSR2 project office working on Air Conditioning systems. It meant many nights at Boscombe Down witnessing systems approval tests, prior to first flight. The day came for first flight and you made sure you were there. However TSR2 was not to be – despite satisfactory testing and its capability to carry an Atomic Bomb (Cold War Period). Politics again!! The project was cancelled overnight. The termination of a project without notice leaves one without an immediate job, so I moved to an “up and coming company” in Fareham and commuted for some thirteen years. Being Chief Performance Engineer involved 24 hour testing programmes, and familiarity with TSR2 overnight work on Boscombe Down stood me in good stead. The team spirit was incredible; we built our own test facilities and acquired Ministry and Civil Aviation approval, permitting sub contract testing for competitive companies.

An unfortunate experience was the near failure of Rolls Royce Engines, just when we were at the stage of developing a revolutionary new product for the RB211 Engine. This caused a significant set-back on the company progress. The vagaries of the Aircraft Industry!! The work led to my Fire Testing components with asbestos replacement materials and my approach to an international company, Bestobell, secured me an appointment in Technical Sales, with worldwide sales involvement. A most successful career ensued with mainly European sales, but eventually achieving prime contacts with Boeing was the icing on the cake. Achieving success where the Americans struggled to succeed and applying Aerodynamics and Doorseals in particular to the latest Boeing 777 aircraft.

My latter years involved continuous involvement with the company, Embraer, in Brazil. Bestobell became Meggitt after various takeovers, and I was involved with Stab-Proof and Bullet Proof vests as sold to our Police and the Armed Forces. A particular project in which I had involvement was to use these materials to armour the “Tucano” aircraft used to monitor the drug barons in the Brazilian jungle. They were not averse to taking a “pot shot” at the overflying aircraft. In all an exciting career working at the forefront of modern technology, with what would be seen as very mundane materials. Rubbers and Fabrics used in aircraft, Oil-Rigs, Nuclear Power Stations, with a particular emphasis on Fire Prevention.

My retirement sees me involved with “Care Farnham”; “Bourne Conservation Group” and “Farnham Ramblers.” The latter has 500 members and is the best organised group in the country, with a walk every day of the week (as Secretary having just loaded 153 walks on to the Ramblers website for the months of April, May, June and July. I am a Trustee at Woodlarks Residential Home for handicapped persons; Local Probus (Arranging short break holidays for members, not to mention taking 5 or 6 holidays with my wife). In my spare time, (What spare time?) I sing with the Rushmoor Male Voice Choir, including appearances at the Albert Hall, and with the London Welsh Male Voice Choir.

## 2015 FARNHAM COLLEGE SPONSORED AWARDS

In mid – December, Farnham College presented its annual awards evening and once again the majority of sponsors were Old Boys and their families. Mike Potter, Principal for the Guildford College Group, and Jason Jones, the new Director of Farnham College, thanked the Old Boys for their support on this important event, as well as for other events at Morley Road.

The following awards were made:

<b>Wing Hon Jeffrey Chan</b>	John Aylwin Award for Design and Drawing
<b>William Bell &amp; Natalie Rees</b>	Dudley Backhurst Award for Science
<b>Olivia Walker</b>	Graham Blunt Award for Science
<b>Charlotte Stone</b>	Bryan Bone Award for English Literature
<b>Alexander Vaux</b>	David Boulter Award for Outstanding Achievement
<b>Nadia Kleinig</b>	Audrey Edington Award for Hairdressing
<b>Charlie Castillo</b>	John Edmunds Award for English
<b>Tasnia Khan</b>	Paul French Award for Maths & Science
<b>Alice Dykes &amp; Lydia Eberhardt</b>	Hans Holm Award for English & Journalism
<b>Jessica Olsen &amp; George Traisnel</b>	Don Homer Award for Drama
<b>Joshua Caesar</b>	Geoff Hooker Award for Mathematics
<b>Christopher Roberts</b>	Maurice Jeffreys Award for Business Studies
<b>Aaron Beaumont</b>	Knotts Family Award for Engineering
<b>Lily Bohling</b>	John Mew Award for English Literature
<b>Rachel Webb</b>	Tony Moore Award for Geography
<b>Caitlin Hilder</b>	Robert North award for Science
<b>Jenna Waters</b>	Peter Read Award for Drama
<b>Sophie Fennell</b>	Derek Skillin Award for Geography (Surveying)
<b>Haydn Coombes</b>	Sturt Family for Computer Aided Design
<b>Henry Hughes</b>	John Terrill Award for Mathematics

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<b>Hannah Jones</b>	John Terrill Award for Sport
<b>Michael Luke</b>	Brian Williams Award for IT
<b>Beata Pawlak</b>	Ian Bolt Award for Contribution to College Life
<b>Matthew Milnes</b>	Tony Bolt Award for Positive Attitude to Learning
<b>Abigail Mills</b>	John Crotty Award for Commitment to College Life
<b>Lily Bohling</b>	Mike Foster Award for Commitment to College Life
<b>Cameron Grant</b>	Gerald LeVey Award for Team Player
<b>Robin Mills</b>	Chris Nash Award for Outstanding Achievement
<b>Leila Mullan</b>	Roy Robins Award for Contribution to College Life
<b>Matthew Steels</b>	Roy Robins Award for Excellent Motivation
<b>Sean Knight</b>	Ian Sargeant Award for Commitment to Student Council
<b>Ellen Spackman</b>	John Travers Award for Commitment to Learning
<b>Emily Metelerkamp</b>	Cyril Trust Award for Commitment to Learning
<b>Jackney Middleton</b>	Chair of Governors Award
<b>Zi Ru Yong</b>	Davies Memorial Award
<b>Jenna Waters</b>	F.A.Morgan Prize for Drama
<b>Georgia Dear</b>	Farnham Educational Foundation Prize
<b>Matthew Steele</b>	Farnham Educational Foundation Prize
<b>Max Topliss</b>	Greycoat Hospital Award
<b>Aaron Carpenter</b>	Mens Sana Prize for Sport
<b>Miranda Owusu &amp; Jessica Fuller</b>	John Goddard Awards

The awards were followed by a motivational talk by Guest of Honour, Junior Ogunyemi, who outlined his entrepreneurial skills and the lessons that can be learned. A good subject for the students who had received awards and were going on to higher education.

Jason Jones closed the evening and thanked students, parents and the Old Farnhamians for helping to make his first Awards Evening such a great success.

## PARTNERSHIP AWARDS – 2015

The ‘feeder school’ awards evenings followed the pattern of the previous year, with Ash Manor holding their ceremony in the spring and Heath End and Weydon School keeping to their usual autumn ceremonies. The special awards at the Guildford Awards Evening took place in December.

Again the Edgell brothers represented the Farnhamians at their old school in Ash and this time the winner of the Old Farnhamians’ Award was Glen Hebbard. This year the school celebrates its 70th anniversary and it is hoped that the Association can contribute something to this important milestone.



Roger Edgell (left), Glen Hebbard (with the Old Boys Trophy), David Edgell (right)



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The Awards Evening for Weydon School was in late November and on this occasion; all of the 400 Trust committee were not available to attend. This is one of the largest Academy Schools in the area and has very good examination results. It is planning to open a Sixth Form of its own and Farnham College and Weydon School will be competitors in certain areas. They still regard the Old Farnhamians' Award very highly and in 2015 it was given to Emily Milner.

As the year drew to a close it was announced that Heath End School will be holding their Awards Evening in December 2015 and once again Tony Gatfield and Bill Luff will represent the 400 Trust. Ash Manor will be holding their next Awards Event in the following spring. This does suit many of the students as they will receive their awards while still at the school and not after leaving for university or employment.

The Heath End award for 2015 was given to Katie O'Mara who achieved the top GCSE results in the year group. The school no longer has a guest speaker and the address will be given by the Head of Year, Mrs Laura Norris, and the Headmaster, Mr Nicholas Phillips.

The final Awards Evening was at the impressive G-Live Centre in Guildford in December and covered the Guildford College Group. As well as awards to Guildford students there were special awards for Merrist Wood and Farnham College students. The two Farnham students this year were Lois King, who won the Commitment Award for Learning. Her subject was A Level Law. The second student was James Barrow, who won an Outstanding Achievement Award. His subjects were Music Technology and A Level Mathematics.

The large gathering of staff, students and relatives filled this fairly new centre in the town and Mike Potter, Principal of the Guildford Group, opened the evening and introduced special guests. These included The High Sherriff of Surrey, Group Chairman and Benedict Allen, the well known explorer and anthropologist.

Students from the Performing Arts opened and closed the evening with song and dance performances and the major part of the event consisted of the many awards to the students. Benedict Allen spoke about his life as an explorer and supported his words with film from his TV series. He likened his desire to succeed and his work ethic to life after college for the students listening. If they applied themselves accordingly then everything is possible. It was an excellent motivational talk and much appreciated by the audience.

Cyril Trust and Brian Williams represented the Association and Brian appeared on stage to present the awards to the two Farnham students.

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We begin this year's news of former pupils and masters with a poem sent from Australia by **CYRIL PAYNE (1948-1953)**. It is entitled 'A Nostalgic Poem'.

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| 1. I remember the cheese of my childhood,<br>And the bread that we cut with a knife,<br>When the children helped with the housework,<br>And the men went to work, not the wife. | 2. The cheese never needed a fridge,<br>And the bread was so crusty and hot,<br>The children were seldom unhappy,<br>And the wife was content with her lot.   |
| 3. I remember the milk from the bottle,<br>With the yummy cream on the top,<br>Our dinner came hot from the oven,<br>And not from the fridge in the shop.                       | 4. The kids were a lot more contented,<br>They didn't need money for kicks,<br>Just a game with their mates in the road<br>And sometimes the Saturday flicks. |
| 5. I remember the shop on the corner,<br>Where a pen'orth of sweets was sold,<br>Do you think I'm a bit nostalgic?<br>Or is it... I'm getting old?                              | 6. I remember the loo was the lav,<br>And the bogey man came in the night,<br>It wasn't the least bit funny,<br>Going 'out back' with no light.               |
| 7. The interesting items we perused,<br>From the newspapers cut into squares,<br>And hung on a peg in the loo,<br>It took little to keep us amused.                             | 8. The clothes were boiled in the copper,<br>With plenty of rich soapy suds,<br>But the ironing seemed never ending,<br>As Mum pressed everyone's 'duds'.     |
| 9. I remember the slap on my backside,<br>And the taste of soap if I swore,<br>Anorexia and diets weren't heard of,<br>And we hadn't much choice what we wore.                  | 10. Do you think that bruised our ego?<br>Or our initiative was destroyed<br>We ate what was put on the table<br>And I think life was better enjoyed.         |

We were approached at the end of 2014 by the son of **STUART ROY THOMSON HOWARD (1925-1928)** asking if we could supply information about his father. We were able to give details about his time at the School, and in return he gave us information about his father's career after leaving Morley Road.

Stuart Howard entered the School in 1925 and became a member of School House. He was clearly a first class sportsman and in the first few months entered the Boxing Tournament. In 1927 he took part in the Individual Athletics and won the Junior Hurdles, came 2nd in the Long Jump and 3rd in the 220 yards. He was a member of the House team for the Inter-House Athletics and represented his House in both the Junior and Open Long Jump. In the same year he also became a member of the House Rifle Shooting Team

In 1928 he was part of the House team for the Inter-House Athletics, again a member of the Rifle Shooting Team, boxed again, and played football for the School Under 15 XI.

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He also played William Shakespeare in a stage play at the Church House entitled “The Rehearsal”, which depicted a rehearsal of “MacBeth” at the Globe Theatre in 1606. He left the School later in 1928.



Stuart Howard in the back row of these cadets clearly awaiting uniforms of some kind

On leaving the School he attended Clark’s College (Commercial Section) in Ealing. He served as an Artillery Officer in the Second World War and thereafter ran his own business in Ruislip as an estate agent, surveyor and valuer. He took early retirement in 1968-9 owing to his mother’s ill health at the time. He died in 1994, aged 81, and his mother survived him by another 19 years!

When Stuart entered the School in 1925 it had a very strong Combined Cadet Force, with 8 Officers, 26 N.C.O.’s and 131 Cadets. A combined total of 165. The photo above shows a group of new cadets with Stuart Howard ‘ringed’ in the back row.

The search for information about Stuart Howard goes on and should any reader have worthwhile facts to offer please e-mail to: [howard@hillcrest2.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:howard@hillcrest2.wanadoo.co.uk)

In October 2014 we received a letter from the daughter of **ERIC PATRICK (1920-1926)** with some school memories that her father had written. It gives details of some of the characters at Morley Road in those days and should prove of interest to many of our readers.

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“I went to the School in September 1920 and joined 3b under form master William Stroud. I remember clearly the first period, Bill Stroud in black gown which he rarely wore, took us in “the gym”, the old barn in Morley Road which had been converted for use as the gymnasium.

The “huts” were in the process of being built and until they were completed in the early days of the term, 3b had no base. When completed the end form room nearest to Morley Road became our form room.

Prior to September 1920 I had attended York House Preparatory School which was run by William Stroud’s two sisters at Station Hill. The building is now a Chinese Takeaway food shop. “Sally” Stroud, as we called her, was a splendidly fierce lady who taught the twenty or so boys (of whom, I think, all went on to the F.G.S.). She was a strict disciplinarian and gave us a very good preparation for F.G.S. Her sister taught the girls, who occupied the top floor of the building and were rather fewer in numbers. I mention York House because William and his two sisters were children of Charles Stroud, head of F.G.S. in its West Street days, and both he and his son and daughters made a notable contribution to education in the town for many years.

The late **RUPERT LOVELESS** told me that he and his brother attended the school before F.G.S. The Misses Stroud’s then ran it in West Street in the large house on the west side of the Ewart Bungalows near to Potters Gate Yard. Presumably this was in the days when Charles Stroud was head of F.G.S. in West Street.

A vivid memory which often comes to me in these days is of morning prayers each day at 9.10 am. Captain J.H.Stickland and later Mr F.A.Morgan took the short service in the hall of the 1906 building. The black gowned masters stood in a row beside the senior forms at the back of the hall. We knew at the time that they had served in the Army in France and elsewhere.

I sat beside **MAJOR GENERAL ELMSLIE (1919-1923)** at a school dinner recently just before he died and he remarked to me what dedicated fine men they were and what he owed them:

G.H.BACON, J.W.WITHINSHAW, H.C.KINGCOME, G.RIDOUT and S.D.HORNER come to mind.

**SIR HAROLD REDMAN** who became vice chief of the Imperial General Staff, and later Governor of Gibraltar, attended an OFA Dinner some years ago and said that he owed much to Mr Withinshaw for the French he had found so useful during his career. He spoke of Mr Withinshaw taking a small group on a bicycling holiday in France.

Any boy who attended in the 1920s must have been aware of the splendid influence of Captain Stickland and later of F.A.Morgan (Old Mog). Very different in manner and style, but

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each impressive in his own way. Stickland was a striking figure and personality and brilliant teacher of mathematics. Morgan, so clearly a dedicated head master to whom Latin scholars, of whom I was one, owed so much.

A memory, personal, which comes to me today, is of my father taking me to interview by Captain Stickland in the summer holidays, 1920 before the autumn term. We were interviewed in the head master's study and Captain Stickland offered father a cigarette from the box on his desk. (What a different period compared to today and the anti smoking age). Captain Stickland asked me a few questions and decided that I need not take the entrance examination in view of the reputation of Miss Stroud and York House.

Nearly 20 years after the closing of F.G.S. in 1973 about 100 Old Farnhamians attended the OFA Dinner. What is the cause or inspiration for this show of affection? Nostalgia or whatever? Perhaps the thought that leads me to put on record the foregoing notes. **A deep sense of gratitude to the masters and the school which gave us all so much and such a foundation for later life.**

NOTE ON SALLY STROUD: "Sally" Stroud, a remarkable lady and disciplinarian. Took us to cricket in Fairfield in summer, football in winter at Broomleaf, and an annual outing picnic and sports to the Devils Jumps near the 'Pride of the Valley'. In a horse brake from the Railway Hotel – a splendid annual outing!

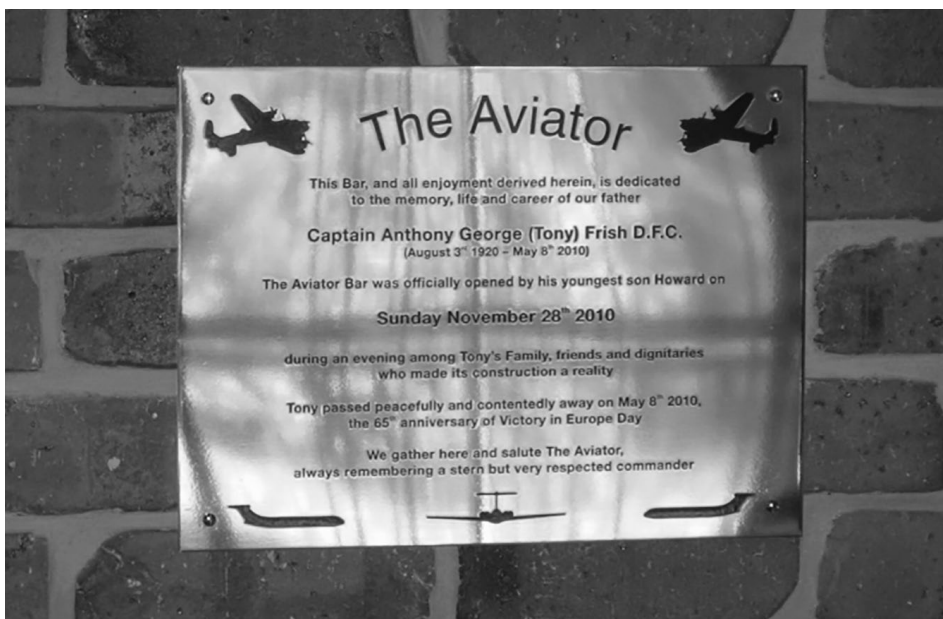
Many Old Farnhamians attended the School, including **BOB AYLING, ALEC SHEPHERD, L.R.STEDMAN** and **JACK WING**.

We have heard from **ANDY FRISH**, who left the School in 1973 and in 1978 decided to emigrate to Australia. He is in the process of supplying the editor with his life story after leaving the School, but thought that the following would be of interest. His birthday is on 16th December and his brother, Howard on the 8th December and they add the birthdays together for the purposes of celebrations. On Saturday 13th December 2014 they celebrated their 110th birthday with Andy reaching 60 and Howard reaching 50.

The party took place at Andy's home which is known as the Aviator, owing to the fact that their father's career included flying Lancasters with Bomber Command in the Second World War and then with BOAC/British Airways after the war. Andy has built a bar in his home with "Pommie" handpumps and he is able to purchase local beer from a couple of micro-breweries. The Aviator parties have achieved something of a cult following and he included the photos on the next page to show the bar and the plaque in memory of their father.

We look forward to reading about his life in Oz over the past 35 years.

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We were contacted by **JOHN CADIER (1941-1945)** from his home in France and at the age of 88 years he recalled some days at the old School. His life and career were covered in a previous magazine and the new information will be part of his profile in a new book being written entitled "Farnham Grammar School Go Abroad".

John came to England during the Second World War and clearly he found the British people very friendly and accommodating. The words that follow sum up his feelings:

"For many years, I have wanted to thank England, but I never discovered the way to do this. I even thought of writing to the Queen but I thought this was going a bit far. The new book you are planning may be the answer? Why do I wish to thank England? Simply for the great welcome the English extended to my family and me. As a foreigner, I was always made to feel completely at home by our neighbours, at school, at University and in every walk of life. I also greatly admired the British war effort and the special kindness we met during those difficult days. Ever since, I have felt free to criticize the British, not often, especially when they beat us at rugby, but no-one else is allowed to criticize the British in my presence. So England, a great heartfelt thanks for all I owe to that great nation."

Such a tribute is uncommon these days!

The editor of this magazine has been gathering information for a third book about the old School and this has brought him into contact with several Old Boys who have not been heard of for many years. Typical of this is **ERIC COLLINS (1951-1957)** who has worked and lived in Canada since 1976. He offers the following comparison between living in Farnham and living in Alberta:

"To give the reader an idea of the size of Canada, we live in Alberta from the east coast of Canada (4000km) and the east coast of Canada to England (3700km). Our location is 930 km to the west coast of Canada, so we are well land locked in the Prairies. England is 135,395 sq. kms. and to date I believe the population is in the region of 53,500,000 people. Just our province of Alberta is 661, 848 sq. kms. with an estimated population of 4,145,992 people. To take a step further, Canada is 9,984,670 sq. kms. with 35 million people. The population of Canada lives within 2-300 miles of the American border, so we have lots of room to spare if you care to take up the challenge.

Eric says that when he and his wife go to the nearest theatre they drive a round trip of 528 kms. for the evening.

In March 2015 the editor received a visit from probably the greatest ever supporter of a football team. **MICHAEL PRENTICE (1948-1954)** flew to Holland with his Dutch wife to see her family and managed to break away for three days, fly to Heathrow, stay with the editor over two nights and take his place in the ground to see Aldershot FC play Dartford Town. He

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was accompanied to the game by former classmate and old pal, **DEREK ELSTOW (1948-1952)** and they took in what was a poor 1-1 draw.

During their school days Derek's father had made a rattle for Mike and painted it in the red and blue of the team. After the game they took the rattle to the Aldershot FC museum and it was accepted and fixed to the wall for all supporters to view. Since then details of this rattle from Canada have been posted on the club website and a variety of readers have passed comment. If you wish to see these, log into Shots Web. The name of the man in charge of this memorabilia is Paul Blundell.



Michael Prentice and Derek Elstow at Aldershot Recreation Ground on a cold afternoon

In the 2015 magazine we included an article about the daughter of **JOHN KNOTTS (1940-1945)** and the sale of the dress used in the famous poster of the tennis player minus her underwear. On 26th March 2015, John's daughter was a guest at the official opening of the Wimbledon Tennis Museum and the dress, poster and racquet appearing in the poster were on display. These items were purchased at auction by the new curator of the museum.

We have heard from **MICHAEL OVERBURY (1964-1972)** giving his life and career after leaving the School. The following are his own words and make interesting reading.

'I owe a lot to my years at the Grammar School, and, perhaps, to Alan Fluck who encouraged me in public performances in the nationally-acclaimed Farnham Festivals. My chief enthusiasm at the time was playing the church organ. This was greatly encouraged at



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St Thomas-on-The Bourne and mainly at my local Parish Church, St Andrew's where my organ teacher Stephen Thomson inspired in me also a love of the harpsichord. These exciting and formative experiences were complimented by Saturday mornings at Trinity College of Music, London, where I held a Junior Exhibition.

I am eternally grateful to the late Gordon Burrows. He was singing in the choir at St Andrew's at that time, and urged me to consider trying for an Organ Scholarship. This was unchartered territory to me, but I was offered the Scholarship at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, which I accepted, and took like a duck to water, reading music. I continued to pursue organ and harpsichord studies and started to become more aware of the glories of the English Cathedral Choral Tradition, which I have loved increasingly ever since. Since graduating I have been an assisting organ scholar at King's College, Cambridge, Assistant Organist at New College, Oxford, a deputy organist and choir master at the Cathedral and Abbey Church at St Alban's, Director of Music at Eagle House Preparatory School for Boys, and Master of the Song School at Newark, Nottinghamshire. For 25 years I was Director of Music of Nottingham Boys' Choir. After winning First Prize in the 1982 Manchester International Organ Competition, I appeared twice as soloist at the Royal Festival Hall and have continued to play with numerous choirs and orchestras, including Sinfonia Viva (formerly the East of England Orchestra), the Wren Orchestra, the Orchestra of St John's Smith Square, the Milton Keynes' Chamber Orchestra, and English Sinfonia, and have featured on several recordings, including five solo discs.

I am currently Director of Music of the Priory Church of Our Lady and St Cuthbert, Worksop, a founder member of the *Mysica Domvm Dei*, playing on period instruments mainly in the East Midlands, with whom I recently appeared on Radio Three's Eighteenth Century season on *In Tune* live from Kedleston Hall. I am also harpsichordist for the chamber trio *Continuum*, with whom I recently performed twice at the Handel House Museum in London. I live in Newark. My wife Shirley (ex-FGGS) and I are glad that our grand-daughter lives close enough for us to see her often and help looking after her. Recently I have started publishing various of my musical compositions.'

*Michael Overbury is eternally grateful to Farnham Grammar School for apparently turning a blind eye to his habitually slipping off to practice the organ most days of the week. This encouraged a career in music, much of it in the church. On leaving the Grammar School in 1972 he took up the Organ Scholarship at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He has recently collated a number of his musical Compositions, type-set them on a computer, and wishes to announce that the majority are now published and available for sale. A further few are in the pipe-line. They are mostly liturgical choral works and include two full settings of the Mass – one of each of the Anglican and Roman Rites. There have already been some encouraging reviews. A full catalogue may be found on the OFA website, or by contacting Michael direct on [overburys@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:overburys@yahoo.co.uk) Samples may be requested and purchases made via the e-mail address.*

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In the 2015 edition of the magazine we highlighted the sad story of **TONY TUBB (1946-1951)** who had suffered severe damage to his home after it was struck by lightning. Tony is now living for a few months in an apartment while the house is rebuilt and he advised the editor that both local and national press had covered his story.

The Daily Mirror featured an article entitled 'Is this Britain's unluckiest man? Pensioner may be forced to tear down home after lightning strike'. The report says that in the past two years Tony lost his wife, twice overcame cancer, was burgled and all his wife's jewellery taken, had a pacemaker fitted and finally the house has had to be demolished and rebuilt.

It is hoped that the house will be ready before the end of 2015 and we will report on the latest progress in the Stop Press section of this magazine. It is a sad story!

On the back cover of the 2015 magazine was an etching by **PETER FIGG (1939-1945)** the Editor asked Peter if he could give a few details of his time at the School. After leaving he served as a Technical Illustrator, fourteen years as a lecturer in the West Surrey College of Art and then he was made redundant. He moved to Cornwall where he was a graphic designer for a company called Lucas Duratich and then moved into adult education for nineteen years. He finally moved from Cornwall to his present home in Dorset.

Peter recalls school dinners, harsh discipline and taking part in 'community singing' under the control of Mr Crute. He has a photo taken in the 1940s and highlights a pupil named **JOHN DONALD**, who was to become a famous jeweller. Looking up this former pupil there are four pages of Wikipedia about this man. He became well known in the 1960s and 1970s and was introduced to the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret by Lord Snowdon. They both became customers, and samples of his work can be seen in the Museum of Scotland, Victoria & Albert Museum and in the collection of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths. Another former pupil in the photo is of **BRIAN MAIN-SMITH** whose father was a well known inventor and research chemist who developed a non-reflective paint for use on aircraft.

It is hoped that Peter will be able to supply another etching for this issue.

The Farnham Herald announced in June 2015 that a new book had been published and was written by former Grammar School pupil **JAMES GODDARD (1966-1973)**. It was a novel entitled Knowledge Waits and is set in a nameless private school for boys, which follows the lives of the damaged souls who teach there as they try to cope with their empty lives. James includes a tribute to his former headmaster by introducing a character named George Baxter, who was a former successful head of the school.

The Secretary of the Association has recently heard from **LES PHILLIPS (1937-1944)** who must be one of our oldest members. Len has written his life story and it makes very

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interesting reading. If you would like an electronic copy please e-mail Roger Edgell on roger@edgell.freeserve.co.uk

Len was born in Hornchurch and moved to Mychett in 1931 at the age of four. He attended Ash Vale School and won a scholarship to the Grammar School in 1937. He would travel to school from Ash Vale station. He was a member of Harding House and over his time at the School was involved in many activities.

He regularly took part in the Boxing Tournament, played cricket for his House, but his main sport was Rifle Shooting. He became a member of the Harding House Shooting Team in 1940 and remained an important member until he left the School. He seemed to improve each year and in 1943 tied for first place in the "Shooting Spoon" event. He was Leader of the School Orchestra and played the violin, House Captain, Sub Prefect, (1942) and Prefect (1944). He won Form Prizes for good work in 1940, 1941 and 1942.

He left the School with excellent exam results and in January 1945 joined the Army. He was posted to Japan as a member of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force. On leaving the forces he was a temporary postman, worked in a smallholding and finally joined SCATS who sell agricultural goods. From here he joined estate agents. He married his wife Gina in 1948 and they have celebrated their 65th anniversary.

His book is very interesting and I recommend readers to obtain a copy from our Secretary.

On the 7th June 2015, Tilford's Rural Life Centre held an exhibition celebrating Farnham's St. George's Primary School. For much of its existence, the school was located in a handsome red brick building in Castle Street.

The school was cramped and had no on-site dining facilities and Farnham shoppers became accustomed to the sight of pupils making their way through the centre of the town to a restaurant in Downing Street for their lunches. Top year pupils were given the freedom to buy their own lunches, usually at *The Castle Coffee House*, a stone's throw from the school, or at *Poppins Café* in Downing Street.

**Barbara Wills** (wife of FGS Art Master **John Wills**), was a class teacher for a time and was later appointed as Headmistress. Pupils sat their eleven-plus exam at the school and some entered the Boys' or Girls' Grammar Schools. Former pupils and staff attended the exhibition and were absorbed in reading through some of the old term reports and enjoyed browsing through the collection of photographs and sports cups which were on display. There is talk of a repeat of the exhibition and the Museum of Farnham Garden Gallery has been suggested as a possible future venue.

In the photograph overleaf two ex-pupils were **STEPHEN PRITCHARD (1969)** and **MIKE MEHTA (1971)**.

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Mike Mehta (1971), April Jobling (1971), Stephen Pritchard (1969)

In June the Editor was asked to take part in a seminar at the Museum of Farnham entitled “Local Organizations and Groups” and gave a short talk on the history of the Old Farnhamians’ Association. It was interesting to hear from the audience that in their general opinion it was a poor move to close down Grammar Schools in the 1970s and replace with Comprehensive Schools. I think that most of the readers of this magazine would endorse that feeling!

In June 2015 **JOHN CROTTY (1942-1948)**, one of the long term servants of the Association, decided it was time to replace knee joints that had served him well for over 80 years. John was a first class athlete at school, a stalwart of the Old Boys’ Football Team for many years, and a devoted tennis player who was still on court after reaching eighty years of age. No wonder the old joints needed replacing! The first operation is completed and is proving very successful and in the autumn John will have the other knee done. We all wish him well.

**MIKE MEHTA (1971-1978)** has sent in some news about two very proud fathers. Mike and his pal **JULIAN WALDEN (1971-1978)** travelled West to see their sons receive their

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degrees at Bristol University. Ross Walden is to begin training as a commercial airline pilot and Josh Mehta has been offered a place at Cambridge University.



‘PROUD DADS’ - Ross Walden: Julian Walden: Mike Mehta: Josh Mehta

It is a long time since we talked about “Who is the Oldest Old Boy?” and some recent news has put forward two contenders. Firstly **JOHN MEW** from Canada felt that he may be the oldest member of the Association as he left the School in 1942. However we have heard that **RON HACK**, who left the School in 1937 is still with us and living in a retirement home in Kent. Ron was a regular visitor to Farnham and took the train from his home in Worcester Park to attend Old Boys’ events and talks by the Farnham & District Museum Society. Always a cheerful man, Ron worked for many of his retirement years for the National Trust at the lovely Ham House at Richmond. In fact, the Trust allowed him to celebrate his 80th birthday at Ham House. We are told by a relative that Ron is now over 94 years of age and surely must be the Oldest Old Boy still with us. I am sure all his old pals in the Association wish him well for a few more years.

## THE BEGINNING OF THE OPENING OF MORLEY ROAD



The photograph above has been given to the editor and is a postcard produced to celebrate the laying of the Foundation Stone for the erection of the new School. Those present are certainly pupils, staff, governors, dignitaries etc., but we are unable to put names to any of them.

With the School overcrowded at the West Street site, Charles Stroud had been trying for many years to obtain a new and larger school for the ever increasing numbers. When he retired in 1895 his successor, The Reverend Samuel Priestley, continued to urge the local authorities to release money for a new building, but it was almost ten years before he had some success.

The cost of building the new school was £12,000 and the funds were raised by selling off the old school and garden in West Street, Farnham. Grants were awarded by Surrey County Council, Farnham Urban District Council and the Rural Parish Council of Farnham.

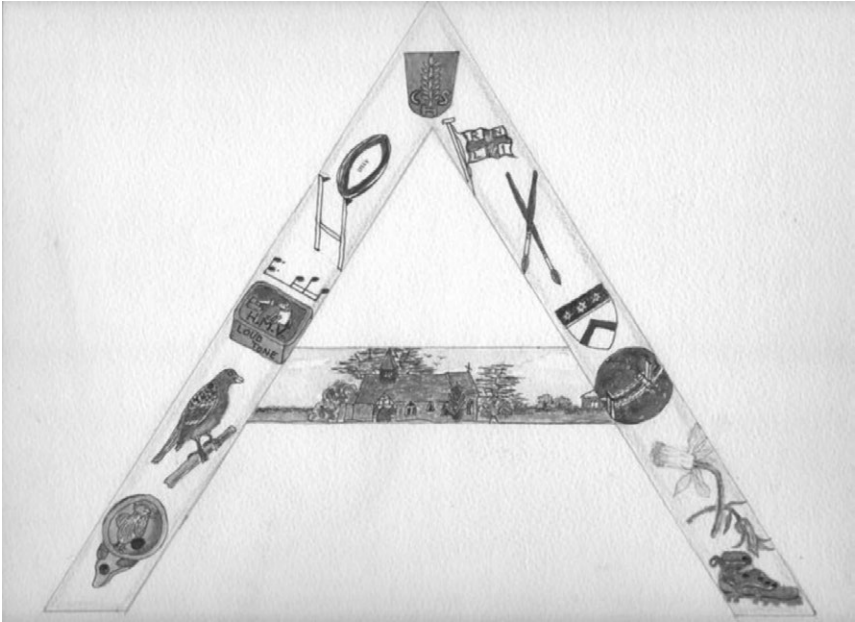
The laying of the Foundation Stone was the initial part of the plan and the contract to build the new school was awarded to Crosby Brothers (Old Boys of the School). The actual completion of the work was in early 1906 and the Opening Day by the Archbishop of Canterbury was on 28th April 1906.

The first Speech Day at the new premises was on 13th December 1906 and the main shell of the building is the same today and familiar to most of the readers of this magazine.



## REMEMBERING TONY MOORE – TEACHER – (1961-1968)

The drawing below was inserted inside the programme at the funeral of Tony Moore, a most popular teacher at the School. Each part represents something important in his life.



The large 'A' is for Anthony – which to his family and friends was 'Archie'

The cross member is Copford Church (wonderful frescos) he was a devoted attendee

*Left leg from the base:*

Roman coins – Tony was a keen amateur archaeologist – geology helped here

Bird – chaffinch of sorts – looks more like a feral pigeon – Tony was a bird lover

Music – HMV record deck – Tony loved music

Rugby Posts and ball over is self explanatory

Top Centre: Crest of his School in Colchester – he purchased from the Bell Family

*Right leg from top:*

RNLI – a devoted supporter of the Lifeboats and crew

Cross Artists Brushes – self explanatory as Tony was a good painter

Cross of Keble College Oxford – two of his sons have followed him from Keble into teaching

Cricket Ball & Stumps – Tony was a talented wicket-keeper and opening bat

Daffodil & Bluebells – Tony was a lover of spring flowers

Rugby Boot – probably a 1950s boot when Tony played

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In February 2015 we received news of the death of **DUDLEY BARNES (1936-1943)** who sadly passed away in a nursing home on the 5th January. Researching this Old Boy soon showed that he was an excellent pupil of the School both academically and in the field of sport. Such was his success it is difficult to cover every sport and every achievement that he had. Dudley was born in Farnham in 1925, the youngest of three, his sisters Grace and Joan being 12 and 4 years older than him. His initial education began at St.Polycarp's School and then on to the Grammar School.

He was a member of Morley House and in 1939 joined a dominant House athletics' team that over the time at the School resulted in 19- First Places, 8 – Second Places and 2 – Third Places. Almost every year he represented the School at the Farnham & District Athletics and the Surrey Secondary School Athletics and accumulated several medals along the way.

In 1940 he became a Sub-Prefect and played for the School Second XI at Cricket and Football. The following year he played for the School First XI at Cricket and joined the Morley House Rifle Shooting Team. In 1942 he became House Captain, School Captain and Vice- Captain of the School Football XI.

As well as this outstanding sporting record he was awarded Form Prizes in 1938 and 1940 for his industry at lessons. In his final year he obtained his General School Certificate in Mathematics and Physics. On leaving the School he became a Life Member of the Old Boys and lived in West Street, Farnham.

His daughter Susan advises that on leaving school he joined the Royal Engineers in April 1943 and as a sapper was shipped to Lanarkshire for "initial square bashing". In July 1944, after passing officer cadet training at Newark he was commissioned with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. In March 1945 he was shipped to India, eventually ending up in the North West Frontier, which is now Pakistan, attached to the Bengal Sappers and Miners of the Indian Army.

His footballing skills (and shooting skills) were put to use in the Army and he was even called back from a transfer to the Burmese border in order to play in an "important game" against the Navy, which the Army went on to win.

For some reason when he enlisted in the Army they took a dislike to the name Dudley and hence forth he became known by his middle name, Allan, to all but his family and those who knew him from his Farnham days.



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Demobbed in September 1947, having become a Lieutenant, he returned to studying, reading Electrical Engineering at Kingston and Rotherham Technical Colleges. With the death of his parents in 1950 he went to live in Sheffield with his aunt and uncle with whom he was very close. His links with Farnham continued until 1985 when his aunt, who lived in Beavers Close, died.



Dudley Barnes serving in the Royal Engineers

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After graduating he joined the Yorkshire Electricity Board in Sheffield as a graduate engineer. In the next two years he continued his training and qualified as a Chartered Electrical Engineer with the Institute of Electrical Engineers. Having qualified he remained working for the YEB on the distribution network in the Sheffield area.

He met his wife, Moira, in 1957 and they married in May 1960. That same year he was promoted and they moved to Bromham outside Bedford. Shortly after he was again promoted and joined the South Western Electricity Board based in Bristol and made their home in Claverham, south of Bristol. They now had a son, Simon, and a daughter, Susan.

In 1994 Dudley had a successful heart by-pass operation, but in 1996 he developed acoustic neuroma, a golf ball sized growth in the inner ear drum. This was removed, but it affected his vision, hearing in one ear and, Bells-palsy to the right side of his face. In 2002 and 2005 he suffered from strokes and these affected his balance. In February 2007 Moira died after a short illness. Old Age was not kind to Dudley!

Throughout his married life he enjoyed DIY and undertook many building projects. He also had a passion for woodworking, and even made a long case wall clock.

March saw the passing of one of our oldest members when we were advised of the death of **PETER RICHARD CUREL MAY (1934-1940)**. Peter was originally from Elstead and entered the School as a member of Childe House. Records show that in 1936 he won a Form Prize and in 1937 he ran for his House in the Annual Sports' Day as a member of the 4 x 220 yds and Hurdles' Relay Teams. In 1938 he won a prize for his Drawing.

Academically he did well and in 1938 won another Form Prize for Industry. In sport he appeared most years in the Cross Country Races and the Boxing Tournament with varying success. In 1937 he was chosen to shoot for the House Rifle Shooting Team and remained in the team until his final term. He was an excellent shot and in 1940 won "The News of the World Certificate" for the second highest score in the School Tournament. In 1939 and 1940 he was a member of the School Rifle Shooting Team.

In 1940 he obtained his General Certificate of Education and left the School later that year.

Peter May died at Podhu Care Home, Mullion, Cornwall, where he had been a resident.

On 30th April one of the stalwarts of the Association died. For many years **ALAN LOVELL (1947-1953)** had been a very active Old Boy and a General Committee Member for much of the time. In recent years he had suffered greatly from Parkinson's and ulcerated legs and had moved from his home to Pax Hill Nursing Home near Alton.

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On leaving the School Alan joined Farnham Urban District Council, working in the drawing office of the Engineers' and Surveyors' Department. In 1974 there was a Local Government Reorganisation and at the time he was an assistant engineer with particular responsibilities for traffic management. With Farnham UDC closing he moved to the County Engineer's Department of Surrey County Council and stayed there until he retired in 1996. During his last eight years he was Divisional Traffic Engineer with responsibilities for all traffic management matters in the West Area of the county, including Guildford and Waverley. In 1995 he received an 'Award of Achievement' to recognise outstanding work by a member of the County Council staff.

As well as this successful career Alan was involved in many interests. He was a Justice of the Peace for 22 years, member of Binsted Parish Council for over 40 years (including chairman for 24 years), chairman of Hampshire Association of Local Councils for 7 years and vice-president for 10 years. He also became a member of the South Down National Park Authority, which covered the whole of Alice Holt Forest area, and SEERA (South East England Regional Assembly) which covered regional planning.

As one can see Alan contributed much to the community and led a very busy lifestyle. He was delighted in 2013 when the local parish named a new estate after his family and in recognition of all the work he has done for Binsted over the years. The Lovell Gardens is a proper memorial to Alan.

Those Old Boys who knew him will remember him as a very friendly person and someone who could be relied on. He was an asset to the Old Farnhamians' Association for many years and will be missed by many people in the Farnham area. His Thanksgiving Service attracted a full church in the village of Binsted. The Old Boys were represented by Roger Edgell, Keith Mentzel, Brian Daniels, Cyril Trust and Chris Mullins.

In May 2015 we received advice regarding an obituary in the issue of the Royal Engineers' Journal. The article refers to former FGS pupil E.A. (Teddy) DREW OBE (left-1933) who died on 17th February 2015 aged 97. It was pointed out that Teddy's career was unusual in that he spent his active service in the Royal Navy and ended up an Army Lieutenant Colonel. As an eminent Engineering Consultant after the Second World War he was appointed to a Royal Engineer TA group known as the Engineer and Logistics' Staff Corps which provides expert civilian advice for military engineering projects. This would have carried with it an honorary Lt. Col. Rank. The following obituary is taken from the Royal Engineers' Journal.

*“Teddy was a member of the Engineer & Logistics' Staff Corps. He was educated at Farnham Grammar School, where he was an active sportsman, representing the school at soccer, cricket and shooting. He entered University College, London at the age of 16 and obtained a*

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*First Class Honours' degree and the Chadwick Gold Medal for Municipal Engineering and Hygiene. He also represented UCL at soccer and cricket.*

*His first job after graduation was in the Civil Engineering Department at Surrey County Council, helping to build the Farnham by-pass in 1938-39. At the end of September 1939, Teddy was called up as an Ordinary Seaman for service in the Royal Navy. In December 1939, he married Irene (nee Holliman), a happy marriage which lasted until Irene's death in 1974.*

*His initial wartime service was spent in the engine rooms of HMS Norfolk, Cornwall and Bermuda. While on HMS Cornwall in April 1942, the ship was sunk by Japanese dive-bombers in the Indian Ocean west of Ceylon, with the loss of 198 lives. After swimming in the sea for 29 hours, he was rescued by HMS Enterprise. Such was his gratitude that he subsequently managed to salvage a crest from the Enterprise and had it mounted and hung in the dining room for all to see.*

*Teddy was back in Britain by 1st June 1942, aboard the troopship Bergensfjord. As she steamed into the Firth of Clyde, his next ship HMS Bermuda was just being completed in John Brown's shipyard and, three weeks later, it was to this ship that he was told to report on 30th June under Captain T.H.Back, "a magnificent seaman and leader of men", and on his 25th birthday, promoted to Temporary Lieutenant (E). After several Arctic convoys, and the North African landings with Force H in the Mediterranean, he was appointed on the 5th June 1944 as a Divisional Officer at HMS Caledonia, the Royal Naval Artificers' Training Establishment at Rosyth. He was de-mobbed on 18th January 1946.*

*After the war Teddy returned for a short time to his pre-war job at Surrey County Council in Kingston. However, in 1947, Teddy was appointed as a Senior Engineer on the staff of Stevenage Development Corporation to design and oversee the construction of the main drainage systems for that New Town, which is wholly situated in the upper reaches of the River Lee. This was to lead to his life-long commitment to raising the standards of sewage purification and water supply.*

*In 1955, he was appointed as Chief Engineer, Middle Lee Regional Drainage Scheme, at Rye Meads and held that post until 1974, when the scheme became part of the new Thames Water Authority. He took the opportunity to take early retirement. During his time as Chief Engineer, Rye Meads had set new standards for the quality of its effluent which further down the Lee would be taken into London's drinking water supply.*

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*He looked for a new challenge on the death of his first wife Irene, and became Chief Executive of Associated Engineering Consultants for three years, then a self-employed Consulting Engineer, carrying out assignments for the World Health Organisation in both the Middle and the Far East. He finally retired in 1987. He was President of the Institution of Public Health Engineers 1969-1970.*

*In 1980 he married for the second time, to Patricia Beeson (nee Pugh-Davies), and this was to be a very happy relationship lasting for 22 years, until her death in 2002. He had been deprived of a second silver wedding anniversary and the death of two wives due to cancer affected him greatly. He was a man of great patience and staying power who got things done without seeking any reward, and his death will be mourned by many relatives, friends and acquaintances. He is survived by a son and daughter of his first marriage to Irene.*

The month of May 2015 continued to send news that more Old Boys had passed away.

During the first week DOUGLAS LUCAS (1947-1952) died at his home in Salisbury. Doug was a regular at the Annual Dinner and the Southampton Lunch and will be missed by many people from the Aldershot and the Salisbury area.

Doug was born in Ash, near Aldershot in 1936 and the family lived there during the war. He entered the Grammar School and was a member of Massingberd House and took part in most sports, especially the Annual Cross Country Race where he was always in the first twenty or thirty to finish. In 1951 he took his O Levels and managed to pass in Geography, Mathematics, English, French and Art. On leaving the School he joined the Ministry of Defence and remained there for his working life. He became interested in government accounting and eventually moved into a career in audit.

He loved the work and it enabled him to travel to many parts of the world, including the Middle East, Greece, America, Canada, Cyprus and Gibraltar. He told of seeing Niagara Falls being frozen, frost bite on his ears in Alberta and seeing a colleague stung by a scorpion. He met his wife Jean, who was a secondary school teacher, and over the years they lived at Fleet, Winchester, Salisbury, Aldershot, and finally back to Salisbury to be close to family. They had a daughter, Caroline.

As a family they enjoyed holidays at home and abroad and in retirement Doug and Jean travelled all over the world. Jean was a Lay Preacher and Doug a Church Warden at St. Michael's, Aldershot, for many years.

Doug was a great football fan and followed Aldershot for many years before moving to Salisbury and supporting the local team. He was delighted when both sides played each

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other in the FA Cup, although he did not know which team to shout for. His daughter visited him and found him delighted with the news that Bournemouth FC had reached the Premier League. Sadly his heart failed later that evening.

A few days later the Farnham Herald announced the death of **KEN ANDERSON (1941-1948)** at the age of 83. Another great Old Farnhamian and looking back on his sporting record at the School showed that he was an all rounder in every sense of the word. He won many races each year at the Annual Athletics and in 1944 helped the School House team to achieve five first places. He played for his house at cricket and eventually became a member of the Second XI and the First XI. This was followed by his record on the football field where he again played for the First XI.

In 1947 he became a member of his House Rifle Shooting team, but probably his greatest sporting achievement was in the boxing ring. Ken won his weight in 1943, 1946, 1947 and 1948. In 1947 he became a Sub-Prefect.

On leaving school Ken trained at Leighton's Opticians and started his career as an optician.

Another well-known local name died at the age of 93 years, and the Farnham Herald announced that **FRED LECLERCQ (left 1937)** had died on 29th April 2015. Fred was a member of the family that had four LeClercqs at the Grammar School during the 1930s.

Fred and his brother Charlie belonged to Massingberd House and both were excellent cricketers and football players. Their cousins H.P.LeClercq and A.W.LeClercq attended the school a few years earlier. Before entering the Grammar School Fred was educated at St. Polycarp's Catholic School.

Fred played football for the Under 14s in 1936 and the School Colts in 1937. On leaving the school Fred, who was a winger, played for Wrecclesham FC in the Surry Intermediate League (2nd Division). In the summer he played cricket for the Farnham Second XI and as he became older took up bowls. In 1990 he was successful in winning four trophies on the bowling green.

The father of Fred and Charlie was a builder and Fred joined the business. During the Second World War he was in the Royal Air Force as an airframe fitter and was stationed in Egypt for much of the time. He leaves his wife, Iris; they were married for 68 years, a son, a daughter, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Fred was a long term member of the Farnham Conservative Club and lived in Farnham until three years ago when he and Iris moved to Mayford, Woking to be near to their daughter Pauline.

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We next heard from Gillian North, who advised us that her brother **TONY (A.C.) LOVERIDGE (1953-1958)** had died in Lincolnshire on 26th April 2015. He was born in Aldershot in 1942, the oldest of three children. The family lived in Parkland Grove, Weybourne, Farnham and Tony began his education at Badshot Lea Primary School.

He entered the School as a member of Harding House and while at the School learned to play the flute and took part in a number of Alan Fluck's "Friday Concerts". He was involved in the School production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* and Benjamin Britten's "*St. Nicholas*". He was a member of the School Combined Cadet Force and it was his ambition to join the Fleet Air Arm as a pilot. Sadly, he was prevented from doing this as he was found to be colour blind.

On leaving School he went to London and worked in the Civil Service for the Ministry of Transport. Following his marriage and the birth of two sons the family moved to Lincoln where Tony worked in Local Government and later at the newly formed University of Lincoln.

He maintained his interest in planes and trains and for a time helped at his local Sea Cadet group. Much of his retirement was spent as a carer for his wife Yvonne, who survives him. Both his sons, Barry and Graham, live in California and work in IT and he has three granddaughters.

Tony became unwell in 2014. He underwent a course of chemotherapy in an attempt to buy more time, but this was not successful and he died peacefully on 26th April 2015. His funeral was at Lincoln Crematorium on 18th May 2015.

On 18th July 2015 one of the most well known Old Boys died in Reigate. **GUY BELLAMY (1948-1952)** was not a member of the Association, but was a very successful author after most of his career in journalism. He left the School to do his National Service and then became a reporter with a Woking newspaper, before joining the Surrey & Hants News. He became the Sports' Editor and then moved on to the Bournemouth Times as Sub-Editor. This grounding helped him become the youngest Sub-Editor on the Daily Express at the age of twenty-four.

Throughout this time he was writing novels in his spare time and failing to get them accepted. In 1977, by which time he was a Sub-Editor on Rupert Murdoch's "The Sun", he completed a novel entitled, "The Secret Lemonade Drinker" and this was accepted by a good publisher in London and America. The book was a great success and Guy gave up his job to earn a living as an author.



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The first novel received outstanding reviews from some highly regarded critics such as Auberon Waugh and Erica Jong.

Since then Guy wrote many more books. With “The Nudists” reaching number six in the best sellers and named as one of the four “Sunday Express” novels of the year. His novel “The Mystery Man” was made into a two-hour film by the BBC and screened in 1999.

Guy then entered a period of ill health, but continued writing from his home in Glastonbury. He regularly wrote articles and short stories for newspapers and magazines and did book reviews for The Observer and The Mail On Sunday.

In recent years his health deteriorated and he moved into a residential home for journalists at Reigate. He remained in contact with several Old Boys as well as former colleagues from the Farnham Herald and Surrey & Hants News.

On one of his final reports from the Grammar School F A Morgan wrote “Well, it’s too late now!” Guy proved him wrong over the years.

We are sad to announce the death of **TONY TUBB (1945-1951)** who died at his home in Bexhill home on 3rd October 2015. As reported in the magazine, he had been waiting some months for his home to be re-built after it was demolished by lightning. He moved in during September, had a fall, and subsequently died.

His profile was in the 2010 magazine and it covered his success as a professional footballer and his work as a journalist at several newspapers along the south coast. He was chief reporter for the Bexhill Observer and the following tributes were printed on behalf of friends and former colleagues. These shown below are fitting tributes to this popular Old Boy.

JOHN DOWLING – Former deputy editor for the Bexhill Observer.

*“Tony was chief reporter when I joined the Observer as a green-horn school leaver. If his natural kindness and innate good nature helped ease my way into that tough early 60s world of type-writers, copy-paper and hot-metal production, his methods were, to say the least bizarre.*

*Tony existed in a whirl of last minute confusion. I remember him dashing into my parents’ home to borrow a set of cuff-links for a black-tie dinner assignment for which, at best, he would have arrived after the first course had been served.*

*Journalism tends to attract “characters” to its ranks and among these locally Tony Tubb must rank supreme”.*

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PHILLIP ELMS – Observer production editor.

*“Tony would need to file a copy by 10.00 am and by 9-45 am his desk would be mile-high in rejected slips of copy paper as he battled to create a succinct form of words. Not only did he get there in the end, but it was an early lesson in the exactitude of deadlines, a lesson that would rule my journalistic career for the next 45 years”.*

KEN McEWAN – colleague and close friend for 55 years.

*“For all the right reasons, Tony was one of that rare breed who, once met, would never be forgotten. His sense of fun and adventure were always apparent and I feel privileged to have been his close friend. He was a great and lovable character who will be so sadly missed by so many. He was, quite simply, the best”*

Tony was a regular at the Annual Dinner and would stay at a local hotel or with friends from his class at School. He had many relatives in Farnham and tried to keep in contact with them as much as possible. His last appearance in Farnham was early in 2015 when he attended the combined Old Boys’/Old Girls’ Spring Party. He was a great friend of Derek Bowtell and John Crotty and a distant cousin of Cyril Trust, the editor writing this obituary.

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While this magazine was been proof read and then sent to the printers the following details arrived:

Towards the end of October 2015 we were advised that **BILL BODKIN (1943-1950)** had died at his home in Portugal. He had been in poor health for a while. Bill was a long term member of the Association and for many years the Secretary. He regularly attended annual events until he decided to move abroad to live in the sun. A full obituary will be included in the 2017 magazine.

Over the past twelve months the editor of this magazine has been gathering information across the world to write a third book about a new aspect of Farnham Grammar School. The first two books, “*FGS Headmasters 1800-1973*” and “*FGS in Wartime*” will be followed by “*FGS Goes Abroad*” and will give profiles of forty former pupils who have moved abroad to work and live. It covers their reasons for moving and comparisons between their new homes and the UK. Several countries are involved and it is interesting to see how these Old Boys progressed in a new country. It is hope that the book will be available by May or June 2016.

It was planned to hold a re-union with old classmates when **CYRIL PAYNE (1948-1953)** came to Farnham from his home in Australia during the month of November 2015. However these plans had to be put on hold when Cyril was invited to take part in a special ceremony. He is the Chaplain Australian Defence Force (Army) and was invited to lead prayers at Parliament House, where a ceremony for ex-service organisations was being held. The year 2015 had celebrated Anzac Year and it was a great honour for Cyril to be selected from the many chaplains to lead prayers. He still aims to visit the UK in the future and no doubt his old pals will be here to greet him.

In November a special committee met to organise a “Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday Garden Party” at Farnham College. Taking part are representatives from the Old Boys, Old Girls, Farnham College and Farnham College Foundation. It is planned for two large marquees to be erected on the lawns behind the college buildings and a buffet lunch, drinks and entertainment to be included. It is hoped that local dignitaries will attend and as many former pupils of the Boys’ Grammar School and Girls’ Grammar School as possible. More information will be available as the event is planned.

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