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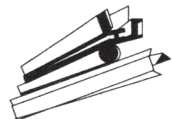


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INTRODUCTION

It is almost certain that this magazine will be the final Farnhamian and I hope that it will be up to the standard of the many issues since 1912. The original format took the news of Farnham Grammar School up to 1973 and after a twenty year break the modern version totals twenty-seven issues under the same Editor. How does one bring to a close such a part of history that is important to many former pupils, their families and Farnham in general?

As usual this issue will feature the Annual General Meeting, Annual Lunch and Autumn Lunch, but will the year provide something new? Will the relationship between the Old Farnhamians' Association and Farnham Sixth Form College remain as strong as it is currently? The College will be part of a new group and the Old Boys will have to see if they are made as welcome to the Activate Learning Group as they have been with the Guildford College Group.

Inevitably the number of obituaries will grow as the membership ages and we will lose old friends and old classmates. It will provide some sad moments of nostalgia.

With the sale of Riverprint Limited, Simon Granville Jones' company has moved to Ringwood and we have had to find a new printer for this magazine. Luckily, Roger Edgell has good contacts at Anton Printing of Andover and they will be the third printer of the Farnhamian since 1912. From 1912 until 1973 E.W. Langham Limited printed the magazines.

Since the last issue we have seen the departure of Dr. Jason Jones as Director of Farnham Sixth Form College and the appointment of new Head, Neil Brooks. As always the Old Boys will give him maximum support.

The Annual College Award's evening was a great success and over forty students received some financial reward for their efforts. The list of sponsors from Old Boys and their families continues to grow. The new style Farnham Lecture continues with a series of talks by Happy Space regarding the problems of stress on the Wellbeing and Mental Health of students in general. This arrangement will continue for the next two years and Farnham Sixth Form College leads the way locally in tackling this national problem.

As usual, I hope that this edition offers some interesting reading and brings back some happy memories of the Farnham Grammar School for Boys. No doubt the committee will try to retain communications within the Association and use modern technology to make sure members are still well informed.

2018 AUTUMN LUNCH – FORMERLY THE SOUTHAMPTON LUNCH

For over fifty years the Association held the Southampton Lunch in the New Forest. This was an event started by four Old Boys who lived in Hampshire, like many others who attended the School. The lunch attracted over forty members as a rule and even topped fifty on one occasion... However, as the members aged the numbers dropped and it was switched to the Bush Hotel in Farnham and re-named the Autumn Lunch.

The numbers attending are very similar to the original event, with mostly Farnham members attending. There are still a few who come from afar and Gerald LeVey from York, Dennis Phillips from Princes Risborough and Norman Paget with homes in Farnham and Baltimore in the USA are regulars. This year Dickie Kenward came from the USA. It is more relaxed than the Annual Lunch in March and apart from a few announcements there are no formal speeches. It is an opportunity to meet old friends and classmates. As usual Roger Edgell did a great job of organising the lunch and the food served by the hotel was excellent.

ATTENDING:

Andrews G. : Beal C. : Bone B. : Blunt D.J. : Cannings A. : Cutler D. : Edgell D.J. : Edgell R.G. : Elkins K.H. : Frampton R.A. : Frampton R.A. : Gatfield A. : Hall B. : Hewes R. : Honey G.H. : Hooker G.L. : Innes Rev John : Kenward R. : LeVey G. : Linney S. : Luckhurst R. : Macmanamon D.G. : Mayne E.F. : Nash C. : Paget N. : Phillips D.P. : Phillips R.M. : Polglaze D.H. : Sargeant I.C. : Shipton R. : Terrill J. : Timmins N. : Torode H. : Travers J : Trust C.D.



2018 AUTUMN LUNCH – FORMERLEY THE SOUTHAMPTON LUNCH



The photograph on the previous page is an example of the camaraderie that develops between Old Boys over a long period of time. David Cutler on the left lives at Folkestone on the Kent coast and Gerry LeVey lives in the city of York. Over the years they are always able to arrange a meeting and attend either the Southampton Lunch, Annual Dinner or Autumn Lunch together.

The photograph on this page shows a small group of former pupils of the School from the 1948 intake. In the foreground are Bryan Bone, a former President, John Travers, Neville Timmins and Geoff Hooker, with Cyril Trust the editor of the modern magazines standing. This is usually a much larger group, but illness, holidays and old age has depleted the number on this occasion.

The Bush (now a Mercure Hotel) was an excellent host and all enjoyed the service. The room buzzed with the chatter of former pals and classmates talking about old days at the School. There is little doubt that the Old Farnhamians have a unique position among former Grammar Schools.

It is normal that there are no speeches and towards the end of the afternoon the current President, Richard Phillips, Event Organiser, Roger Edgell, and Cyril Trust said a few words.

FARNHAM LECTURE – HAPPY SPACE LECTURES

After the success of the lectures given by the London based Happy Space Group it was decided to extend the facility to other local schools. On February 11th 2019 the team, which included former College student, Tegan Creedy, gave two lectures to students from Farnham College, Guildford College, All Hallows Catholic School, More House School and Waverley BC “NEETS” School.

In keeping with Government policy the lectures were to advise students on the problem of mental health and well being, due to stress. The Happy Space team was joined by Nebula Learning who talked about improving the financial literacy of students.

All schools now have a pastoral teacher to help the young people, and after the lectures Ioan Davies, pastoral lead at Farnham Sixth Form College, said the following. “In a climate where an increasing number of young people are experiencing mental illness, it is reassuring to know that organisations such as Happy Space are available to provide advice and guidance on this very serious topic. The presentation was delivered with enthusiasm and the advice provided was insightful and accessible. I am very grateful to the team at Happy Space for providing our learners with an opportunity to engage with their excellent philosophies and very much look forward to having Tegan and the team back again in the future.”

The costs involved in the lectures were covered by Guildford College Marketing, Old Farnhamians and Farnham Educational Foundation.



PROFILE OF IAN SARGEANT (1955 – 1962)

It would be remiss if the final magazine was printed and it excluded one of the mainstays of the Old Boys' Association. Ian installed and has overseen the excellent OFA website, been President of the OFA and provided an important link with the Farnham Sixth Form College. I asked him if he would provide a profile and the following is written like the script of an interview with him. I must say I like the style!



An Interview with Ian Sargeant

Q. Tell us, Ian, where were you born and brought up?

I was born in Farnham in 1944 in the Fairfield, near Farnham Station. I went to local schools including St. Andrew's Infant School, followed by West Street Boys' School. I passed the 11+ exam in 1955, along with 10 other boys from that year, and went to Farnham Grammar School.

Q. How did you fare at Farnham Grammar School?

My academic performance at FGS was fair, but not outstanding. I was good at Maths, Physics and Music and neither good nor particularly interested in anything else and I didn't do much sport but I did take part in the musical activities. I decided, during my school years, to become a teacher, probably in Physics or Maths, and was offered a place at Goldsmiths College in London. But then, reviewing my options in the sixth form, I realised that I wanted to start earning some money as soon as possible, even if it wasn't a lot, and I decided to become an accountant. Accordingly, I joined a Farnham firm of

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accountants as an articulated clerk.

Q. Did you regret that change of career plan?

At the beginning I possibly did! Looking back, the work as an articulated clerk was tedious with everything done by hand in those days and spread sheets were written on pieces of paper, not computer screens, but it gave me a good professional grounding, and I worked my way through everything, qualifying in 1968 as a chartered accountant.

Never having been abroad, I took a job in 1969 in France, close to Geneva in Switzerland, and my eyes were opened to a dizzying spectacle of opportunities in international business alongside the cultural challenges of life in another country, which I found very exciting and enjoyable. At that time, accountancy was one of the best routes into business generally.

In 1972, I moved to the European HQ of my employer in Lausanne, Switzerland and this was to be my home for the next 21 years.

My work took me to countries on every continent. The nature of my work evolved into the area of indirect taxation where I became the company's tax guru, frequently asked to brief senior management and outsiders on the best way to administer and charge taxes on the company's tobacco products.

Tobacco taxes were an important part of the EEC tax harmonisation programme. The work included meetings with ministries of finance in European countries including the UK, EEC officials, MEP's; in the later years I had meetings with officials in the Far East and officials and politicians in Washington. I twice briefed Margaret Thatcher on tax matters.

Q. What about family life?

I married my wife Margaret, an Old Girl of FGGS, in December 1970 and we set up our first home 3 months later in Holland, where I was carrying out an initial assignment for my company. As I mentioned, we moved to Switzerland in March 1972. Life in that country was very pleasant and we had four daughters born during this time. We also took out Swiss nationality during this period whilst retaining our UK passports. The whole family loves going back to Switzerland whenever they can and we still have many friends in that country.

In 1992, I decided to leave my company and return to Farnham with the family to establish my own private consultancy in my acquired area of expertise. This went well and I retired around 2006.

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Q. And life recently, as a retired person?

Life since has become, as many retired people discover, crowded with a large variety of new responsibilities and activities, with the big difference that they are not imposed by the need to earn money, but are voluntary. At least, such involvements start as voluntary but they sometimes prove difficult to shed without the abandoning of an original objective that you have embraced.

Q. You were quite musical during your school years? Has this continued?

Yes, my mother was very musical; she had a trained soprano voice and sang frequently with the local choirs in Farnham, often as a soloist. She started me playing the piano from the age of 8 and music making became an important part of my life both at home and at Farnham Grammar School under the direction of that inspiring teacher, Alan Fluck. I recall with great pleasure the excitement of those years when we had some exceptional musicians in the school, including boys such as Jeffrey Tate and Gavin Williams, and there were some superb musical events. Music continues to be an important part of my life, as a church organist and occasional accompanist. Margaret and I nowadays love going to concerts and operas.

Q. How did you get involved with the running of Farnham College?

I was appointed as the OFA – nominated governor of Farnham College from 2001 and became the chair of governors in 2006 when the merger with Guildford College became necessary due to government funding changes and falling enrolments. I was also a trustee of the charity that owns the College, then called Farnham College Trust. That had to be reorganised and I am now the chairman of the charity, but it now called the Farnham Educational Foundation. We are 8 trustees and we take an active interest in the progress and welfare of Farnham College, but we do not manage or govern the College of course.

Q. Do you have other interests and activities?

I am a trustee of other charities and a member of the Rotary Club of Farnham. I have been an OFA member since leaving the School in 1962 and I contrived to attend most of our dinners even during my time in France, Holland and Switzerland. I started the OFA website in 2000 and was proud to become President for the period 2014-2016.

Our family is the central part of our lives and our four married daughters have produced nine grandchildren. Our outings are accordingly often dominated by the need to get birthday presents for someone or other.

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Q. What overall impact did FGS have on your life?

Reflecting on my life and career, I can say that getting to FGS was a pivotal event, opening up opportunities that would probably never have occurred otherwise. The education and experiences gained during the seven years spent at Morley Road turned out to be an excellent base that led to a useful professional qualification, a very interesting career and, most important of all, a very happy family life.

A THANK YOU TO THE LEAVING SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

It has been the aim of the Old Farnhamians in recent years to support Farnham Sixth Form College by combining to present lectures, garden parties, concerts and musical evenings. In total the Association has passed over a large sum of money and it is a welcome sign to hear from a student who has benefited.

In 2015 Jasmine Lundy received a cheque from the Leaving Scholarship Trust to help her with her studies at the University of Oxford. She writes that her time and studies at Oxford were very intense academically, but she was very grateful for the opportunity. She graduated in November 2016 and did well in her studies, beyond her expectations and has since published the results of her master's thesis in an academic journal.

After her studies she took a year away from academia and worked as part of the fund raising team for *Medicins sans Frontieres* in London.

She has since returned to academia and is currently doing a PhD at the University of York in Archaeological Science using scientific techniques to understand cuisine in past societies. She is coming to the end of her first year and is thoroughly enjoying it.

Jessica is presently excavating a site in Castronova, Sicily, which she describes as a multi-period site, covering late Roman/Byzantine, the Islamic and the Norman/Swabian regimes from the 6-13th century AD.

It is clear that Jasmine has used the money from the Trust well and all Old Boys will appreciate this thank you.

On the following page is a recent photograph of Jasmine at the archaeological dig in Sicily.

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Jasmine Lundy at work

MORE NEWS REGARDING THE SIR JEFFREY TATE PLAQUE ON THE WALL OF FAME

This prestigious event in 2018 resulted in comments from various people and the editor felt that these should be passed on to the readers.

Julia Wilson, daughter of the legendary teacher, Harold Beeken, sent the following:

“Both my sister Diana and myself had the honour of working with Jeffrey while he was at the Boys’ Grammar School and also when the Farnham Festival organised an evening with him at Farnham Castle. This was a joint event with the Farnham Youth Choir and the Farnham & Bourne Choral Society, of which he was the President. Jeffrey was the Patron of the Farnham Festival after the death of Peter Pears, and until his death in 2017.”

The ceremony of adding Sir Jeffrey Tate to the Farnham Wall of Fame in South Street was well organised and well attended. After Old Farnhamians’ President, Roger Edgell, and sister of Sir Jeffrey, Jill Denbigh, pulled back the curtain and let everybody see the new plaque, it was immediately pointed out that the wording on the plaque was incorrect and should have read “Sir Jeffrey Tate CBE” and not just his name. People wanted his Commander of the British Empire award from the Queen to be included and it was agreed that Farnham Town Council will have a correct plaque made and fixed to the wall.

In 1988, Sir Jeffrey Tate appeared on stage at Farnham Maltings with Alan Fluck, well loved music teacher at the Farnham Boys’ Grammar School. The evening consisted of an interview with Jeffrey under the heading of “Talking Music”, and was the forerunner to the annual Farnham Lecture. Since this first lecture the Old Farnhamians, and of late with Farnham Sixth Form College, have presented over thirty lectures, attracting many excellent speakers talking on a wide range of subjects. The speakers include former students of the School, James Mates and Jeremy Hardy, cabinet politicians, Virginia Bottomley and Jeremy Hunt, and businessman, Sir Ray Tindle.

One of the guests at the Wall of Fame ceremony was Diane Bell, who was visiting Farnham from her home in Melbourne, Australia. As Diane Brockway, she was a pupil of Farnham Girls’ Grammar School and her father was a local town councillor. Her father married the mother of Jeffrey Tate.

Diane met David Bell, who lived in the Bourne, and they married before emigrating to Australia. The best man at their wedding was Cyril Trust, the editor of this magazine and a great friend of David Bell. Cyril and Diane met at the ceremony for the first time in almost fifty years. Her husband died a few weeks before she came to Farnham.

As well as the above, there were comments in the “Letters Page” of the *Farnham Herald* and articles in various magazines e.g. the Journal of the Farnham & District Museum Society. Farnham made sure that this talented man will be remembered.

REMEMBERING A REMARKABLE OLD BOY

As this is the final magazine I wanted to include details of various people who have been important in the history of both the Grammar School and Farnham College. I received a letter from Margaret Sargeant, wife of webmaster Ian Sargeant, giving information about such a person and am including it here.

*Margaret Sargeant attended the 50th anniversary reunion of staff at Great Ormond Street, where she trained as a nurse. She met one of her old friends and during their conversation, Imogen Drakeford, told Margaret that her father had attended Farnham Grammar School. She has since provided a profile of her father and there is little doubt that **LESLEY JOHN STROUD** was a remarkable person.*

For some time, people, including myself, thought that John Stroud was a member of the Charles Stroud family that resurrected the Grammar School in 1853 and built it up to the quality of school that most of our readers know it to be. In fact, he was the son of Thomas Stroud, who was the Headmaster of Rowledge School in Farnham for many successful years. Strange, to have two well known teachers in the town with the same surname.

LESLEY JOHN STROUD (1921-1933) was born in Farnham on 21st July 1914 and attended the Farnham Grammar School from the age of eleven. Here, he won a prize for “Reading” in 1926 and was in the sixth form until leaving in 1933. He was congratulated on gaining a Draper’s Scholarship and well known teacher Eric Munton, wrote “He has my best wishes for a brilliant university career.”

He entered Queen Mary College & Institute of Education in London as a Draper company Science scholar and gained the following in further education.

Leeds University: MA : ME.d

Balliol College Oxon:

London University: BSc: MSc : PhD

He began his teaching career and progressed as follows:

1948 – 1952 Head Master of Deacon’s School, Peterborough.

1952 – 1971 Headmaster of King Edward IV School, Southampton.

1971 – 1972 Research Officer at Schools’ Council.

1973 Joint Secretary. Maths. (Deeply involved with “New” C.S.E.Maths).

He published his summary entitled “Maths and its applications” and conclusions.

King Edward’s School was grant aided, the local Socialist Council wanted to have it included in their comprehensive plan. He worked hard and successfully to keep it independent.

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During the Second World War he went to York and taught Maths at Bootham School, a Quaker School. He became very interested in Quaker ideas. In 1970 he became chairman of "The Friends' Schools Joint Committee." At the time Quakers (Friends) had a boarding school.

In 1968 he spent several months in Nigeria at "OKENE" School researching and advising. He died on 11th November 1992 after a short illness. The memorial service was at King Edward's School.

In 1962 John Stroud had lunch at the Dolphin Hotel in Southampton with Dudley Backhurst, Leslie Luff and Freddie Grimstead, all Old Boys who lived and worked in Southampton. They decided to make it an annual affair and the Southampton Lunch was launched. Eric Munton was in contact with them and he attended the second lunch with several Old Boys and staff and in time the number exceeded thirty people. After the death of Dudley Backhurst the editor organised the event and regularly attracted over forty people.

He became more involved with the Old Farnhamians and became President in 1975 and 1976. He was the first President who was not the Headmaster of the School. These were important years for the Grammar School and it closed in 1973. John was appointed governor of the new Farnham College and then chairman of governors. His considerable experience in the field of education was to prove a great benefit to the fledgling institution

Now living nearer his original home he involved himself in the affairs of the Association and was a regular at the Annual Dinner. As you can see John Stroud was a remarkable man and I am delighted that his profile appears in this final Farnhamian magazine.

NEWS FROM THE OTHER STROUD FAMILY

In the same week that the Editor received details of L.J. Stroud, he received an e-mail from Jenny Stroud, a descendent of Charles Stroud, asking if I knew much about L.J.Stroud. She had read the new magazine and seen the name mentioned and did not know of a Lesley John Stroud in her family. Jenny has worked for many years collecting data about her family and she kindly sends any interesting information to me.

As well as the query about the other Stroud family in Farnham she sent a photograph of Charles Stroud and his large family, taken around 1867-68 at the school and family home in West Street. As you can see it is a very large family and in time many of the sons and daughters became teachers in Farnham and further afield.

This is probably the oldest photograph we have seen of Charles Stroud and it will be an

important part of the memorabilia of Farnham Grammar School. If he had not taken over as headmaster in 1853 it is almost certain that the School would have gone into administration. For the final magazine it is appropriate that we can feature this man and his family, as they are an important part of the Farnham Grammar School Story.

THE STROUD FAMILY – 1867-68



Left to Right: Mary Kate; Emma; Ellen; Caroline; Sarah. Cordelia was a baby; Edwin was not born; William and Patrick are not in the photograph and Charles Jnr. Died as a baby. Charles Stroud is seated with his wife Lavinia Biddick.

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A number of Old Boys were concerned to hear from America that the rampant forest fires were due late in the summer. Two members lived in California and the following item from a local newspaper was welcomed. It was sent across by **JOHN DAVIS (1958-1965)** to his old pal, Roger Edgell.

“Looking back on last year’s fire season, experts have ample explanations for why flames become historically destructive in California, consuming thousands of structures throughout the state. Some, like strong Santa Ana winds and a slow recovery from a long drought, are more natural causes. Others, like a growing population that has been pushing development into wild areas, are distinctly human. As one expert told TIME magazine, with many homes in forested places, “It’s just a matter of time” before fire will arrive.

JOHN DAVIS and Lorrie Brown, who run an architecture firm in Ojai, California, knew they were constructing a home in a dangerous spot when they decided to live on 27 acres in the hills of Ventura County, where the Thomas Fire destroyed more than 1000 structures last year. But unlike many of their neighbours the couple had a home to go back to after evacuations were over. They had designed it with fire in mind: rather than

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a wooden frame, the home has bones of steel. The decking is made of a hardwood that burns little better than concrete. Where other homes might have grass, they have gravel, with landscaping setting the home back from ground cover that carries blazes from place to place. There are even fire doors that can be pulled like barn doors to create a “hard shell” protecting the structure from hot embers.

Filmmaker Nicholas Weissman profiled the project with hopes that the many people who may be rebuilding or retrofitting homes in California – particularly in areas that are part of ‘wildland-urban interface’ – will take note.

TERRY HUGHES (1953-1958), well known for helping to produce *The Two Ronnies* and *Monty Python* in the UK, and *The Golden Girls* in America, also lives in this area and we have asked John if he can find out if Terry and family lost their home. Hopefully we may have an answer before this magazine is printed.

Over the past twenty – plus years that the modern Farnhamian has been in print, one of the regular contributors has been **MICHAEL PRENTICE (1948-1954)**. When asked to write something for the final edition he submitted the following. Clearly about sport, as he had a career as a sports journalist and is still an avid Aldershot FC supporter.

“**DAVID BIDWELL (1948-1953)** had a distinguished military career and I have never forgotten an extraordinary performance by him on the school cricket field. Playing in a junior house match, he had the remarkable bowling figures on nine wickets for one run. There can be few, if any, better statistical bowling performances in cricket history at any level. I had a far more modest success in a junior house match. I was a terrible bowler, but once bowled a single over for School House, and it was a one-wicket maiden. The batsman was embarrassingly bowled with a full toss. So I have a perfect lifetime bowling average of no runs per wicket. Can anybody beat that?”

In January 2019, **TONY HUGHES (1957-1964)** made his annual pilgrimage from Australia to meet family and old friends from the UK. Former classmates travelled from far and wide to be at the gathering and reports are that all went well as fourteen old pals met once again.

Those present this time were:

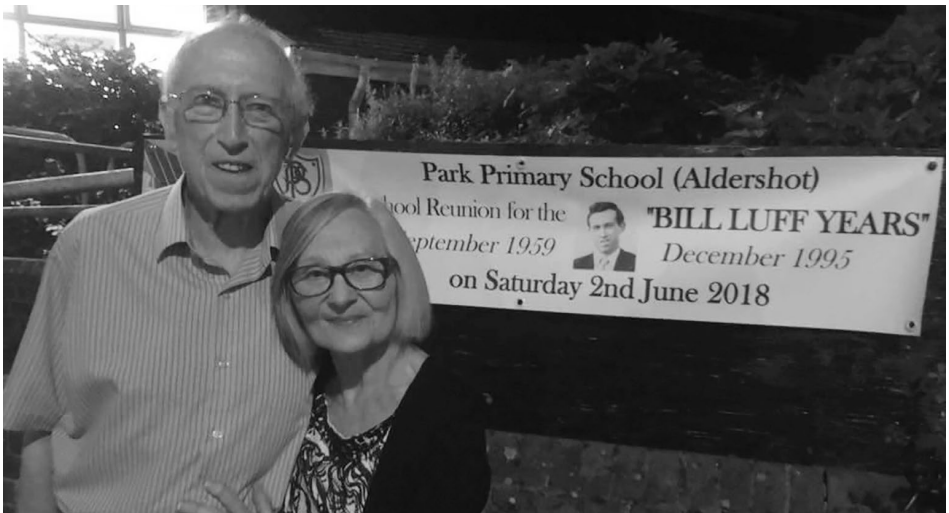
Tim German: Brian Williams: Peter Dalton: David Polglaze: Ray Cleminson: Howard Torode: Wally Walsh: Roger Edgell: Bob Frampton: Bob Gibbs: Richard Phillips: Tony Hughes: John Sherwood: Clive Beal.

The above are from the sixty boys intake in 1957 and it is remarkable that this many are still in contact. Apart from this enjoyable event Tony Hughes visited his 95 year old mother, who lives in Guildford.

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We begin this section of the magazine with a really heart warming story. It relates to **BILL LUFF (1948-1955)** who left the Grammar School to train to become a teacher. His first job was at Park School in Aldershot and over the years he progressed to deputy Headteacher and for many years Headmaster of this local primary school.

Bill was a popular Headmaster, and both the pupils of the school and their parents became his friends. He coached football teams who were very successful. His proudest moment was when his 1984 team became National Junior Schools U/11 Champions at the old Wembley Stadium in front of 50,000 people. In 2017 Bill was contacted by one of his ex-pupils and asked to put a date into his diary as it was planned to hold a small party for both former pupils and parents of Park School. Nearer to the date Bill asked for directions to the hall at Fleet and was told not to worry as he and his wife would be collected by taxi. The couple arrived and entering the hall they were greeted by well over 150 former pupils and staff and parents. It was clear that the event had been arranged to thank Bill for being such an excellent headmaster and a buffet was arranged to celebrate. One of the ex-pupils spoke about his way of teaching, which resulted in happy children and successful results. Bill was asked to accept gifts specially relating to him and one was a banner complete with his photo and school logo. Another was a specially engraved inkwell with golden quill and finally a copy of the Jules Rimet World Cup engraved to Bill Luff – A great football coach. Bill has always been a quiet person, but the evening produced a few tears for him and his wife. What a wonderful tribute to a man who helped shape the lives of so many young children.



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Every year I have received a few words from **PETER DOWNHAM (1943-1948)** and his wife Rita, who was formerly Rita Stone and attended the Farnham Girls' Grammar School. In 2019 they celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of starting a new life in Australia and plan to spend time with **MICK BARHAM (1947-1953)** and his wife Molly who travelled across the world at the same time. When writing this, Peter is 86 years of age and Rita has joined the 85th birthday club, as she calls it.

They have clearly no regrets on leaving the homeland for Australia and have both had a successful career, raised their family, now have several grandchildren, and have overall been reasonably healthy. Peter still plays bowls regularly, even with arthritis in his hips and trouble with his back. Rita suffers from chest problems and has to spend time in hospital periodically to help with her breathing. They often hark back to school days, when the girls were expected to act like 'YOUNG LADIES'! Rita still appreciates the wonderful dinners served by the amazing Mrs Avenell, even with the shortages in existence soon after the Second World War.

Both Peter and Rita keep in contact with former classmates at the Grammar Schools. The recent arrival of the statue in memory of the Girls' School in Menin Way is a wonderful reminder of those pupils who enjoyed their days there. They both feel that they were privileged to attend such wonderful schools and remember the sadness on their final day there.

Peter has sent several photos of Farnham in the fifties, and they have been shown in "*Peeps of the Past*" in the *Farnham Herald*.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM – RIGHTING AN IDENTIFIED WRONG

Henry Ellwood lived in Farnham for many years until moving to East Anglia recently. His son attended the Farnham Grammar School and his daughter worked for the Farnham Herald for many years. In retirement he wrote several books, based on those men and women who lived in Farnham and surroundings, and died in either the First or Second World War. He took the names from the various memorials in the Gostrey Meadows or in the villages.

A list of names was printed in one of the magazines and John Clarke, a member of the General Committee, spotted that William Bastow appeared on the memorial and in the book, but not on the plaque on the wall inside the School/College reception area. Roger Edgell, long time Secretary of the OFA and President at the time, promised that he would look into the matter and report back.

Roger made contact with family members and it was agreed that the name of William Bastow would be added to the plaque and at the same time there would be a small

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ceremony. After a great deal of research Roger has contacted members of the family and we can now give more details regarding this Old Boy.

2nd Lt. William Henry Bastow, who was an army officer in the Royal Field Artillery, attached to Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS) attended Farnham Grammar School from 1904 – 1909. He was born in December 1894 in Hanwell, Middlesex, the son of Frank Rogers Bastow and Annie Louise Bastow. The 1911 census for Farnham lists him living at 2, The Borough, Farnham with his parents and brothers and sisters. Father Frank, is listed as a shopkeeper (Corn Dealer and Poultry Foods) and William Henry as a 16 year-old assistant, presumed to be in the family business.

William did marry whilst on leave from the army in April 1915 – his bride was Maude Cowan, aged 18 years, born in 1897. Her father Patrick, being of military descent stationed in Aldershot. Her mother was named Matilda. Maude bore William a son in 1915, just 25 days before William died at Gallipoli on 26th November 1915. Following his death the family can be located at The White House, West Street, Farnham and in 1919 the entire family emigrated to Canada. Maude and her son did not accompany them, but all of the remainder of the family are buried in Quebec, Canada.

Maude moved to Sevenoaks in Kent and remarried, but returned to Farnham to marry for the third time. She died in Tongham in 1959.

For the reader the following is a brief article by Henry Ellwood for his book covering those who died in the Great War.

SECOND LIEUT. WILLIAM HENRY BASTOW – Royal Naval Air Service and Royal Field Artillery.

William Henry Bastow died on Friday 26th November 1915 at Gallipoli. He is buried in the Lancashire Landing Cemetery, Turkey. Grave Reference K.53

On Sunday April 25th 1915 the Allied Forces began landings at Gallipoli with The French landing at Kum Kale. Over the next few months there were many landings and the Allied Forces suffered a tremendous loss of life. The Gallipoli landings were a British failure.

The Royal Naval Air Service operated balloons for artillery spotting and also aircraft for a range of duties. William Henry Bastow may have been trained in aircrew duties or as an observer in balloons.

The Lancashire Cemetery was named after the 1st Lancashire Fusiliers which landed under severe fire on “W” Beach, and cut their way through wire entanglements and trenches on the edge of the cliff, and established themselves on the hills of Tekke Burnu and Helles Burnu.

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We have heard from **KEITH HARVEY (1974)**, former Geology teacher at the Grammar School and later at Farnham College. Keith taught at the Portsmouth Northern Grammar School for Boys before joining FGS in 1974. He retired in 1996 and returned to Farnham College for two terms to teach Geology, only to find the subject had been dropped and he ended teaching Geography.

Where else would a former teacher of geology live in retirement? Keith lives within sight of a dormant volcano named the Puy de Dôme which is one of the youngest volcanoes in France's Massif Central. His story of living there is interesting:

“When I first started looking for a property for my retirement I had visions of a stone house. Although there were a number of isolated barns they usually had no mains services and the roof was also not very sound. So I then moved on to the idea of buying a plot of land and building a highly insulated house. I bought the plot, 200 metres from my current house, and started trying to find companies to help me build it and supply all the necessary materials/equipment. After talking to many companies in England and France I discovered that whatever they said they could do was a lie. I was obviously very disappointed as I had spent several years on designing the house, but I was certain I wanted to live in this area.

I had taken various photographs on my plot to submit my planning application and my current house was in the background. I sold the plot and bought a wooden house. It was built from a kit by the previous owner, but before he could finish he was given a new posting in the army.

The view down the drive is looking towards the mountains (Puy de Dôme) which gives its name to the department. I can watch the cog railway train crawl diagonally up the mountain. The view from the south-east emphasises the shape of the building. The roof to the right now sports its Velux window which allows light into the office space. The wood was originally coated with a varnish like substance which took me weeks to remove. Surface coats like this suffer from breaking down due to the UV and the movements caused by the wood expanding and contracting. It had to be replaced with a penetrating oil product.”

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Keith Harvey sitting outside his wooden house in France

With the average age of the Old Boys increasing, it is unusual to read of a marriage. Our current President **RICHARD PHILLIPS (1961-1963)** decided to take the plunge late in October 2018 marrying his Polish partner, Joanna Kordybacha at St. Laurence Church, Seale. Although the couple live on the south coast, Richard originally lived in Farnham and decided to marry there.

With typical Phillips' generosity, members of the General Committee and Farnhamian 400 Trust Committee enjoyed a piece of wedding cake at their November meeting.

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Richard Phillips and his bride at the autumn wedding at Seale, near Farnham.

The Museum of Farnham held an exhibition for several weeks offering information about Farnham in the First World War. The OFA was asked if the museum could use some of their memorabilia and several items were on show to the public. On Remembrance Day the ceremony was held in Gostrey Meadows and local MP, Jeremy Hunt, who is also Foreign Secretary, gave one of the main speeches.

As a large crowd gathered around the memorial he read from the April 1918 edition of the Farnhamian magazine. This is what he chose to say:

“We have not this term heard of the loss of so many Old Boys, but the lists from the great battle are not yet in.

SERGT. HERBERT JULIUS CAESAR, who joined up at the commencement of the war, and was invalided out last November, died at Hale on March 5th. He went to France in the beginning of 1916, but the severe strain of his duties taxed his strength beyond the limit, though he stuck to his job to the point of collapse. He was invalided home in October, and after a few months in hospital returned to work in England. But his health broke down again, and he was finally discharged from the service. His last days were spent in his native village of Hale, whence he used to come patiently to school every day seventeen to twenty years ago. He was of those that are faithful though not famous

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at school. Excellent at work, good at play, and always cheerful, his contemporaries would all agree that there was no boy so un-complaining and so ready to take a bright view of things. We need so many of that breed now.

***CAPT. W.H.MADDEN, R.I.F.** was reported killed while leading his company against overwhelming odds on March 22nd. Many will remember Mr. Madden, who was a Master here from 1909 till 1911. He was most energetic in school and out of school, and one of the most untiring sportsmen the Cricket and Football Teams ever had. We can understand how his Company followed him in the great battle.*

***F.R. COOK**, who was with us at school as if it were yesterday, died in a German prison on December 13th. He had been reported wounded and missing since December 1st, and we had high hopes that we might see his bright face with us again. But at the end of March the official news of his death was received from the War Office. At school he was one of the brightest and most liked boys of his generation. Excellent at work, good at football, and a reliable bowler, he worthily filled his place here. During the training in England he really endeared himself to the families where he was billeted. And when he was first missing we received more than one letter of enquiries from his friends.*

We still see day by day in shop and street the inspiring faces of brave men and women fighting silently and cheerfully with their sorrow, and we know that these messengers of God must increase in number as the days go on. May they yet have strength to bear the burden He has placed upon them. May we have patience and humility to learn the lesson that those dear to all of us should teach us by their sacrifice and death."

Stirring words, and still applicable one hundred years after they were written.

For many years a handful of Old Boys have helped with the costs of producing the magazine by advertising each time and paying £30 per advert. One of these is **ROBIN WELLAND-JONES (1969-1974)** and I welcome the following article from him as well as discovering that he was one of three brothers who attended the Grammar School.

"The Jones Boys "This may or may not be a record in the history of Farnham Grammar School, but my two brothers Afan, Gareth and myself, Robin, followed each other through the school in three consecutive years. We all "graduated" from Seale Primary School with our eleven-plus passes, starting with Afan in 1967, Gareth in 1968 and finally myself in 1969. We were all sporting lads playing football, tennis, basketball and swimming for Massingberd House and the School. Academically we were quite different in the way of our achievements as our 'O' Level results testify.

Afan Jones 6 passes: Gareth Jones 4 passes: Robin Jones 0 passes:

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For various reasons we all left the School at the end of our fifth year. Me, with the words of the Headmaster, Paul French, (who had finally given up any hope of furthering my education) ringing in my ears stating in my final school report: "I suggest that Robin looks elsewhere for his work next year."

On leaving Farnham Grammar School our paths took the following somewhat diverse routes:

Afan graduated with "O" Levels from FGS in July 1972 and received a Surrey County Council Scholarship to attend Atlantic College in South Wales. From there he received a bursary to attend the University of British Columbia. He graduated with a BA in Geography in 1977 and went on to pursue a career in recreation and park planning in Vancouver. He moved to White Horse, Yukon in 1985 and took up positions in park and protected area planning with the Yukon Government until his retirement in 2016. Afan raised a family in Yukon and his two daughters continue to have close ties to their birth home. Afan continues a lifelong interest in the sport of orienteering in both competition and organizing. Most recently, he was the race director for the 2018 North American Orienteering Championships in Yukon, He also continues to pursue outdoor interests in ski mountaineering and white water canoeing.

Gareth left FGS after "O" Levels in 1973. At Coleg Amaethyddol Cymru, Aberystwyth, Gareth gained an OND in Agriculture. After four year as a dairy herdsman in West Wales, Gareth lived and worked in agriculture in Canada and New Zealand for 2 years. He then returned to West Wales, learned Welsh and set up a fencing contracting business before becoming a tenant farmer (200 acre sheep and beef farm) for 20 years. Now in semi retirement, married for 32 years and with two adult children, Gareth lives in and enjoys walking the length and breadth of Wales trying (not always successfully) to keep his carbon footprint low!

And finally Robin.

Considering our parents were both teachers, our father at Heath End and mother at Weydon School, readers will understand how I took home my abysmal end of term reports with more than a little trepidation, indeed some reports may not have made it back to our home in The Sands at all! I left FGS with little clue of what I would be doing the following week let alone for the next forty or so years I did however possess a great work ethic and a fascination with all things mechanical. My first job offer came shortly after my 16th birthday whilst working in our local pub, The Barley Mow in The Sands. David Chandler, the owner of a production engineering company on the Farnham trading estate was a regular lunch time visitor to the pub and after a full and

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searching 90 second interview across the bar he offered me a menial job in his workshop starting immediately after the pub closed for lunch that day. I hopped on to my bicycle and headed to Farnham to proudly start my first “proper job.” I lasted six weeks in a mind numbing trance, bending pieces of metal into various shapes to be turned into mobility aids for disabled people. It was long enough to realise that I did not want to do that for a living, but also long enough to scrape together enough cash to buy my first motorbike, a passion which has stayed with me to this day.

A change of course followed this employment by being taken on as an assistant chef at the Jolly Farmer at Puttenham, which at the time boasted a silver service restaurant of local note. The somewhat unsociable working hours (for a lad of sixteen) meant that after six months service culminating in an altercation with the head waiter I was looking elsewhere for employment. My interest in things mechanical led me to a position at Halfords, trading at the time in The Borough in Farnham. After only a few months in the shop I was invited to apply for the position of assistant manager. During the interview I was asked how many “O” Levels I had. How many do I need? I asked. “Four” was the reply. Without thought (or conscience) I blurted out “That’s how many I got.” The promotion was mine! No one asked for evidence and no one has since asked me for any proof of any qualifications.

I remained at Halfords for a couple of years, then entered the motor trade proper working at various garages in the area in a variety of roles ranging from parts’ department, workshop, service reception, service manager and finally ended up in a sales position at a local Citroen garage at the time when the French manufacturer was producing a range of ground breaking models. During this time I owned every model type of Citroen from the humble 2CV to the fabulously complicated Citroen SM Maserati all of which I managed to take apart and put back together again with a reasonable degree of mainly self taught success.

During this I time I married my fist wife in Churt, bought my first home in Aldershot, followed by another in Haslemere, both of which needed considerable renovation. I spent a few months living in North Devon (hated it!), moved “back home” to Surrey, bought my third house, in Grayshott, and then got divorced.

Also during this time, having renovated three houses I developed a great interest in Construction. This did not go un-noticed amongst friends who started to ask me to carry out various building tasks. I soon realised I was being asked to take on projects that were beyond my experience so I teamed up with local tradesmen and built up a list of local clients and kept myself busy for a few years.

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On one particular project a local timber frame constructor arrived on site and proceeded to build a timber framed barn style garage. My business partner and I looked at the structure, then at one another, and thought “we could do that”, so we did. We sat down, drew up some simple plans for oak framed, barn style buildings for use principally as garages, but ones that could also have a level of habitation either on the ground or the first floor. We built our first barn on the showground of the Surrey County Show in 1998 and Rookery Barns Limited gradually grew to its current position of employing 10 carpenters, supporting several sub-contractors and building between 45 and 50 buildings each year.

A further connection with FGS came about at this time when I was offered a large quantity of scaffolding by OFA stalwart, John Crotty, who had just retired from the building trade and had also been a near neighbour of my parents. Having agreed a deal with John we then needed a home not only for the scaffolding but also for our burgeoning business. My second experience of the 90 second interview culminated in John’s old landlord offering us the workshop and yard on his farm in Frensham. Not only did we not have to move the huge pile of scaffolding, we had a new home!



Afan, Gareth and Robin Welland-Jones pose behind the bard of the old School

Sadly my business partner died in 2005 and I took over sole running of the business. My second wife, Catherine, whom I met in 1995 and married in 2006, left her European business development position in the Queensland consulate in London to take up the role of marketing director of the company and it has gone from strength to strength. This

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year, at the point of celebrating 20 years in business, we will have constructed over 870 barn style buildings within a 40 mile radius of Farnham and continue to receive a steady stream of enquiries. We have taken on and trained many apprentices, some of whom have gone on to start their own businesses and we still manage to retain a core of loyal staff, some of whom have served the company for over 18 years.

Outside of working hours Catherine and I have travelled widely from Australia to the Far East, South America, India, Sri Lanka, Africa and the Caribbean. We also enjoy regular skiing trips, SCUBA diving, motor cycle touring around the UK and Europe and plenty of walking and outdoor activities.

Despite my less than impressive record at FGS I have rarely missed the opportunity of getting together with half a dozen or so of my old class mates at the annual OFA lunch and have even addressed the gathering on one occasion. My initial interest and attendance at the gatherings can be laid squarely on the shoulders of Wally Walsh, whose mother in law, Eileen Critchley, then land lady at the Barley Mow pub in The Sands got me my first “interview” and set me on the path where I am now. Who says the old school tie doesn’t work?!



The unveiling of the revised First World War plaque in the old school reception area which added William Henry Bastow to the list of dead. Attending the ceremony above are: Cyril Trust: Richard Phillips: Gordon Andrews: Mike Mehta: Ian Sargeant: Brian Williams: Rev. Andrew Tuck: Roger Edgell: John Clarke: John Crotty.

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Barbara Moore, the widow of former Geography teacher **TONY MOORE (1961-1968)**, recently decided to move house, and unearthed some valuable memorabilia that her husband had accumulated. Most of this will be added to the Association memorabilia, but one item seemed to be worth printing here for all to enjoy. It may have been used in a school play or concert and there is no name given to the originator. Hope the readers like it!

MORLEY ROAD

*In Morley Road before the days of Comprehensiveness
For many years there stood a school of great renown.
But it's harder now to build it up
Than to run it down*

*Very strange. Morley Road is in my ears and in my eyes
There beneath the grey suburban skies I sit, and meanwhile back
In Morley Road there sits the Chairman of Governors
And in his pocket is a present from the Queen
But even he can't do more than frown
If they close us down
In the town there it's a knowing band of councillors
Who have a sorry tale to tell of Upper Hale
They had lots of building land for sale –
Hail and farewell*

*In Morley Road the boys are thinking of their sister school
Of all the freedom that the Prefects there enjoy
But they keep every boy at bay –
It's their Menin Way*

*Very strange. Morley Road is in my ears and in my eyes
There beneath the grey suburban skies I sit, and meanwhile back
In Morley Road they try to reach religious unity
But far too many want a foolproof guarantee
"I'm willing to become C. of E."
If you'll agree with Me*

*In Morley Road we have the sirens on the Ambulances
As yet another victim's life is vainly lost
Hickley's Corner must still be crossed
While they weigh the cost*

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*Very strange. Morley Road is in my ears and in my eyes
While new buildings strain against the skies. I sit and meanwhile back
In Morley Road the ghost of Cobbett steps in wonderment
And shakes his head and wanders sadly down the hill –
But was it over, then?*

*Very strange. Morley Road is in my ears and in my eyes
Rare beneath the grey suburban skies – Morley Road.*

The editor read this several times and then realised that it made sense if you put the tune and words of “Penny Lane” by Lennon & McCartney to them. Try it yourself!!

Christmas usually brings messages from Old Boys living abroad and the following were the first to arrive: **CYRIL PAYNE (1948-1953)** writes from Australia to say that he has moved away from the city and now lives by the sea. He still goes into his office once a week and is still registered Chaplain to the RSL (our British Legion). He mainly conducts funerals and still conducts the RSL Brass Ensemble, again mostly for ceremonial occasions.

In the same week we heard from regular contributor to the magazine, **MICHAEL PRENTICE (1948-1955)** who still lives in Ottawa, Canada. Michael and his Dutch wife Marie Louise love to travel and use mainly the Holland-America Line. They have covered most of the Adriatic and the Mediterranean as well as the Caribbean. The majority of cruises suit them, although the trip to Cuba was disappointing. Their home is only an hour’s drive from New York State and they visit a village named Cooperstown to join the audience for some excellent shows from The Metropolitan Opera and The New York Philharmonic Orchestra. Marie Louise has recently retired and they visit Holland more often. When in this country they stay at their favourite hotel called The Hydro, Eastbourne.

2019 began with a large colourful envelope from **TOM GODDARD (1947-1952)**. Tom is still producing some remarkable postcards and drawings in general and included some in the package. He also included two pages of Tom Goddard Memories from Schooldays and I show below a few of these which may jog a few memories for the reader.

Remembering a particular assembly at the top of the Sports field in 1950, where a fixed camera slowly panned the massive group to record the full school complement for posterity, when John Cooke attempted to run around the back of the group, beat the slow-turning camera, and get to appear in the picture TWICE. He DID beat the camera, looking all wide-eyed and excited, but it seems Mr Ray had not actually started his camera turning when John set off on his run!

Remembering playing in a football match refereed by **BILL WICKENS** sat astride his shooting stick on the touchline and, like his boxing-glove-on-a-rope novelty punishment in the gym, and player caught committing the odd foul could suddenly find himself

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having to run around the perimeter of the pitch in double-quick time AS WELL AS giving away the free kick!

Remembering getting soaked in the rain once, when it was our turn to walk down to the British Restaurant in Gostrey Meadow for our lunch, due to the school outgrowing its facilities. A few of us on the way back considerably adding to the wetness of our trousers by kicking puddles at each other in order to go before the Duty Master and be deemed “Too wet to sit through the afternoon lessons” and promptly sent home!

Happy memories Tom!

For the first three months of 2019, the Museum of Farnham featured an exhibition of the life of Mike Hawthorn, the first Englishman to be the Formula One Motor Racing Champion. Mike could often be seen racing across the Hogs Back in his open top car, cloth cap on back to front. On 22nd January 1959 he lost control of his car on the Guildford By-Pass and was killed. Only a few months before on 20th November 1958 he visited the School and spoke to staff and pupils assembled on the top field, about Road Safety and the need to respect others on the road. How ironic is that!!

On 23rd January 2019 the Editor, **CYRIL TRUST (1948-1953)** received an e-mail from old friend **CYRIL PAYNE (1948-1953)** saying that the temperature in Australia, where they live, was 36 degrees and too hot for him and his wife to take their daily walk. The Editor replied by saying that he and his wife had just been for their early morning swim and it was one degree and the road was covered with some snow. An instant reply said that the Payne’s would rather stay in OZ.

OBITUARIES

It is with regret that while this magazine was going through the printing process we received news of the death of two former Presidents. Full obituaries will be in the next magazine.

Firstly came the news that **MIKE HORNER (1943-1948)** had died from Alzheimers after several weeks in care and in Frimley Park Hospital. Mike had a glittering career and this was covered by his profile in the 2003 magazine. He was a civil engineer who moved into top management and eventually into marketing with his office and home in Hong Kong. He moved to Blue Circle cement, a former employer, as Managing Director in the Asian/Pacific, which worked out of Malaysia. He then became Chairman of Armitage Shanks in Malaysia and Singapore.

A few days after the death of Mike Horner, news came that **BRYAN BONE (1948-1952)** had died in his sleep. Bryan had suffered a heart condition for some time. He left the School and entered the world of insurance broking, starting with Eagle Star and finally running his own company in Castle Street, Farnham.

A TASTE OF HONEY

When asking for a profile of an Old Boy I usually receive two or three pages, plus a photograph, and am able to publish a worthwhile article. For the final edition of the magazine I asked **GLENN HONEY (1945-1950)** if he would send me his profile and was rewarded with two articles as he asked his younger brother **ROGER HONEY (1957-1963)** to send in his details. So let us begin with Glenn:

Glenn joined the Grammar School and entered Harding House. He took part in several sports and was a member of the House Rifle Shooting Team, and won the spoon and was awarded Harding House Colours in 1950. On leaving school he trained as a Building Surveyor at Hartley Wintney RDC and College of Estate Management and qualified as a Chartered Surveyor in 1958. National Service in the Army as a 2nd Lt. intervened, and he then joined a surveying practice, Philip & Co. in Guildford, and became a Partner.

In 1965 he was elected as a Councillor of the Farnham District Council and became Chairman of the Housing Committee.

In 1968 he resigned from Philip & Co. and joined the large international firm of surveyors, Jones, Lang & Wotton in their London office as deputy to the Chief Building Surveyor. In 1972 he accepted an invitation to join the Partnership and run the department. This was very demanding and the firm dealt with large commercial properties all over the country. The department became large and included a team of architects. He retired in 1992.

With his wife Margaret, they decided to move to Cornwall as it was ideal for their sailing hobby. They already had a 32 ft. sailing boat named "Juliet" and wished to go further with her. In the summer of 1993 they circumnavigated Ireland.

This gave them the urge to go further and they started planning for a transatlantic trip. In 1994 they set off south to Spain, on to the Azores, Madeira, Canaries, a 21 day trip to Barbados and on to the Virgin Islands where they were joined by Glenn's brother Roger and son Peter for a week. Then it was on to the Bahamas, on to Florida and up the East Coast of America to New York. They met with **NORMAN & DIANA PAGET** in Baltimore and stayed with them for a few days until their daughter Kate came over for a short holiday.

They wintered "Juliet" in the States and then sailed back to England in 1996 via Bermuda. They missed Bishop **BILLY DOWN**, who had retired the previous month and arrived in Falmouth in July 1996.

Later in 1999 they did a three year trip to the Baltic, visiting 12 countries, including St. Petersburg in Russia, before returning home in 2001. Glen has sold "Juliet" and now cruises in style like most of us as well as spending time with his family.

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We now move on to **ROGER HONEY** who entered the Grammar School in 1957 and stayed only one year as his father, who was in the RAF, was posted to Germany. Roger attended Queen's School at the Headquarters of 2nd Tactical Air Force, RAF until 1959, when his father retired and returned to England. He was able to attend Farnham Grammar School once again.

From the start it was clear that Roger was a very talented pupil and he excelled in Sport, Music and Art in particular. In sport he won the Cross Country in 1962, won the one mile at the Farnham Secondary Schools' Athletic Championships in 1962/63, He played football for the School First XI in 1963, played Cricket for the School Second XI in 1962/63 and swam for his House. In 1963 he was elected House Captain for Harding, became a Prefect and Assistant School Captain.

He played 2nd trumpet in many school concerts and soloed at the Parish Church. On leaving the Grammar School he continued his education firstly at Farnborough Technical College and then at Goldsmith's College, London University of Art where he gained a BA (first) in Sculpture with related subjects, followed by a year at London University Institute of Education for his teaching certification. Roger was then accepted to the Ceramics and Glass Department of the Royal College of Art led by Lord Queensbury, where he gained his Master of Fine Art and a supplemental Bronze Casting Diploma.

Roger enjoyed his first teaching appointment at Goldsmith's College, London University where he became a lecturer in Fine Art Ceramics. He remained in this position for seven years until the department regrettably closed. During this period Roger was able to enrich his creative and educational experience by visiting and working for short periods in the ceramics' industry, including Highland Stoneware in Loch Iver, Scotland. He was also a visiting lecturer in the ceramics' department of Epsom and Farnham (West Street) Schools of Art. Roger exhibited his art work in many locations, including Oxford Gallery, the Victoria & Albert Museum, and the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Roger relocated to America in 1980 when he was offered a teaching post in the Studio Art Department of Principia College, Illinois close to St. Louis. He remained teaching at Principia as professor in charge of all 3-D subjects until his retirement in 2001. During this extended period he had the opportunity to exhibit his art work in many locations in the USA, co-owned a small ceramics' company, consulted for Santa Barbara Ceramic Design Company and lectured at universities across the country.

Roger's accolades during his career teaching and exhibiting include the Grand Prize Winner and Stutt Kiln Purchase Award at the ART National Show in Chicago and a prize winner at the Illinois Clay Workers' Guild in Springfield. He has enjoyed media

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coverage in “*Ceramics Monthly*” and “*American Craft*” international magazines and curated several national art shows.

Always looking and listening for new inspiration and opportunities to share his knowledge and creative life experiences with aspiring young artists, Roger continues to teach and exhibit his art work wherever the opportunities arise. Today he is an adjunct professor in fine arts’ and humanities’ departments of two local colleges in the Central New York areas where he and his wife Nancy presently reside.

His CV which he sent to the Editor is quite stunning. With the pages of text sent in were several Photographs and it was difficult to choose one for both Glen and Roger. For Glen I have reproduced an article with Photograph of him trying to resurrect the Farnham Maltings. To see it today owes something to his efforts. With Roger, there were several sporting photographs, but I have chosen one of him with Alan Fluck, and the famous conductor Malcolm Arnold in Farnham.



Malcolm Arnold

Alan Fluck

Roger Honey

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In the photograph on the previous page, Roger Honey stands beside well loved and accomplished Music Teacher, Alan Fluck, as they guide Malcolm Arnold through St. Andrews Church.

Sir Malcolm Arnold CBE was a famous English composer and wrote music in many genres, including nine symphonies. He wrote five ballets for the Royal Ballet and the music for more than one hundred films. Probably his most famous film music was for the *Bridge On The River Kwai* which earned him an Oscar.

This will be the final profile of the many Old Boys who have started life as a pupil at Farnham Grammar School. The list of these Old Boys and their achievements after leaving the School shows just how successful their centre of education was in Farnham. There is little doubt that all of the pupils had a good start in life, thanks to some wonderful teaching.

I think it is fair to say that we will never see the like again!



Glenn (a Farnham UDC Councillor) addressing a public meeting at FGS circa 1965 organised by the Farnham Society in support of an endeavour to save the Maltings for the town. The meeting finally passed resolutions that the Maltings should be acquired by Farnham, for Farnham.

A TOAST TO THE OFA – 2017 BY TED MAYNE

THE 2018 Autumn Lunch I asked members for any articles that they felt would read well in the final magazine. The following is from Ted Mayne, who left the School in 1959.

“When Roger Edgell approached me last year about speaking and proposing a toast today, I was somewhat surprised, especially as my school career was not that inspiring and I have actually spoken on two earlier occasions since I left the school 63 years ago. On my part I cannot recall much of what I said. Both occasions were in the 20th century and, those with long memories please excuse me if I repeat myself.

Well... back to September 1954, the year I entered the school as one of the Guildford boys. George Baxter entered his second year as Headmaster and taught us English. Alan Fluck was our form master. The school still bore the scars of the Second World War. The air raid shelter on the memorial field was still operational. Some of us were from one parent families who had lost a parent in conflict. The old classroom block, known as the huts – although falling apart – remained operational. No Health & Safety here. All our textbooks were hand-me-downs. We were never in receipt of new text books. We were required to cover them with brown paper, so they would last longer. However, all was not gloomy and those of us with some spare cash and a patriotic desire to reduce the national debt could wander down to the Physics Lab at lunch time and buy national savings certificates from “Ben” Brister.

I have many early memories, but one remains vividly clear and that was on 11th November and a wreath of poppies had been placed between the two memorial plaques of the main staircase. Before them stood a wet-eyed Harry Beeken who was reading the names of those killed in action and he turned to me and said that he had taught most of them and – like a modern Mr. Chips – he said they were good boys, not a bad one amongst them, and my responsibility was to see that that level of carnage was never repeated. 1954 was also a year of reconciliation and we had German and Jewish pupils in the school which carried on normally. In that 1st year the school football XI was unbeaten by any school, a record never to be repeated. Many of the matches were won by huge scores. The goalkeeper, David Fawkes, was selected to play for the county. Denis Moore scored 59 goals. How many today remember the starting XI of: Fawkes: Wyatt: Luff: Common: Coveney: Cooper: Bolt: Philip Moore: Denis Moore: Cox and Toogood.

As a Guildford boy I travelled daily over the Hogs Back on the 31 bus. This gave us the opportunity to mix with the girls which added spice to the daily journeys. Frequently we found ourselves in trouble and all too often in assembly George Baxter would ask those travelling on the 31 bus to remain behind after assembly. I can only say that the journey home was a wonderful opportunity to unwind. I mentioned earlier Ben Brister, our Physics Master. He too lived in Guildford but he drove to work rather than take the 31 bus. On one occasion the bus was involved in a slight accident. Ben Brister was

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aware of the problem and stopped to check there was nothing serious. We boys quickly extinguished our Woodbines when he boarded the bus he sarcastically said “No wonder the bus had an accident, the poor driver must have got lost in the smoke.” Yes, he was quite a personality Although the school had a leaning towards the Sciences, Modern Languages were taught – well at least French was. It was possible to do German but to do so one had to give up Arts and Music to have what would have been a one to one with Poppa Brink, so it really was just French. We had Mr Beadman, Ron Beadman also known as Henri Claude Beadman, and it was some time before we realised he had quite a sense of humour It all arose when an Australian joined our year for the summer term. Like so many of our Antipodean colonial cousins he was irritatingly good at all sports. He immediately slotted into one of the cricket XIs, won the half mile on sports’ day as well as breaking records in the swimming pool. He was also pretty good in the classroom, but he had never learned French and he somewhat struggled in Mr Beadman’s lower set. However, his struggle ended one day when he was asked to translate the phrase “Moi Aussi”. And he replied, “I am an Australian”. This opened the floodgates to a deluge of Franglais and when studying some French menus Ron Beadman was amused when we asked if “A La Carte” meant “on the wagon”. He also assured that “Coq au Vin” did not mean making love in a pantehnicon. Mr Beadman called it to an end when I asked if a “tete a tete” was a “light bra.”

History was taught by “Buzz” Varey, who taught at the school for 40 years. It was all wars and we only really learned about the battles the English won. This produced some conflict when we had some visiting pupils from France on an exchange. They asked why our curriculum did not mention Nelson’s crushing defeat at Toulon and the fact that Agincourt was the only battle with the French that Henry V won. This all added spice to the occasion – although the curriculum did not change.

Through my five years at the school George Baxter was at the helm and ran a regime based on Biblical teaching and Christian principles. We all have varied memories of him, but for me one memory stands out. It was in 1957 – World Refugee Year – when he motivated the school into raising funds to assist refugee children, held in camps in Europe, to come to England under the umbrella of the Ockenden Venture and make Surrey their home. This gave us the opportunity to meet these teenagers who had grown up in squalid conditions for most of their lives. For me, I will never forget meeting a teenage Jewish girl who was born in Belsen. George Baxter certainly had a social conscience.

On leaving the school in December 1959, I joined the OFA, became a life member – good value for a fiver –and played for the football club for a couple of years. I have kept in touch with the Association over the years. When I joined, John Crotty was active with the Association and remains so to this day. Life at Morley Road is now very different,

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but the OFA has enabled me to keep in touch with former colleagues. On leaving the school I entered Her Majesty's Diplomatic service and spent 32 years globe trotting and had marvellous opportunities for working in foreign countries. On a number of occasions I have met up with Old Boys who, like me, were working overseas. This made my career even more interesting

I still enjoy these occasions and my £5 fee to become a life member was money well spent. Last summer a number of us attended a garden party with the girls from FGGS to celebrate the Queen' 90th Birthday. It was held at the school. The weather was perfect and we wandered around freely in the grounds. The buildings were open for us to look around. Much has changed, but not George Baxter' study, the Geography Room, Alan Fluck's Music Room, along with the main staircase. The old honours' boards containing the names of Peter Larby, Donald Nicolson, Alf Common and Bill Wallis are still there.

All this makes me pleased that I have retained the connections with the school and the Association.

So please be upstanding as I propose a toast to the Association.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

Similar to the report on the after dinner speech by John Aylwin in the previous magazine the above shows clearly the love that the students had for the school... It also shows the emotion from Harry Beeken when tearfully viewing the names of pupils who had died in the Second World War. Farnham Grammar School was something special and the many successful pupils have much to thank the teachers for. Sadly, modern education does not produce that relationship between pupil and teacher.

The other reason for including this article by Ted Mayne was his reference to the Number 31 bus that ran between Farnham and Guildford across the Hogs Back. The main driver for twenty years on this route was my father, a long time employee of the Aldershot & District Traction Company.

YOUR OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR: FARNHAMIAN 400 TRUST

**BRIAN WILLIAMS – CHAIRMAN • STEPHEN PRITCHARD – TREASURER
TONY GATFIELD – SECRETARY • HUGH BATCHELOR • BILL LUFF
CYRIL TRUST • JOHN CROTTY • ROGER EDGELL • RICHARD PHILLIPS**

LEAVING SCHOLARSHIP TRUST:

**BRIAN DANIELS – CHAIRMAN • IAN SARGEANT – TREASURER
MIKE MEHTA • PHIL DUNFORD • DAVID GRIMES • CHRIS NASH**

WHAT IS THE FUTURE FOR THE OLD FARNHAMIANs' ASSOCIATION?

I have decided that this issue will be the final Farnhamian magazine and it is yet another part of the history of the organisation to fall by the wayside. The Annual Dinner has now become the Annual Lunch and the Southampton Lunch has become the Autumn Lunch. The Farnham Lecture no longer exists in its original shape and slowly but surely the programme of the Association is being cut down as the membership ages.

It is likely that by 2020 the Association will have lost the majority of former pupils from the 1940, 1950 and 1960 era and it will be difficult to gather many people for the events. It is likely that the decision will be made to formally close the organisation before 2025.

While the actual organisation will cease to exist it will leave behind a considerable legacy in Farnham and surrounding areas. The Museum of Farnham, Surrey History Centre and Farnham Sixth Form College hold many photographs and documentation from days gone by. Researchers in the future will be able to track the history of this fine School, which has graced the town of Farnham since 1585. It has produced many well known local businesses and shops as well as many top flight men who have made their mark further afield and in many different areas. The School has produced bankers, solicitors, insurance experts, civil servants, chartered accountants, high ranking officers in the Army, Navy and Air Force and all levels of businessmen.

With luck, there will be some form of museum to show the public the story of Farnham Grammar School. There is also the final decade, which welcomed the last intakes to the School. These former pupils are now entering their 60s and already show signs that they will make sure the organisation has some presence for a few more years. The Blunderbuss magazine on line is popular and is kept up to date with news of the 1970s pupils. They have celebrated their 40th anniversary of leaving the School in 1978 or before and hope that this gathering will be an annual event.

The photographs following this article record the 2018 garden party, which included a guided tour of the School, drinks at the Barley Mow, Tilford and lunch at the Duke of Cambridge at Tilford. A good number took part and thanks to organisers, Mike Mehta, Julian Walden and John Clarke the event was a great success. It was also a good sign that some former staff like Marion Fox and Jennie Commerford were among the guests.

The future of this wonderful organisation is now in the hands of these former 1970s pupils and it appears that they will attempt to keep alive many of the traditions of the School. In future people from across the globe will want to know about their relatives who attended the School and one hopes that records will be available to enable them to trace the history of these people.

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FARNHAMIAN'S' ASSOCIATION?**



Mike Mehta: Andy Vincent: John Clarke: Martin Collier: Julian Walden
posing outside the original entrance to the old Grammar School.

**Did you enjoy the gathering in June to celebrate the 40th anniversary
of the final year at the Farnham Grammar School, then known as
Farnham Sixth Form College? If so!**

WATCH OUT FOR NEWS OF THE GARDEN PARTY IN 2020

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A group of 1970s pupils who attended the Garden Party at the Barley Mow, Tilford and for lunch at the Duke of Cambridge, also at Tilford. In the foreground are former teachers Linda Fox and Jenny Commerford.

YOUR OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR:

OLD FARNHAMIANs' ASSOCIATION GENERAL COMMITTEE:

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**RAY CLEMINSON
CHRIS NASH
ROBIN WELLAND-JONES
BRIAN DANIELS
PETER MYLLES
WALLY WALSH
CYRIL TRUST
TONY GATFIELD**

**MIKE MEHTA
DAVID GRIMES
KEITH MENTZEL
JULIAN WALDEN
IAN SARGEANT
GORDON ANDREWS
BILL LUFF
JOHN CROTTY**

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It is with great sadness that the first obituary in the final magazine is that of **TED PARRATT (1949-1954)**, who for many years ran the 'Farnham Diary' newspapers in Farnham with his well known wife Jean. Ted always supported the Old Farnhamians through his newspaper and was a great supporter of the Farnham Grammar School. In recent years he did not enjoy good health and the death of Jean was a great blow to him, as they had worked together for many years.

Ted was a member of Morley House and records show that he was not a sportsman and not a great academic. He left school and entered the Newspaper Industry, and remained there for all his working life. His daughter Wendy sent an obituary, which also appeared in the local press. The following is taken from her words.

“Edward Maurice (Ted) Parratt was born in Swan Cottage, Rowledge on 13th September 1937, the second son of six children of Archibald & Elsie Parratt. Ted was a country boy, assisting with hop-picking and helping his Grandad keep the wasps off the cider press. However his early love of animals did not best please his mother when he brought home a squirrel in his shirt.

He enjoyed his time at Rowledge School and moved on to Farnham Grammar School in 1948. Intelligent and erudite as he was, he did not thrive academically at this stage of his life, but he was talented at Art.

He loved radio and films all his life with “*Breakfast With Braden*” and “*That was the Week that Was*” among his favourites. He regularly visited the Regal Cinema watching Laurel & Hardy and Martin & Lewis and later in life relished The Goons, Peter Sellars, Dudley Moore, Peter Cook and the Monty Python Group.

On leaving the Grammar School he worked in W.H.Smith's in the Borough, selling newspapers at the front of the shop. At the rear of the shop Jean Bowdery worked in the book section and they soon became a pair. Ted did his National Service in the RAF and during his service he married Jean on 5th May 1956. They lived in caravans initially and they produced three children in as many years. Ted was a Wireless Operator at various RAF stations and learned skills that would serve him for the rest of his life.

Early in 1961 he left the RAF and moved to their final caravan at Whitehill. He cycled 12 miles to work at Haslemere Radio & Electrical. They then moved to their first rented house in Heath End and he worked for the Co-Operative Society, Farnham, as a radio and TV engineer. The family moved again to Roman Way, Farnham, and Ted worked for Solartron, then Sneath Electronics and also did freelance TV repair work.

He succeeded at an Open University degree course, obtaining a BA (Honours) in 1974. This turned him away from electronic engineering etc., and he entered journalism as

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Technical Editor of *Practical Wireless* and *Wireless World* magazines. He moved on to the position of Chief Sub Editor of the *Farnham Herald* in 1983. He moved to the Surrey & Hants News and spent time with Berkshire Press, producing the *Surrey Advertiser* and *Esher News*. In 2002 Sir Ray Tindle asked him to help with his tabloid newspapers, which included the *Alton Diary*. In 2004 Ted and Jean started producing the very popular *Farnham Diary* and they produced this local newspaper until 2015 when age and increasing poor health forced them, very reluctantly, to stop.

Ted was an excellent jazz and classical guitarist, playing jazz with Alan Leishman, Campbell Finley and Iain Ballamy. He loved hot curry, a good pint of real beer and a robust philosophical or political discussion. A man just half an inch over six feet tall also gave the very best of hugs to those he loved most, his family and his dear wife of sixty years, Jean. He struggled to cope after Jean died in 2016, but loved spending time with his family, including his great grandson, Theo. Debbie, one of his daughters died and he still had Wendy and Mark, their spouses and his 6 adult grandchildren. He still felt passionately about jazz, beer, film, radio, electronics, justice, responsible journalism and politics. He was fired up by all these right up until his death on 15th August 2018.

Ted Parratt will be sadly missed by all who loved him, made music with him, worked with him, or called him friend.”

Ted wrote two books, “*Choosing and Living Your Electronics*” and “*Name Your Poison.*” The latter investigated additives in alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.

Robin Radley – one time Editor of the *Farnham Herald* wrote:

“When the pressure was on Ted was ever-dependable. He and Jean were very entertaining in their knowledge of Farnham, its people and its history, and Ted liked nothing better than talking fondly of his family.”

Daniel Gee, Chief Reporter at the *Farnham Herald* paid this tribute:

“I, like many other thousands across Farnham, always thoroughly enjoyed reading the *Farnham Diary* and greatly respected their journalism. They truly embodied Sir Ray Tindle’s “hyper local” ethos and set a genuine benchmark for us all to aspire to.”

Towards the end of September 2018 the local press announced the death of **DAVID WATKIN (1953-1959)**. This former pupil of the School was known as Professor David Watkin, a leading architectural historian and author of many books.

He was born in Salisbury in 1941 at the height of the Second World War and at the end of hostilities moved with his family back to their previous home in Farnham. David, along with his sister Valerie, were pupils at St. Polycarp’s in Bear Lane.

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His father worked for a builder's merchant in the town, and from a young age David was interested in architecture. This interest emerged when the family visited stately homes. In 1960 he followed his sister's footsteps by securing a pass at Cambridge University, reading English, and later Art at Trinity College.

David graduated with First Class Honours, and began a doctoral thesis on neoclassical thinker Thomas Hope, published to great acclaim in 1968.

Numerous books followed, including a much debated study of Morality and Architecture, and David spent his career at Cambridge, as librarian, lecturer, reader, head of the department of history and, from 1970 to his retirement in 2008, a Fellow of Peterhouse, Cambridge.

David was a resident of Kings Lynn in Norfolk when he died on 30th August 2018 after a short illness.

He will be remembered for his many roles on stage when Alan Fluck presented plays involving both Boys' and Girls' Grammar Schools.

In the summer of 2018 we heard of the death of **JOHN CHARMAN (1944-1950)**, a very distinguished Old Boy. John was a member of Harding House and took part in the sporting events at the School. He was a first class sprinter, competed well in the annual cross country races and played cricket for his House and the School Second XI.

His son listed his many achievements as follows:

Property Manager of ICI (when it was the largest company in the world).

President of the Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation.

Member of two Government Export Committees on the Rating of Plant and Machinery.

Rating Advisor to the CBI for 20 years.

Export Advisor to the OECD on Local Property Taxation and responsible for advising most of the ex-USSR countries in setting up local property taxes, the first step to becoming successful capitalist democracies. Including: Estonia, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and others.

In his later years when he was over seventy, Expert Witness on valuation matters in relation to Lands' Tribunal appeals in Hong Kong, including the two largest rating assessments in the world (China Light and Power and Hong Kong Electric).

John was active in the Scout Movement for over forty years, serving as District Commissioner, Assistant County Commissioner Leading Training for Kent, and Kent Scout Chairman for over ten years.

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On a personal note, John enjoyed wine and food and was Secretary of the Confrairie de St. Vincent, Secretary of the ICI Wine Society and possessor of an enviable collection of fine wines numbering well over 1000 bottles. when he died. A mad chef and cook, spending about five hours each day cooking, smoking, preserving and pickling, even up to a few months before he passed away.

John was a much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather.

In October 2018 we heard of the death of **CHARLES “CHARLIE” LECLERCQ (1935-1939)**. The Leclercq family were well known locally and Charlie and his brother Fred both attended the Grammar School during the same period. Both were members of Massingberd House and both took part in several sports with great success. Charlie played soccer and cricket for his House as well as being in the House rifle shooting team. He took part in the annual athletics and did well at the Long Jump, High Jump and in the House Sprint Relay Team.

He played football for the School Colts, but it was on the cricket field that he was at his best. He played for his House, School Colts, School Second XI and School First XI and later, after leaving the School, was one of the top cricketers in the I’Anson League.

Charlie and Fred left the School and worked for their father, who owned a very successful building business. Charlie became an excellent carpenter and when their father retired the brothers took over the running of the business.

Their careers were interrupted by the Second World War and both brothers joined the Army. Charlie was a signaller and took part in the D-Day Landings and landed in France one day after D-Day. He travelled through Belgium and Germany as the Allies started to win the war.

Charlie married Eileen in 1950 and they had one son and two daughters. His life revolved around sport and he played football for Wrecclesham until he was 42 years old. He played cricket for the Bourne and did not retire until he was 74 years of age. In recent years he could be seen at the Conservative club in Farnham playing dominoes with Cliff and Bob Parratt. He had many happy memories and recalls riding bareback on his father’s pig in the garden, being collected from school by pony and trap, and both brothers being called “red top matchsticks” because of their red Grammar School caps.

The LeClercq family originated in Jersey and were coffin makers. They had another branch of the family in Walton-upon-Thames. Research shows that at the Grammar School at the same time were A.W. and H.P. LeClercq who came from a different family altogether.

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In the 2017 magazine we printed a profile of **PETER FORD (1944-1949)** who was one of our most popular Old Boys and always supported the Southampton Lunches. A good sportsman and a hard worker on his farm he always appeared fit and it was with some surprise that we heard of his death in late November 2018. The profile gave details of his times at the School and his career.

Just before Christmas 2018 we heard from the daughter of **LESLIE SARGEANT PHILLIPS (1937-1944)** that her father had died aged 91. Leslie took part in the life of the former Grammar School with Rifle Shooting being his most successful sport. He was a member of Harding House and in 1944 was elected the House Captain. He was a Sub-Prefect and a Prefect and won some Form prizes for his work. In 1943 he gained his general Certificate of Education with distinctions in History, French and Maths.

We featured a profile of his career in the 2017 magazine, which included involvement in SOAS (School of Oriental & African Studies). Roger Edgell, former Secretary, was in regular contact with Leslie and if any reader is interested in knowing more about his life, please contact Roger.

We have received an obituary written by **MICHAEL PRENTICE (1948-1953)** and the widow of **KEITH DOLLEY (1945-1950)**, who died in November 2018. Keith was well known in Farnham and worked for many years with the *Farnham Herald* group. The following is a good insight into this Old Boy.

“Keith Dolley, a former pupil of Farnham Grammar School, who was a newspaper reporter in Farnham for almost four decades, has died aged 85. He loved Farnham, and devoted most of his working life to serving the best interests of the town.

As a reporter for the Surrey & Hants News, Keith played a big part in a successful campaign to save the Farnham Maltings historic area. He is survived by his wife, Ann, who recalls he was “always campaigning for justice in Farnham.” Keith was a frequent contributor to the newspaper’s widely read and prickly Frank Scribe column.

Keith attended Farnham Grammar School from 1945 until 1950. More than a decade later he discovered he had a nose for news after he was hired as a reporter for the Surrey & Hants News by his old Grammar School chum Guy Bellamy, who edited the paper in the 1960s. Guy died a couple of years ago.

Before entering journalism, Keith had various jobs, including looking after the rental rowing boats at Frensham Little Pond. Guy Bellamy’s odd jobs after leaving school included working in a greengrocer’s shop opposite Fishy Stevens’ fish and chip shop in Downing Street. Guy was the first of the pair to enter journalism, covering Third Division football team Aldershot FC for the Surrey & Hants News in competition with

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Michael Prentice, another Grammar School Old Boy, who was then an apprentice at the Farnham Herald. Guy graduated from the Surrey & Hants to become the youngest sub-editor at Fleet Street's then-mighty Daily Express, earning the princely sum of 24 pounds a week. But Guy soon tired of Fleet Street, returning to his home town to edit the Surrey & Hants and write comic novels with considerable success. And probably Guy's best management decision at the paper was to recruit his old school pal Keith Dolley.

Keith – a gentle, caring newspaperman – retired from the Surrey & Hants News in 1999 when the paper was on its last legs. By this time, Keith and Ann already owned a run-down farm house in a wine-growing area region of France near Bordeaux, as well as their handsome country home a few miles from Farnham.”

Ann takes up the story:

“We met when I was a student at the Farnham School of Art. We frequented the same coffee bar, which was opposite the Art College and next to the Surrey & Hants office. We were married in 1966 – my maiden name was Ann Stevens” Later the school became the Surrey Institute of Art and Design, and Ann was its Deputy Dean of the Design Faculty at the time she and Keith retired in 1999.

Ann continues the story “We sold our house which we had designed and built in the late sixties on a plot of land on the Lord Selbourne country estate (near Blackmoor, a few miles from Farnham). The house was featured in County Living magazine's 1987 New Year edition.”

After we retired we spent approximately half the year in a house we had bought earlier in France and the other half of the year in a house we bought in the English village of Hambledon, purchased after we sold the Blackmoor house. The farm house and the small house in Hambledon were of a similar age but totally different in size. Keith called the Hambledon house our cupboard in the South Downs. The French farm house was huge. It was featured in Country Homes and Interiors September 1992 edition while we were still having it restored.

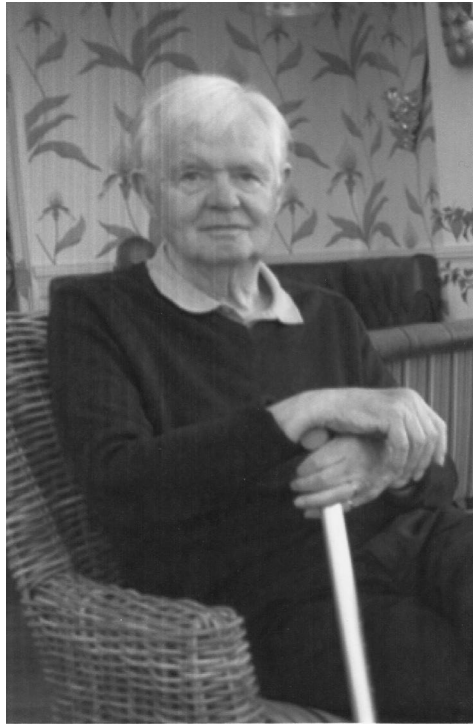
We bought the ruined French farm house in 1982 – it had not been lived in for seven years. It had two and a half acres of land and was in the centre of the wine area., 60 miles south of Bordeaux. We spent the next 30-odd years restoring it, mostly during our holidays before we retired.

We sold the French farm house and the Hambleton property in 2013-2014 and moved to Somerset to a restored barn. Keith's ill health brought us back permanently to England. He had been diagnosed with Parkinson's seven years previously. He died of a stroke in a nursing home in Yeovil on November 30th, having been there for six months.”

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Ann adds *“Keith’s hobbies were writing, especially poetry, drawing and listening to opera music. His poetry was read at his cremation.”*

Michael adds: Other hobbies were journalism and restoring a run-down French farm house. Not bad for a former boatman at Frensham Little Pond known to cry *“Come in, Number 5.”*



KEITH DOLLEY – (1945-1950)

At the beginning of February 2019 it was announced in the national press and on television in general that **JEREMY HARDY (1972-1979)**, the well known comedian had died of cancer at the age of 57. He was one of the final intake to Farnham Grammar School and then became a student of Farnham Sixth Form College. On leaving Morley Road he went to the University of Southampton. He enjoyed a sparkling career. There is little space to print a full obituary and this will appear in the next edition of the magazine in a few months time.

NEWS FROM FARNHAM COLLEGE

As stated in the previous magazine there have been many changes at Farnham Sixth Form College and the Guildford Group in general. The departure of Director at Farnham for the past three years, Dr. Jason Jones, was a loss to the Old Boys, who had a first class working relationship with him.

It was decided to hold a dinner for him and Richard Phillips, Roger Edgell, Brian Williams and Ian Sargeant, plus other members of the Farnham Educational Foundation, arranged the event at The Bush Hotel in Farnham. During the event Jason was presented with a painting by local artist, Charles Bone.

I am sure all Old Boys who came into contact with Jason will wish him well for the future.



Dr. Jason Jones and his wife Sarah receive the painting from Ian Sargeant.

In mid-August exam results were announced throughout the country and once again Farnham Sixth Form College achieved pass rates above the national average. Students will be moving on to universities e.g. Warwick, Sheffield, Durham, Kings College London.

Patricia Medina-Capilla ended with some sensational results in her A Level exams. She gained A*A*A*A* in Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry and Physics. She has chosen Warwick to continue her education.

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Overall Farnham Sixth Form College celebrated another year of outstanding results, maintaining its overall pass rate of 98%. Several students achieved grades that enabled them to take university places as far away as Durham and Sheffield.

With the departure of Dr. Jason Jones from the Sixth Form College, Neil Brooks has been appointed the new Head. He will begin at the start of the Autumn Term and as usual the Old Boys will give him their full support.

In an open letter to parents and students Dr. Jones said:

“I wanted to let you know that I will be leaving Farnham Sixth Form College and the Guildford College Group at the end of this academic year. Having enjoyed three successful years in the post as Head of Farnham Sixth Form College, I will be moving on to take up new opportunities at the end of term.

I am very proud to have worked with a team of such dedicated and talented teachers and support staff at Farnham and I have considered it an absolute privilege to be able to lead them to make continued improvements in the quality of the learning experience that we offer our students. Our students are fantastic and I have learnt so much from working with them on a day-to-day basis over the last three years.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has supported the work of the College and our students, especially parents/carers and members of the local community. I wish you a very enjoyable and relaxing summer.”

During the summer holidays ten science students and a teacher visited South Africa for two weeks. Organised through the conservation research organisation, Operation Wallacea, the group is funded by, and relies on, volunteers to join their expeditions and take part in the long-term scientific monitoring of the local ecology. The students spent the first week at the Balule Reserve, which borders Kruger National Park and the remaining days learning bush skills, helping with bio-diversity research and completing a Wildlife Management Course. For that second week they camped by the beach in Sodwana Bay, near the Indian Ocean. The students were delighted with the species of animals that they encountered and the introduction to coral reef ecosystems. Spokesman for the group said that it had been a once in a life time experience.

Year 1A Level Maths studied the film, “*I, David Blake*”, a film about the benefit system and relying on food banks and community support. In aid of this, the students donated one item each day leading up to Christmas, to the Trussell Trust, a charity that co-ordinates the only nationwide network of food banks in the country.

NEWS FROM FARNHAM COLLEGE

On 13th December the College presented its annual awards' ceremony, which is mainly financed by the Farnhamian 400 Trust Sponsorship Scheme. This year the Old Boys and their families awarded forty students and the evening was a great success, even though streamlined from past evenings.

The interim Director at Morley Road, Neil Brookes, opened the evening and introduced Jacqui Hughes, Principal and CEO for the Guildford Group of Colleges. She advised that results for the year had been above the national average and particularly praised Patricia Medina-Capilla for exceptional results.

Jacqui and Lesley Voice, the Guest of Honour, then presented the winning students with their certificates and cheques. Following this Lesley Voice addressed the students in particular, and as a former pupil of both Farnham Grammar School and Farnham College was able to point the way for the future university students and give her advice on how to enter a worth while career.

The evening finished with a photo shoot and drinks etc. A well planned event by Samantha MacKay and her team from Guildford Marketing.

Awards given as follows:

Sidra Ahmad	The Paul French Award
Erin Alesbury & Olivia Stockdale	The Roy Robins Award
Flora Allison	The Jasper McFadden Award
Anca Arhip	The Audrey Edington Award
Martine Barber & Nok-Wang Liu	The Dudley Backhurst Award
Andrea Bateman & Jacob Welch	The Hans Holm Award
Adelia Bernard-Patel	The Michael Lampard Award
Freya Chandler	The Cyril Trust Award
Caitlen Dale	The Michael Horner Award
Gordon Dance	The Sturt Family Award
James Drewett-Whatley & Max Macey	The Peter Cranswick Award
Alisha Fox	The Gerald LeVey Award
Salina Gurung	The Ian Bolt Award
Tamzin Harris	The David Milburn Award
Sophie Hunnings	The Derek Bowtell Award
Harry Jay	The Maurice Jeffreys Award
Rowan Jones	The Keith Mentzel Award
Morgan Lee-Clark	The Tegan Creedy Award
Katie Lyons & Paris Nash	The Don Homer Award

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Lesley Voice (Guest of Honour): Patricia Medina-Capilla: Jacqui Hughes

Harry Macer

Ben Mahon

Alfie Manning & Gordon Dance

Patricia Medina-Capilla

Hannah Mizen

Bethan Morris

Amber Nile

Grace O'Connell

Oliver Penny

Isobel Semon-Ward

Ben Skipsy

Charlotte Stevens

Matt Stokes

Sophia Tatarek

Finian Taylor

Harry Trussler

Jacob Welch

James Wills

The Davies Family Award

The Harold Beeken Award

The Spencer King Award

The Geoff Hooker Award

The John Crotty Award

The John Mew Award

The Peter Read Award

The Ian Sargeant Award

The Knotts Family Award

The Bryan Bone Award

The Brian Williams Award

The John Terrill Award for Sport

The Chris Nash Award

The Graham Blunt Award

The John Travers Award

The John Terrill Award for Maths

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