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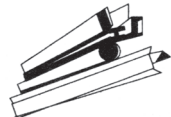


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INTRODUCTION

It was expected that the previous magazine issued in April 2019 would be the final edition. Since 1994 the Editor had prepared twenty-eight magazines and he was now approaching eighty-two years of age and felt the time had come to put down the pen. However, such was the response from the membership it was deemed necessary to edit a further edition.

As the membership grows smaller it is surprising to see that the news across the country, plus contributions from overseas, is still going strong and it is hoped that this magazine will again be worth reading.

The year 2019 began with stalwarts like Mike Horner, Bryan Bone, Jeremy Hardy, John Wilkinson and John MacLaughlin all passing away. Several other Old Boys are also experiencing health problems and it is probable that the list will increase over the months ahead.

At the beginning of April, Farnham Sixth Form College merged once again, and the new partners are Activate Learning from Oxford. This is a highly regarded group of colleges and it is hoped that they will inject more expertise and more finance into the three Guildford colleges. The group now includes colleges from Oxford, Reading, Bicester, Banbury, Wokingham, Bracknell, Farnham, Guildford, plus Merrist Wood. One of the first changes was to rename Morley Road as Farnham College and the words 'Sixth Form' were dispensed with.

A successful Garden Party was arranged to greet the new principal of the Guildford Group and Cheri Ashby and her husband welcomed the event. Well over 100 people attended. A cheque from the proceeds went to Challengers in Farnham.

In this final magazine we can report on the election of Boris Johnson as Prime Minister. A list of all the prime ministers during the time of *The Farnhamian* is enclosed. We also report the hottest day in this country when 25th July exceeded 38 degrees.

Once again the results achieved by the College students were excellent and once again the Old Boys' sponsors financed the usual Awards' Evening in December. This year the sponsors provided monetary rewards for over forty students. It remains to be seen how many more years this will be possible as gradually the numbers of sponsors diminishes through natural wastage.

I hope that this final magazine is up to standard and a suitable edition for the final issue.

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On the 11th April eighteen members and staff assembled at Morley Road for the AGM. The meeting began with the tradition of all present standing to hear the names of members who had died during the previous year read out. Including members and non-members, the list totalled 14 ex-pupils or staff of the Farnham Grammar School.

Following the announcing of absentees and the agreeing of the 2018 minutes, the meeting began with reports on a variety of subjects. The following items were discussed:

Garden Party at the College on 23rd June 2019. Profits made will be given to Challengers and a date for this handover has still to be confirmed.

The local council asked for a plaque for Jeremy Hardy to be added to the Wall of Fame in the centre of Farnham. Brian Williams was awaiting a reply to his request.

Current College head, Neil Brookes, outlined progress so far with the merger with Activate Learning. It was early days, but it looked good for the future at this stage.

Following the above came the Treasurer's report with Stephen Pritchard advising that funds were healthy for the OFA and the 400 Trust.

The membership Secretary advised that the total number of members was well down to 287, with 151 paid up members and 136 life members.

Roger Edgell reported that the Annual Dinner and Autumn Lunch had been successful.

The Old Farnhamians' Scholarship Trust had changed its terms of reference and there had been four grants of £250. £1000 had been earmarked for the coming twelve months.

Brian Williams had held a meeting of the 400 Trust prior to the General Meeting and announced that the College Awards' sponsorship scheme had attracted over forty people.

Cyril Trust, editor of the Farnhamian magazine reported that the new issue was ready to be distributed. He has agreed to edit a final magazine for the end of 2019 or early 2020.

Ian Sargeant, the OFA Webmaster, announced that there had been 45,000 hits on the site since its inception. He was archiving the site so that there was a permanent record frozen in time.

We then came to the election of officers and Messrs. Daniels, Mentzel, Batchelor, Travers and Mehta were all automatically re-elected.

Under the heading of *Any Other Business* Roger Edgell reported on the special event to have the name of William Bastow added to the list of Old Boys who had died during the First or Second World War. Roger also requested that he wished to have wooden crosses

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placed on Remembrance Day at Lydiard Field. This was passed unanimously and Roger will go ahead with this item.

There then began a long discussion regarding proposals by Messrs Mehta and Walden to have all former pupils of the Farnham Girls' Grammar School as associate members of the Old Boys' Association.

The Old Girls' Association no longer exists and several members would like to retain some contact with the old Grammar Schools. In the main these were the younger ex-pupils and would enable the Association to continue longer into the future. Some former girls have supported the College events organising the catering facilities and also attend various functions. This cannot be said for many Old Boys and the girls would help with the running of events and the longevity of the Association.

As one can imagine this subject was controversial and no decisions were made at the meeting. Members were asked to consider the request and a decision would be taken at the next General Committee Meeting in November.

The meeting closed at 21.20pm and meetings had been arranged for June and November 2019.

OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR:

GENERAL COMMITTEE:

K.I. Mentzel: B.R. Williams: (Secretary): B.J. Daniels: H. Batchelor: C.D. Trust: I.C. Sargeant: M. Mehta: R.S. Cleminson: R.G. Edgell: R.M. Phillips (President): S.G. Pritchard (Treasurer): W.J. Luff: W.P. Walsh: J. Travers: R. Welland-Jones: A.J. Gatfield: J.H. Crotty: D. Grimes: M. Collier: J.R. Walden: G.C. Andrews: C.R.J. Beal.

FARNHAMIAN 400 TRUST:

Brian Williams (Chairman/Trustee): Tony Gatfield (Secretary): Stephen Pritchard (Treasurer/Trustee): Cyril Trust: John Crotty (Trustee): Hugh Batchelor: Neil Brookes (College Head): Bill Luff: Richard Phillips (President of OFA): Roger Edgell (Trustee).

SCHOLARSHIP TRUST:

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

If any Old Boy would like to serve on any of the above please contact Brian Williams.

2019 ANNUAL LUNCH – OLD BOYS OUT IN FORCE

On Saturday 23rd March almost seventy Old Farnhamians gathered at the Mercure Bush Hotel in the centre of Farnham for the 87th Annual Lunch. Once again the guests arrived from all parts of the country, and once again Roger Edgell, the event organiser had meticulously arranged an enjoyable afternoon. This would be his last time he took charge of the event after many years, and this time he wanted a more relaxed event to give more time for old friends and former classmates to talk to each other.

Prior to the excellent meal, those present stood as a mark of respect to the record number of twelve members who had died during the previous year. The afternoon also included the Roll Call, where Old Boys stood for the years that they attended the school. John Crotty was the first to stand as he entered the school in 1942, and John Clarke, Julian Walden and Mike Mehta, David Bathurst and Adrian Hardin were the final group, starting at the school in 1973.

Only one speech was made this time with Richard Phillips, the current President, taking the floor. In his speech he outlined the Old Boys and Farnham Sixth Form College co-operating over the Bridge to Business Scheme, and the Happy Spice Lectures arranged by Cyril Trust for all local schools, and covering the problems of stress on the mental health and well being of students. He mentioned the forthcoming merger between the Guildford College Group and Activate Learning, and the possibilities for more finance becoming available for Farnham Sixth Form College.

The President ambitiously felt that with care the Old Boys' Association could continue for another fifteen years. He asked the younger members to play a larger part on the various committees. He finished with a toast to the Queen.

Cyril Trust advised that the new magazine would be available in a week or two and also announced that he had been asked by the College to arrange a garden party to be held at the College on Sunday 23rd June to welcome the new owners to the people of Farnham.

As usual the afternoon ended with all standing to sing the School Song and the National Anthem. Another very successful dinner for the Old Boys!

Attending: G. Honey: G. Andrews: B. Daniels: D. Phillips: N. Paget: T. Andrews: C. Trust: M. Jeffreys: H. Upfold: C. Mullins: K. Mortimer: K. Elkins: D. Blunt: A. Cannings: I. Sargeant: D. Coakes: R. Edgell: B. Hall: J. Matthews: M. Watts: E. Mayne: G. Martin: R. Luckhurst: J. Peace: D. Pollard: A. Homewood: A. Gatfield: W. Luff: J. Travers: N. Timmins: G. Hooker: K. Mentzel: D. Bowtell: R. Hewes: J. Crotty: J. Clarke: Rev. J. Innes: H. Batchelor: H. Groves: D. Hughes: M. Seignot: M. Booker: S. Lord: R. Golding: M. Ewbank-Smith: J. Pesterfield: R. Shipton: N. Wood: B. Williams: R. Lord: H. Torode: R. Frampton: C. Beal: D. McManamon: D. Polglaze: R. Phillips: W. Walsh: P. Dalton: D. Edgell: S. Linney: M. Wingent: R. Jones: M. Da Costa: R. Welland-Jones: S. Pritchard: R. Bennett: M. Mehta: D. Bathurst: J. Walden: A. Harding.



2019 ANNUAL LUNCH – THE OLD BOYS OUT IN FORCE

The two photographs on the previous page were taken at the 2019 Annual Lunch. They show the following Old Boys:

TOP: Julian Walden, Adrian Harding, John Clarke, Mike Mehta.

BOTTOM: Former Presidents of the Association – Brian Daniels, John Crotty, Dennis Phillips, Roger Edgell, Richard Phillips, Gordon Andrews (the next President), Ian Sargeant, Brian Williams.

CALLING ALL FGS & OFA MEMENTO & ARTEFACTS HOARDERS

Over time, members will be aware of the tremendous efforts made by the 400 Trust memorabilia team, Cyril Trust, Tony Gatfield and Bill Luff, to establish an exclusive catalogued listing of much Farnham Grammar School and OFA memorabilia material as possible. This has resulted in secure storage and exhibition at the Surrey Heritage Centre, The Museum of Farnham, and of course the display cabinets at Farnham College.

The 400 Trust is now in a position to create its own dedicated memorabilia storage facility at Farnham College and we are most grateful to the College management in its support for the initiative. In tandem with this project, over the past two years the OFA has supported the College in its *'Employability Skills'* programme designed to give outgoing students the opportunity to experience one to one interviews with business professionals, and this facility will provide a 'presence' for the OFA to continue this much appreciated support.

The aim of this appeal is to encourage those members who wish to be relieved of any prized and treasured artefacts relating to their school or OFA supported years and have them housed in this new facility. One area that we wish to enhance is to exhibit any publications by former pupils of the School, since, in time, it is hoped that this facility will blossom into a dedicated FGS/OFA Museum in its own right on the site of the former School.

Members who wish to contribute to this project contact Roger Edgell in the first instance, indicating precisely what they wish to relinquish together with a general date, in order that accurate cataloguing can take place; Roger can be contacted on his e-mail address at rogere1946@hotmail.co.uk or on his home telephone number 01264 332766.

A PROFILE OF WALLY WALSH (1957 – 1963)

If any Old Boy deserves to have his profile printed in the magazine, it is Wally Walsh. A great supporter of the Association and holding several positions in the organisation over many years.

Wally was born in 1946 in Woking. At the age of four his family moved to Runfold when his father took up a new post. Originally, at the age of five, he was educated at St. Polycarps in Farnham and having passed the “eleven – plus” examination he entered Farnham Grammar School in 1957. He became a member of Massingberd House and entered into many of the sporting activities at the school. He was a first class boxer and runner-up at his weight in 1963 and a regular entrant to the Annual Cross-Country Run. He played football for the House and became House Boxing Captain.

He enjoyed sport, but not the most academically gifted person, he managed to obtain sufficient ‘O’ Levels to enrol at Guildford Technical College Building Department. He studied OND (Ordinary National Certificate) and HND (Higher National Certificate) in Building Management and Surveying Courses and later was admitted to the Chartered Institute of Building.

He left the College in 1963 and began his career as a site engineer with a small civil engineering company, progressing to quantity surveyor. He then joined a residential developer in East Horsley, working as a site manager, before accepting a position with an international contractor. He worked as site manager progressing to contracts’ manager in many parts of the U.K.

In 1971 he joined a commercial property developer in Guildford, before taking a position in the City of London with a commercial development company, St. Paul’s Securities which was part of the Slater Walker Group. He was appointed to the board of directors of St. Paul’s Securities in 1974. Slater Walker encountered difficulties following the banking crisis of that time. Slater Walker owned 75% of St. Paul’s Securities which, although cash-rich, was forced to develop and sell its property portfolio and ceased trading in 1976.

In 1977 he set up a commercial department with Mitchell & Partners Estate Agents, with five office firms operating in Surrey and Hampshire. He became a partner in 1978, taking responsibility for the Ash Vale office in 1984. He purchased the Ash Vale office from the other partners and continues to operate the office to this day.

In 1974, he married Jane and initially they lived in Godalming. They moved to the village of Sands in 1983, where they continue to reside. They have a son and a daughter who have both left home. From 1988 until 2002 Wally was a governor of St. Polycarps’ School in Farnham where he chaired the Buildings and Maintenance Committee. During part of that time George Baxter was the Surrey C.C. governor representative.



Wally Walsh (1957 – 1963)

NOW AND THEN PROFILE OF KEITH MENTZEL (1946 – 1953)

I was born in Hounslow in 1934. My father, who had come through the First World War, and my mother was a teacher. Shortly after my birth we moved to Pembroke in South Wales and thence to the Rock of Gibraltar. In 1940 my mother and I were evacuated from Gib to the “safety” of Southern England and we lived with my mother’s parents at Blacknest, near Alton.

My mother taught at and I attended St. Peter’s School in Wrecchlesham until my father returned and was posted to Edinburgh. I attended George Watson’s College for a couple of years before re-joining St. Peter’s to take my eleven plus.

I started at Farnham Grammar school in 1946, commuting by bus, or bicycle from Holt Pound. I enjoyed my time at school. I was a member of Morley House, took part in a range of school activities, became a Prefect and a Sergeant in the CCF. Under the tutelage of Bill Wickens I learnt to box, which stood me in good stead at my next stage of life.

I passed the Civil Service exam, for entry into the three service officer training establishments, as was the case in those far-off days and the Regular Army Commissions Board for entry into the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. After completing my A-Levels, I had a “gap weekend” and joined the Army as a private soldier in mid-1953, for three months before starting my cadetship at the RMAS.

After eighteen, fairly gruelling months, being educated militarily, I was commissioned as a very green 2nd Lieutenant! During my time at Sandhurst, I was a member of the Academy Boxing Team, won my weight, and boxed against Dartmouth, Cranwell, Oxford and Cambridge, amongst others.

Prior to joining our respective regiments and corps Young Officers’ Courses, there was about a month’s leave, which could be spent in a number of ways.

I chose, with a couple of other young officers, to spend two or three weeks on board HMS Vigo, a destroyer, carrying out gunnery drills in the Channel. We were put in the charge of a Midshipman, who ensured that we did what the Royal Navy required and not fall overboard. February is, not the best time for Channel cruises!

Then followed my proper posting to The Canal Zone, Egypt by Avro York, via Stansted, Nice and Malta to RAF Fayid. This was quite an experience as a first flight. After the pull-out from Egypt I moved on to Libya and then back to the UK, Bordon! After a short tour in London, I married Marilyn (nee Powell) ex Farnham Girls’ Grammar School, during a short period of leave.

I then immediately started a long military course in fuel supply, which necessitated a spell at the Sir John Cass College in London, an attachment to a BP Refinery in South

NOW AND THEN PROFILE OF KEITH MENTZEL (1946 – 1953)

Wales and various military units. We were then posted to Germany. In 1960 The Cold War was hotting up and things looked a bit bleak. In 1964 I had a change of colour and became a Ground Liaison Officer for three years with the RAF in Germany and then Aden. I became very familiar with the Canberra and the Hunter aircraft. After coming back to the UK for a further course, we were posted to Singapore, our best and most interesting posting. Thence followed an academic year at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, UMIST, studying industrial relations, quite a culture shock after Singapore!

In 1974, I was fortunate to be selected to be an exchange officer to a same-corps military training centre near Albury in N. E. Victoria, Australia. The actual location was called Bandiana, it was like Bordon about 30 years ago! However, I much preferred to be in Sydney, Melbourne, just another big city and not so typical Australian. We returned to the UK and as I was not destined to become a Field Marshal after all, I eventually took premature to retirement, in Aldershot, about a mile from where I started out some 30 years earlier. Also three children, twenty plus houses and a few grey hairs later!

Having had the luxury of another gap-weekend, I started work in Farnham as the secretary/Administrator of a national trade association concerned with the wholesale pharmaceutical market. I knew nothing about Pharmaceuticals, but had a good grasp of administration and logistics, so that worked well. There followed some seventeen years, during which time I travelled extensively around the UK, visiting various companies and attending various trade functions, but stayed at the same house!

In 1990 I lost my beloved wife to cancer. She had borne the burden of a lot of separation and numerous house moves with great love, fortitude and good cheer. Shortly after leaving the Army, I again followed in my father's footsteps and became involved in local politics as a councillor, at Parish and District level in East Hampshire. With my late wife's gracious best wishes, I remarried and Anne and I have celebrated a second Silver Wedding, gathered three more children and have enjoyed the arrival of eight grandchildren, now all rapidly growing up.

The last part of my story concerns what I have been doing since retiring for the second time, when the organisation that I had been working for decided to move to London, a prospect I did not care for. So, at the age of 67 in 2001, I bowed out of formal work. In 1992 I became a member of the Rotary Club of Farnham and some years later joined Probus, both of which are interesting and fulfilling and also met up with Hugh Batchelor. I have been a long standing member of The Farnham Educational Foundation, the landlords of the old FGS real estate, under the able chairmanship of Ian Sargeant. What with choral activities, the Church, the Arts Society, U3A, bridge and bowls and keeping up with the family activities, I manage to keep myself occupied and quite busy enough.

A GEOGRAPHY EXAMINATION – 1881

Among the memorabilia from the Farnham Grammar School are several examination papers which were given to pupils. One of these is a Geography paper from Christmas 1881 and dated 6th December from 2.00pm until 3.30pm. The paper requests that not more than six questions are attempted.

1. Explain the following terms:
delta: denudation: Estuary: isobar: isothermal line: moraine: Pampas:
snow-line: steppes.
2. Explain the formation of rain. Mention some districts where rain never falls.
3. What is meant by a volcano? Mention some volcanoes in Europe. Are there any traces of volcanic action in the British Islands or France?
4. Mention the boundaries, mountains, rivers, and chief states of the German empire.
5. Describe the position of the following places, and state some facts about each.
Boothia: Caracas: Dunedin: Cape Farewell: Galway: Kairwan: Larissa:
Maimatchin: Rio de Janeiro: Woodstock.
6. Draw a map of Hindustan, or describe in words the boundaries, rivers, and principal towns.
7. From what countries do we import the following articles?
Arrowroot: cotton: furs: indigo: mahogany: ostrich feathers: palm-oil: sugar:
teak: wool?
8. Mention the provinces in the Dominion of Canada, with the capital of each.
What other possessions has England in North America?
9. Draw a map of the Mississippi, or describe its source, course, feeders, and the chief towns in its basin.

The Editor would be unable to answer much of this examination paper. Probably because he did not have lessons in Geography after the third year at the Grammar School. It would be interesting to see how many readers of this magazine are able to give answers. How many would pass the examination?

AUTUMN LUNCH 2019

On the 2nd October 2019, between thirty and forty members gathered at the Bush Hotel in the centre of Farnham for what was once the Southampton Lunch. A much more relaxed affair than the Annual Lunch earlier in the year and designed for old classmates to meet and spend some time together. Originally the concept for this event was the brainchild of Dudley Backhurst and to gather together former pupils who lived in Hampshire.

Once again the event was meticulously arranged by Roger Edgell, and the three course meal and the attentive service from the hotel staff made it an enjoyable lunch. Apart from a short introduction, including grace, by Roger and a few words of thanks from the President, the Old Boys brought back memories of days at the old School and wondered where some of the classmates had gone.

The original Southampton Lunch ran for over fifty years and this was the fourth time the lunch had been held in Farnham. This enabled the locals to attend without travelling, although looking round the tables one could see Gerry LeVey from York, David Cutler from Folkestone, Stephen Linney from Minehead and Dennis Phillips from Princes Risborough.

Roger announced that he will be unable to arrange any further events and if the lunch is to continue a volunteer was required. This will prove difficult, and perhaps the time has come whereby the event is in jeopardy. Maybe time has caught up at last!

No doubt the event was a success for the thirty-six Old Boys who attended and below is the list of those members.

Gordon Andrews: Hugh Batchelor: David Blunt: Andrew Cannings: Dudley Coakes: John Crotty: David Cutler: Brian Daniels: Roger Edgell: Keith Elkins: Robert Frampton: Tony Gatfield: Barry Hall: Bob Hewes: Glenn Honey: Geoff Hooker: Rev. John Innes: Brian Lake: Gerald LeVey: Stephen Linney: Bob Luckhurst: Peter Mylles: Ted Mayne: David McManamon: Keith Mentzel: Keith Mortimer: Chris Mullins: Dennis Phillips: Richard Phillips: Ian Sargeant: Roger Shipton: Neville Timmins: Howard Torode: Cyril Trust: Les Webb: Brian Williams.

A nice touch was the design of the menu. Roger had a photograph of the old barn, which served as a gymnasium for many years under the watchful eye of Bill Wickens. This attention to detail by Roger will be sadly missed.

It is sad to report that three days after the lunch Dudley Coakes died suddenly. An obituary is included later in this issue.

NEWS OF THE OLD BOYS

A sign of the camaraderie and friendship within the Old Farnhmians was highlighted by the excellent attendance at the Thanks Giving Service for former President, **MIKE HORNER**. The church was packed with friends and family, estimated at well over 150 people. The following Old Boys paid a tribute to Mike, who was an excellent Old Farnhamian and President.

**JOHN CROTTY: GEOFF HOOKER: MAURICE STURT: CYRIL TRUST:
ROGER EDGELL: HUGH BATCHELOR: KEITH MENTZEL:**

The camaraderie above was shown again at the thanksgiving service for another former President in **BRYAN BONE**. His service was held at a small country church close to his Liphook home. Of the less than fifty people attending it was good to see the following Old Boys present:

**RICHARD PHILLIPS: WALLY WALSH: NEVILLE TIMMINS: CYRIL TRUST:
JOHN TRAVERS: TONY GATFIELD: BILL LUFF:**

The Editor has again received a large envelope from **TOM GODDARD (1947-1952)** containing many postcards and drawings. They are quite spectacular and says much for the artistry of Tom. This time it includes a questionnaire to himself and the following will explain why he is heavily involved in this form of art.

Tom retired in 2001 after careers in engineering, childcare and book searching.

How would you describe your art? *It is a simple pen and water colour domestic art form that came about with the Penny Post in 1840. Envelopes were new at that time and Victorian letter writers would decorate them for added effect. I have just carried on the idea and updated it.*

How did you start? *In the early 1960s, Tony Benn changed Britain's stamp policy; we were going to issue more stamp design as a way of promoting the country. A friend of mine wanted to start his own collection of pictorial envelopes using these exciting new stamps, but he could not draw. So he got me to do some for him instead.*

And you are still doing them? *Yes, 2015 was my 50th year and I have done over 3000.*

What is it that keeps you doing them? *The sense of continuity is key, but there are all sorts of challenges that appeal to me. The main idea behind a pictorial envelope is to make the stamp an integral part of the picture that I am about to draw. My pictures tend to reflect topical subjects, political or environmental with odd silly ones too. Often the subject I want to cover bears no relation to the theme of the stamp, and resolving that is where the inspiration comes in. All art is a game of ideas in the end.*

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Would it be true to say your art has a very limited audience? Yes – it is anyone I write a letter to, really it is a long time since I have sent a plain envelope. Since I have retired, however, I have been displaying some of my better ones by the Cheesemarket in Hay-on-Wye on most Summer Sundays, providing it is not wet or windy. I must admit that the visitors who are attracted by the colour and variety of my shows seldom mention my artwork because it is invariably trumped by the subject matter.

The Editor has quite a collection of Tom's work, and finds the drawings quite exceptional.

At the 2019 Annual Lunch the Editor was approached by **ROGER SHIPTON (1959-1965)** who handed over a photograph of the School Orchestra in 1963. Roger played the flute and **IAN SARGEANT (1955-1962)** was at the piano. The photograph is shown on the following page.

Having heard that several of his former classmates had fallen over and broken bones etc., we heard from **MICHAEL PRENTICE (1948-1954)** from Canada that he had almost joined the list of casualties. Apparently he fell out of his bed and dislocated his right index finger. Not quite the same! However still writing for local newspapers and magazines in Ottawa he needs all fingers working to use his keyboard and the damage is inconvenient.

No doubt we will hear from him again soon as the football season comes to an end. Almost certainly Aldershot FC will be demoted and Michael, being a life time fan, is bound to have an opinion.

On the 5th March 2019 the *Farnham Herald* stopped being printed as a broadsheet and changed to a tabloid. It first appeared as a broadsheet in 1892. Over the years it has been loyal to the Grammar School, Old Boys and the College and wherever possible all three have enjoyed good publicity. It is therefore good to see the recent Annual Lunch report, plus photo, appear in the newly designed newspaper. I hope that it is prepared to record the progress of the Old Boys and College in the future.

In the last magazine we gave details of two Old Boys involved in the terrible forest fires in California. We have still to hear whether **TERRY HUGHES (1953-1958)** managed to escape the fires and whether his house and family are OK. The other Old Boy, **JOHN DAVIS (1958-1965)** has been in contact and sent a copy of a major article in "*The New Yorker*".

The small town of Paradise was erased by the "*Camp Fire*" killing eighty-six people, and the "*Woolsey Fire*" destroyed almost a hundred thousand acres. The locals appear to name all fires and the two above followed "*The Green Meadow Fire*" and the "*Thomas Fire*".

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For days the fire fighters worked day and night to extinguish the flames but **John Davis** and his architect partner Lorrie Brown, returned to find their house in the fire-vulnerable chaparral almost “pristine”. Thanks to the construction details, including metal barn doors to protect against flying embers and gravel buffer separating the house from the surrounding grass. With more houses being built in fire-prone ecosystems, and wildfires increasing in frequency and intensity, such measures may need to become more common.



Farnham Grammar School Orchestra – 1963 Ian Sargeant played the piano.

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The Editor and his wife enjoyed a first class holiday in June on the island of Malta. Apart from the sea, sun and friendliness of the locals it gave me the opportunity to make contact with the Malta Military Museum. I took with me the Farnhamian magazines for 1996, which gave the profile of **GEORGE ‘CURLY’ CARROLL (teacher from 1947-1954)**.

The 1996 magazine gave a profile of George, the 2013 gave his obituary, and the 2014 magazine gave details of the book **MALTA XB**, written by his daughter and highlighting his years as Chief Bomb Disposal Officer for the Island. The museum welcomed this information and will feature his details in the future.

Thursday 25th July 2019 was acknowledged as the hottest day ever for the United Kingdom. The population in general stayed indoors as the hot sun caused all sorts of problems across the country. However, it did not deter a few Old Boys from enjoying themselves and **BRIAN DANIELS AND GEOFF HOOKER** joined a coach trip from Farnham to Parham House in West Sussex. Slightly younger Old Boys e.g. **BILL LUFF, TONY GATFIELD AND CYRIL TRUST** chose to meet at a local garden centre and enjoy a hearty breakfast and a couple of hours chat. Heat or no heat, it is difficult to keep some members indoors watching cricket etc.

A new summer attraction for the people of Farnham is a ‘Soapbox Derby’. Locals are encouraged to build all types of vehicles and race them down Castle Street. This event appeals to all ages with money raised going to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. There is a small entry fee and organisers are relying on sponsors to fund the event.

The *Farnham Herald* featured a wooden car built by **ROBIN WELLAND-JONES (1969-1974)**. As well as supporting the event with his entry he is publicizing his company, Rookery Barns.

Although I have heard from **MICHAEL PRENTICE (1948-1954)**, it is usual for him to have the last word. Over the years he has lived in Canada he has regularly driven into the USA and visited places of interest. He is now over 80 years of age and is re-visiting some of his favourite places early 2020. Over 35 years ago he stayed at the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, Vermont, and parked outside was a vintage, open-topped Mercedes sports car. This belonged to Maria, The **MARIA**, of Sound of Music fame. Michael and his wife plan to revisit the Lodge and then drive to Cooperstown in the mountains of New York State to see a production of this famous musical.

While many of the members (including the editor) struggle through their 80s we forget that there are still “young members”. From the group who attended the School from 1971 – 1978 there was cause for celebrations as they reached their 60th anniversary for the class and **JULIAN WALDEN** reached the age of 60, and his wife arranged a party for him. Those who attended said that the music and the food were first class. Happy Birthday Julian!

MEMORIES OF NEVILLE TIMMINS (1948 – 1953)

For this final magazine I asked several Old Boys for memories of their life since leaving the School. I received this account from Neville Timmins who worked for the Department of Oceanography for many years.

“Early in December 1979 found me installing handling and research equipment etc., on board the NERC’s research vessel the RRS “*Discovery*” in Middle Dock, South Shields.

Around the middle of that month, we set sail with a hold of high explosives bound for San Juan, where we were going to conduct some experiments in the San Andros Trench, which is one of the seas’ deepest areas. The voyage was relatively calm to begin with as we headed south down the east coast of England, but the weather became quite stormy and our passage through the Bay of Biscay was grim.

By the time we steamed closely to the Azores, the sea was like a mill pond. It was at night time and the lights from the islands reflected in the sea. Because of the explosives on board, we had to dock out in the harbour at San Juan and go ashore in our lifeboats.

After a couple of nights in San Juan, we were all flown back to the U.K. as our leg of the cruise was finished and another group of scientists etc., would fly out to join the “*Discovery*.” We all arrived back in the U.K. on Christmas Eve and were taken by coach to our various destinations.

In my case, it was on the outskirts of Midhurst, where I spent Christmas with my family at a very enjoyable house party.

On 1st January 1980 The Azores suffered an earthquake, 7 on the Richter Scale in magnitude.

A few years later, I was fortunate enough to finish up in Ponta Delgada, the capital, on the island of San Miguel. I was so intrigued by it, that I was keen to explore it and was able to take several days leave there to do so.

The Botanical Gardens where:

The botanists from Kew would keep their exotic specimens to harden them off before their journey to the U.K.

The roads are hedged with flowering Azaleas

A large outdoor swimming pool naturally heated by underground thermals

Enjoy a meal cooked in the heat of the ground.

The twin volcanic craters – one of blue water and one of green water and many other beautiful and breath taking sights to see and experience

As a consequence, I took my wife Janet there for our 25th Wedding Anniversary – a wonderful and unforgettable memory!”

THE TONY MERSON COLLECTION

In 1962 part of the development included the demolishing of the Woodworking Block. The late Tony Merson clearly visited the site when the contractors were well into the work. These photos will remind former pupils of the time spent working in the classroom under Mr. Brink.



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Owing to the input for the previous magazine it was impossible to print some obituaries. The most important one is for the well known comedian **JEREMY HARDY (1972-1979)** who was a member of the final intake for Farnham Grammar School and was at the School when it became a Sixth Form College. Several Old Boys recall him and his quick wit, which later became his livelihood.

Jeremy was born in Farnborough, the youngest of five children, and his father was Head of Spacecraft Operations at the Royal Aircraft Establishment He left the College in 1979 and moved to the University of Southampton to study history and politics. He moved to London in the early 1980s and took advantage of the Enterprise Allowance Scheme. This gave him £40 per week provided he could offer a business plan. His business plan, quite simply, was to be a comedian.

He began performing a short set of sketches, about 5 or 10 minutes, at a variety of venues around London, like the Banana Cabaret in Balham and the Tunnel Club in Greenwich. Verbal violence from the audience was common and this was where he learned his trade as a stand-up comedian. His socialist beliefs were the thread that ran through his work and he was forever campaigning. He was an inspiration to other would-be comics.

He decided to stop appearing in the short sets and made plans to write and present much longer shows and appear in larger halls. It was a brave move and sometimes it worked and sometimes it did not. In 1988 he won the Perrier Award, one of the country's most prestigious awards for comedy, at the Edinburgh Festival. He was being offered work on radio and television, but decided to keep to the live stage touring with his solo shows.

In the mid 1980s he began to appear on both radio and television in addition to panel shows such as *If I Ruled the World* and *Mock the Week*. He made a hilarious appearance as Corporal Perkins in *Blackadder Goes Forth* in 1989 and in 1996 he presented *Top of the Pops*, much to his amusement.

In 2002 he travelled to Palestine to make the film "*Jeremy Hardy Versus the Israeli Army*", a documentary about the work of the International Solidarity Movement, and a suitable subject for a man who found the Palestinian struggle central to his international politics. This was far from the world of appearing on *I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue* and during the filming he was caught up in the Israeli siege of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, which provided him with a constant source of stories and rueful outrage.

Jeremy remained in contact with his Farnham College and with the Old Farnhamians and in 1997 Jeremy gave the Farnham Lecture at The Maltings entitled "*Living on One's Wits*". He also remained in contact with several former classmates and will be missed by many former staff and students.

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For well over twenty years he was a regular and popular panellist on both *I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue*, where he was notorious for his attempts to sing, and the *News Quiz* on BBC Radio 4. On the *News Quiz* he appeared with four different chairmen and was known for his endless stream of articulate and hilarious indignation. As well as being a regular contributor to these panel shows, he also wrote and recorded an astonishing 10 series, around 50 episodes, of his own shows, *Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation* (1993 – 2014).

Jeremy is survived by his second wife, Katie Barlow, and his daughter, Elizabeth, from his first marriage; and his sisters, Susan, Joy and Serena, and his brother, Simon.

Jeremy Hardy, comedian, born 17th July 1961; died 1st February 2019.

With the previous magazine going to press earlier in the year there was no opportunity to print a proper obituary of **MIKE HORNER (1943-1948)**. Details of his early education, years at Farnham Grammar School, and a glittering career, were printed in the 2003 *Farnhamian* magazine, and he has continued to be a busy man in retirement.

Mike won a scholarship to Farnham Grammar School, and on leaving he gained experience working for John Laing. After five years he gained membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers. In 1961 he moved to the Blue Circle Group, one of the largest producers of cement in the world. This began his travelling abroad and for some time living in Hong Kong. Blue Circle offered him the position in London of Director of International Marketing and he moved with his family back to Farnham. In 1987 he was asked to head up Malayan Cement, the holding company for the Asian/Pacific region and for seven years the family moved to Malaysia.

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In 1956 Mike had met Maureen and they married two years later. They have a son who lives locally, a daughter who lives in Scotland, and the youngest son who lives in New Zealand.

For many years Mike and Maureen travelled to New Zealand every January to see their son and his family and on the return journey would stop off at Hong Kong, Malaysia etc., to see old work colleagues and friends. In Farnham they both had a very active lifestyle, with both being good golfers, both playing club tennis, regularly going to the theatre, and Maureen becoming an accomplished bridge player. They also had several grandchildren to enjoy.

Mike was an active member of Probus and chairman of the local branch of Arthritis UK. He was elected President of the Old Farnhamians' Association and held that position when the Old Boys celebrated the Millennium Lunch at Farnham Castle, as well as opening "*The Home of FGS Memorabilia*". He has been a loyal and active member of the Old Boys, sitting on the General Committee and the Farnhamian 400 Trust committees for many years. He has been a sponsor for the College Awards' Scheme since it began in 2003.

Mike suffered from Alzheimer's, which slowly took its toll on such a lively and intelligent man. He spent the last few weeks in Frimley Park Hospital. He will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

A few days after the news about Mike Horner, another former President in **BRYAN BONE (1948-1952)**, was found dead at his home in Liphook. It is probable that he had suffered a heart attack in the night, and a post mortem determined that this was true.

A profile of Bryan appeared in the 2004 magazine and shows that he was born locally in Hale, attended Hale School and then passed the 11 plus for the Grammar School. He was a member of Massingberd House and took part in several sports before leaving in 1952. He began working in insurance with Eagle Star and after many years started his own company based at Castle Street in Farnham. His wife Shirley worked with him and they built a healthy business. During this time he was President of the Farnham Chamber of Commerce. He also gained a certificate for Further Education and taught at Farnborough College and at the Chartered Institute Centre at Surbiton. In 1981 the British Insurance Brokers' Association invited him to write a book entitled "*Insurance Broking*" and he also produced a series of videos on the subject. He wrote many articles for magazines and text books.

He developed a passion for David Lloyd George, who once lived at Churt and where Bryan spent time as a boy in the summer picking tomatoes. He began to wear his hair longer and grew a large moustache, and became a 'Lloyd George 'Look a Like.' Taking this further he moved with his new partner to the village in Wales where the famous Liberal lived.

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His partner became ill and they decided to move back to Liphook, where she had her family. Bryan was also having problems with his health and gradually developed a poor heart condition. Even so, he became the President of the Old Farnhamians' Association for 2011 and 2012. He still attended Old Boys' events until 2018 when his condition worsened. Even so, it was a surprise to hear that he had died so suddenly.

Bryan and Shirley had two children, with a son living in New Zealand and a daughter living in Germany. When he was healthy he would travel to both and spend some time with his grandchildren.

Bryan was a well liked man and had many friends among the Old Boys and Farnham in general. He was cremated at Havant on 22nd March and earlier that day there was a Service of Remembrance at Milland Evangelical Church at Liphook. Several former classmates from the 1948 intake attended.

On March 1st 2019, another loyal Old Boy died. This time it was local man, **JOHN WILKINSON (1940-1945)**. John's School record shows that he was a member of Childe House. His name is not highlighted in many sports, except in Boxing, where he fought every year, and in 1943 and 1945 he reached the semi-finals at his weight. He passed his General Certificate of Education in 1945 before leaving the School.

John's daughter sent us these details of his life after School. *"My father was born in Farnham and had a brother named Donald. After leaving the Farnham Grammar School he did his National Service in the Royal Engineers and included a spell in Germany. After demob he studied in London to be a Builders' Surveyor and then moved to Dover in 1955 to work for Barwicks. He returned to Farnham in 1964 to work in the family building firm, W.J. Wilkinson & Sons in West Street.*

In the late 1960s his father retired and John took over as Managing Director. The business was eventually sold and he worked in London, Haslemere (Kingshotts) and Hale (Caesars). He had many hobbies which included badminton, walking, carpentry, gardening, military & naval history. At one stage he wished to join the Navy but was found to be colour blind.

His daughter has received many comments from carers, medical staff and various people who have met John and they all agree that he was one of life's gentlemen."

For several years the Editor and his wife met John at Farnham Leisure Centre for an early morning swim and later delivered him his lunch via the Meals on Wheels service. The comments regarding him being a gentleman were certainly true.

The sad death was announced of **JOHN MCLAUGHLIN (1972-1993)**, a very loyal

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member of staff for the former Grammar School and the Sixth Form College. John died at his home in Farnham on April 2nd 2019. He had been poorly for some time, but still managed to keep in touch with the Old Farnhamians and the Sixth Form College.

John McLaughlin was born in Brighton in March 1935. He attended the local Grammar School before entering Hertford College, Oxford to read History. In 1958 he studied for an Education Diploma and began his teaching career in Essex. He moved to a school in Oxted, Surrey in 1965 and eventually arrived at Farnham Grammar School in January 1972 as Deputy Head. He worked for five terms before the Grammar School became Farnham Sixth Form College and he became the Deputy Principal.

He was at Morley Road for over twenty years and although his main role was administrative he always ensured that a third of his time was spent teaching in the classroom. Apart from History he taught a range of Media Studies and Media Studies and Sociology.

One of the great highlights of his time at the College, was when Farnham College reached the final of the English Colleges' Football Cup. Six coaches packed with Farnham supporters travelled to Barnsley to see Farnham win the match 1-0. Another high light was the Great fete of 1978 which celebrated 400 years of continuous secondary education in the town.



John McLaughlin with Janet Jude – both Trustees of Farnham Educational Foundation

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John enjoyed his working life, but to his surprise, retirement proved even better. He travelled across the globe, often with the Historical Association. Locally he became involved in charity work and U3A, where he lectured. He also belonged to the William Cobbett Society, played weekly bridge, loved the cinema, the theatre and visiting London galleries.

Since 1997 he was a Trustee of Farnham Sixth Form College and took over as Chairman for some time. He was a Trustee for the Farnham Educational Foundation up to his death and sat on the Farnhamian 400 Trust for many years as the link between the Old Boys and the College.

John McLaughlin was respected by all and will be remembered by many former pupils, as well as the people of Farnham.

The above obituary was taken from the profile that John did some years ago. A tribute was written by Janet Jude, a friend and former teaching colleague. Although both versions cover similar ground the Editor feels that her words should be printed as John was such a special teacher and man in general.

“John McLaughlin, a well loved teacher and resident of Farnham since 1972, died aged 84. John was an only child and grew up in Moulescombe, Brighton. He was a pupil at Brighton Grammar School and won a place at Hertford College Oxford to study history. He was a passionate historian and always said that if politicians had studied history they would certainly make fewer mistakes.

He had always wanted to teach and after gaining his Diploma in Education, his first job was at a school in Coventry. From there he went to Oxted County School as Head of History, and then in 1972 came to Farnham Grammar School as Deputy Headmaster, becoming Deputy Principal of the College when the merger with Farnham Girls' Grammar School took place. His organisational and personal skills were much in evidence at this time. Three different staffs had to be blended together, the two grammar schools and a large intake of mostly young teachers. The day to day running of the College fell mainly on his shoulders, a task he performed with sensitivity and his renowned dry wit.

An imposing figure, often seen in his billowing gown in the early days, he was a firm disciplinarian, but always with a twinkle in his eye. An Old Boy, the late comedian Jeremy Hardy, wrote some years ago, “When I arrived as an eleven year old, Mr. McLaughlin, I still find it hard to think of him as John, was a terrifying figure, a towering disciplinarian, not to be trifled with. Over the years though, I began to suspect that he was actually winding us up.” Colleagues remember him as a kind and considerate person, a superb teacher, challenging and supporting his students.

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In 1992 ill health forced him to retire from the job he loved. He still remained strongly connected to Farnham College as Chairman of the Farnham Educational Foundation. In this role he was instrumental in negotiating the new lease for the merger of Farnham College with Guildford College, a task which was demanding and difficult. When he stood down as chairman he remained a trustee until his death. He worked on the Awards' committee, which dealt directly with students whose interests were always his first consideration.

Retirement gave John time to follow his many interests. He was an avid traveller and joined a syndicate of race horse owners. He always said he owned one leg of a horse! Wearing his trilby hat he loved parading in the owners' ring, although luck was not often on his side. A stalwart and passionate supporter of Brighton and Hove Albion he attended matches wherever possible.

His connections with organisations in Farnham and elsewhere were legion. For many years he volunteered with the Samaritans, often giving up time at Christmas to free others. He was an active member of the Cobbett Society and the U3A for whom he gave talks. He was a skilled bridge player and participated in several groups. As his health declined he was still able to enjoy the productions at the Maltings and all the cultural opportunities that Farnham offers.

John had a very active and fulfilling life. He gave a huge amount to others. He was a man of great humanity and erudition and is missed immensely by all who knew him."

In the last edition, the news of the death of **PETER FORD (1944-1949)** was brief owing to lack of space. I have now received a eulogy for Peter from his daughters Rosemary and Christine and am printing it in full as I feel that it is special.

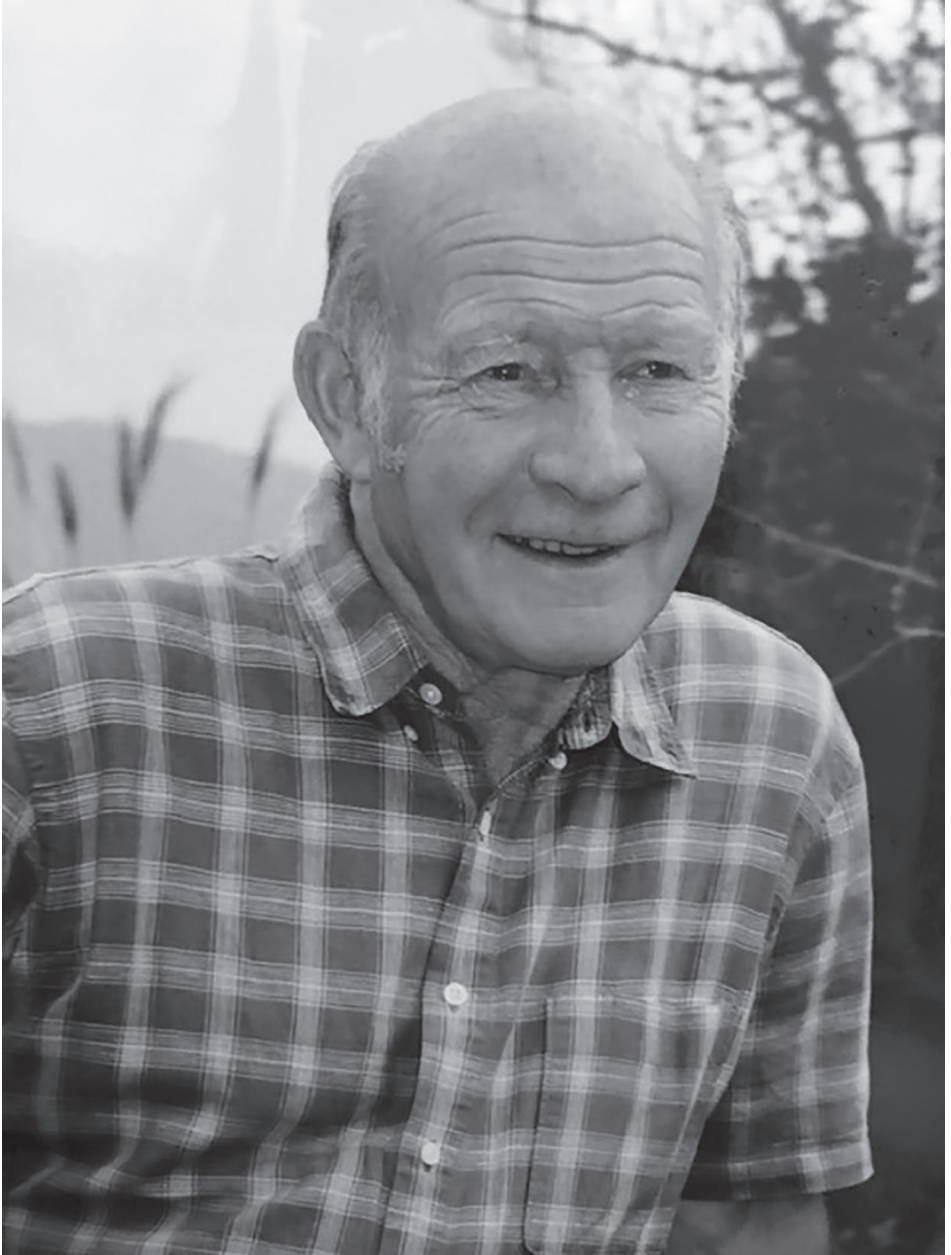
PETER FORD REMEMBERED BY HIS DAUGHTERS ROSEMARY & CHRISTINE

"While some remember Dad for his devotion to Aldershot FC or his allegiance to his school alumni association – he was a proud 'Old Farnhamian'. Our fond memories of Dad are all about growing up on the farm – an all-day, every day whirlwind of animal husbandry, crop growing, and big machines in all weathers. Bale carting, muck-spreading and 'getting the cows in' were everyday phrases, which we learnt from a young age.

Dad was always in wellies to avert any farming emergency, even in the dead of night – if pigs escaped, or a cow was calving, or a tramp was lighting up when sheltering in our hay barn. And how many families have memories of ailing piglets in shoeboxes on radiators?

From Dad's early days as a cowman with a pedigree herd of Jersey cows to when he retired to a new world of fences, japonicas and raspberry canes, it was always about nurturing animals, plants, and over the years the children in our family. Pet dogs, cats, babies – they all loved him.

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PETER FORD – WELL RESPECTED – WELL LOVED!

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And over the years there was so much fun, - the freedom of the farm, the canal boat and caravan holidays, beach days fitted around milking time and harvesting, then learning to drive tractors and bombing around the fields in our first cars. He spent his life as a man of the soil and took pleasure in the simple things of life – his family and what they were all doing, his fruit and vegetable garden (oh how he loved to dig!), his beloved Aldershot Town football club, and food – he enjoyed every meal out (and could remember many of them).

Dad was proud of his family, and so enjoyed watching his grandchildren grow up to become confident young adults. He was thrilled when a great grandson arrived, wearing his great grandfatherhood as a badge of honour, and was often overheard bragging about his new status.

He discovered the World late in life, venturing with Dot to California, Australia to visit brother Brian and family, Hong Kong, Singapore and even Brunei. He rather got the taste for it, for a while they spent a few winter weeks in sunny Australia. He loved the trips to Germany to drink gluhwein and eat metre long sausages in the Christmas markets there.

He was a story teller. He loved a good story and had plenty of them, and there were always embellishments to look forward to. One of his mottoes was ‘stop and smell the roses’ – he was a man who would not be rushed so always had time to listen. But beyond his generosity and understanding of people, it is his gentle kindness which stays with us.”

Peter Ford was born on 28th April 1932 and passed away on 16th November 2018, after several months of deteriorating health. He leaves a wife of 64 years, Dot, 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.

After Farnham Grammar School. Peter attended Sparsholt College of Agriculture to learn farming and animal husbandry skills, which led to his first jobs as a cowman in Hampshire. He took his first farming tenancy in 1958 in Kingsworthy, near Winchester, then later moved to Sherborne St. John near Basingstoke to form a farming partnership. He always had mixed farms, combining a dairy herd, beef cattle, pigs, chickens and arable crops. When he retired from farming, he and Dot moved to Hook and he continued working in agriculture contracting and later landscape contracting.

Editor: I would be very pleased if my children could write such a loving obituary to me.

At the end of April we received the sad news of the death of **R.C.C. (RUSTY) MOORCROFT (1959-1965)** after a long illness. “Rusty” was one of the most popular pupils at the School and well liked among the Old Boys. He entered the School into Morley House and during the years became known as a top class athlete and sportsman.

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In 1960 he ran in the sprints at the Sports Day and each year entered one or more athletic events. He was a regular in the Annual Cross Country. In 1961 he was chosen for Morley House Junior Cricket XI and played football for the School Under 14 Team and the School Colts XI. Football became his major sport and in 1962 he was chosen for the School Second XI and in 1963 for the School First XI. He was also an excellent boxer and won his weight in 1961 and 1963. In 1963 he was chosen for the School Cricket Second Team.

As he developed his football skills he was chosen “*Outstanding Player of the Year*” in 1963/64 season as well as playing for the Surrey County Grammar Schools’ XI.

In 1964 Rusty played for the School Cricket First Team as well as the School Football First Team, where he became School Football Captain. To add to his talents he played Tennis for the School and appeared on stage for the FGS Drama Group. Rusty was very talented in many areas.

Such was his popularity a number of family and Old Boys have contributed towards a fitting eulogy.

Hanna Fry, his daughter wrote: “*Dad was brought up in Farnham, being born on the 21st November 1947. Following his time at the Farnham Grammar School, he went on to secure professional qualifications in Financial Services, leaning towards the welfare sector. He married my mother Lesley Cutsforth (an ex FGGS girl) in 1974 and by 1976 my parents lived in Church Crookham.*

In 1978, Dad secured employment with Blue Cross Healthcare in New York (near the World Trade Centre) – at the time moving to Connecticut, Massachusetts. Mum was three months pregnant with me, and I was born in August 1978. The family moved back to the UK in September 1979 and brother Tom was born in December 1980.

The family home was set up in The Bourne and we lived there until Mum and Dad divorced in 1999 after 25 years of marriage. During this time Dad was working in financial services in and around the City of London, including a spell at Lloyds of London.

Between the mid-eighties and nineties Dad worked for a number of software companies, including Oracle.

In 2005 he worked for RBS/Direct Line, based in South Street, Farnham, retiring in 2016.”

MARTIN JAMES a life long chum, has offered the following memories of Rusty.

“R.C.C.Moorcroft got some stick when his classmates learned that these initials stood for, Roger, Clive, Coombs. The Clive and the Coombs came as a surprise, but some might also have been taken aback to hear that the Ro was for Roger and not Rusty which was

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as we all knew him. He had a shock of vivid red hair – in keep[ng with his personality and hardly fading over the years to come.

I first met Rusty in Robert “Buzz” Varey’s Form One in 1959. The register, as all Old Boys will recall, was recited at the start of the morning and the afternoon lessons (I can still reel off the roll call) and we sat in twos in alphabetical order. As a result, I was placed at the desk right behind his and for a whole year that mop of red hair blocked out the blackboard like a Belisha beacon that forgot to blink. He became a good friend at school – a close one ever after.

At school Rusty was an actor – not overly studious, but intelligent, capable and clever, particularly at Maths (and he could make short work of crosswords). Despite a roguish quality that happily, was to last a lifetime, he was made Vice-Captain of the School. He possessed that rare attribute of being hugely popular with both the pupils and the staff.. He was musically talented, and really good – and good looking – on stage. It’s a wonder we did not all hate him.

He excelled at sport, especially football, and he played to win. Even in what was just a House Match he once told Morley team mate Richard Wills before a corner kick “You get the goalie, and I’ll get the goal”. And, of course he did.

As a pacey winger (though he played as an out and out striker for the School. Rusty represented England Grammar Schools, alongside the likes of David Nish and Steve Heighway, and he went on to play for leading semi-professional teams such as Enfield and Sutton, with Mick Mellows of non-league football fame – he also played for countless local sides over the years. On the cricket field, he was a potent batsman and penetrating spin bowler playing for Farnham and Frensham for many post-school years – (although Chic Stedman reminds us that he was unique in that he did not turn the ball, but relied upon flight, length and guile).”

Finally, a tribute from **Roger Edgell**:

“I was able to see Rusty just a few days before he died; Hannah placed him in Room 212 at Pax Hill Nursing Home in Bentley – despite being in obvious pain he was lucid and we had a chuckle over former times – our trials at Surrey Grammar Schools’ Soccer in Woking, the six-a-side competitions at Rydens, Walton-on-Thames, the cricket matches against the Masters at School, his Vice-Presidency at Aldershot Football Club (before it was wound up), where he was always impressed with the skipper Ian McDonald and I was able to pass to him the latest copy of the Farnhamian magazine – he started thumbing through it avidly – he had always been a loyal Old Farnhamian.

The Farnhamian magazine records listed indicate Rusty’s significant contribution to the

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School and his achievements in his time at FGS. What they cannot show of course is how much he was admired and respected by all who came into contact with him. In my final time at FGS I shared the “bass parts” in the School Choir with Rusty and I fondly recall our Christmas deliveries to the Christmas Carol Service at St. Andrews. Fitting that once again this church will be full on 9th May 2019 to say “goodbye” to him.”

We received a letter at the beginning of May to say that one of our oldest Old Boys had died. **MYER VICTOR COLEBY (1937-1940)**, who lived in Northwood, Middlesex was aged 95 when he passed away on 12th February. Myer was a member of School House and although he was at the School for only three years he was elected a Sub-Prefect. He was a member of the group who presented stage shows and appeared successfully in “*Chu Chin Chow*”. He ran in the Annual Cross Country Races and was a member of the House Rifle Shooting Team. Up until his death he was probably the Oldest Living Old Boy.

Early in June we were sad to hear that **PETER READ (1941-1947)** had died after several months with heart problems. Peter was a great Old Farnhamian and attended most events. He was a renowned actor and he will be missed by many. The following eulogy was written by Gordon Jackson, his partner:

“As some of you may know Peter lived his early life to the age of about 27 in Beacon Hill. Like his two brothers and four sisters, they were all christened in St. Albans’ Church, Hindhead and like his brothers he was a choir boy at the church. His parents were married in the same church, as were several members of the family. His grand-parents, parents, and family are all buried in the graveyard.

Unlike his siblings, Peter was not born at home in Beacon Hill, but at a nursing home in Grayshott, his mother had been taken there by the local milk cart. Like his brothers and sisters, they all went to Beacon Hill School. Peter, at the age of twelve, gained a scholarship to Farnham Grammar School for Boys. He never managed to get matriculation, which required a pass at six subjects at the same time. Peter, on the two occasions that he tried he only passed five and therefore obtained a School Certificate.

On leaving Grammar School at sixteen and a half, he worked in his fathers’ General stores shop, before, at eighteen being called up for National Service. He was put in the RASC and after training he was posted to Aldershot for the remainder of the two years. He became Company Clerk and when it was time for official leave he would write himself a travel pass to places like Edinburgh, or wherever, and then stay at YMCA’s as home was so close and he did that most weekends by local bus.

On leaving the Forces, Peter applied for a job with the Jaeger clothing company in Godalming as a clerk and was employed by them. He then moved to Friary Meux

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Brewery at Guildford as a clerk and then on to Reuters. He was again employed as a clerk but was soon upgraded to the position of financial journalist. He stayed with Reuters for 32 years and took early retirement at 58 years of age.

Peter's real passions in life were the cinema and theatre in all its forms. The theatre influence may have come from his experience of singing "On the good ship Lollipop" in front of the school. He was always very involved in amateur dramatics and in retirement background film work, which he thoroughly enjoyed. (His claim to fame was an appearance in the film "The Da Vinci Code").

Peter followed the film and stage career of the British actress Phyllis Calvert and she was his favourite star. Later they became good friends. They regularly corresponded and met many times. The one thing Peter would have loved was to have been a full time actor, but this was not to be."

Peter Read was one of life's gentlemen and is remembered by many people. He was a great supporter of the Old Farnhamians' Association and many students will value "The Peter Read Award for Drama" that he sponsored for many years.

It was only in recent months that we were advised of the death of **GRAHAM COSWAY (1947-1952)**. Graham was a member of Childe House and his main sport was boxing, where he reached several semi-finals and finals. He left the School with 5 'O'Levels.

In June we heard of the passing of **JOHN CHERRYMAN (1947-1952)** aged 86. John was a well known QC after leaving the school. While at school he lived at Tongham, near Farnham.

He was a member of Childe House and was clearly a good shot with a rifle. He was a top scorer for his House in 1948/1949/1950/1951. He was Captain of the School Rifle Shooting Team for his last two years. In 1949 he became a Sub-Prefect and the following year a Prefect, finally becoming School Vice-Captain in his final year. In his final year he was also sub-editor for *The Farnhamian* magazine. Along the way he belonged to the Scientific Society and the Debating Society.

His school career finished with excellent O Level and A Level results and he entered The London School of Economics and then Harvard Law School. He was admitted to the bar in 1955, appointed a QC in 1982 and appointed a Recorder in 1994. He was head of his chambers based in Grays Inn and was hugely successful in the commercial field.

To give the reader some idea of the position held by John Cherryman the following gives details on being a QC.

A QC or Queen's Councillor, is a lawyer who is appointed by the monarch of the United

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Kingdom to be one of 'Her Majesty's Counsel, learned in law'. As members wear silk gowns of a particular design, appointment as a QC is informally known as 'taking silk'.

Appointments are made from inside the legal profession on the basis of merit, rather than a particular level of experience. However, successful appointments tend to be to barristers or advocates with 15 years experience or more.

John left his wife, Anna, four children and ten grandchildren.

Yet another name to join the list of obituaries in this edition is **DAVID GUDGEON (1944-1949)**. David lived close to the School in Tilford Road while at Morley Road and therefore became a member of School House. He was an above average sportsman and regularly reached the semi-finals of the Boxing Tournament, was a member of the House Rifle Shooting Team and played cricket and football for his House. His skills as a footballer saw him play at various levels for the School and won him his colours in 1949.

David lived in Bristol and prior to his death he wrote a book of his life story. The family kindly sent some of the text to the Editor of the Farnhamian and the following will give the reader a good idea of the career of David Gudgeon.

In general I really loved school. Maths with Mr. Godsil and Mr. Munton: Physics with Mr. 'Pecker' Lock: Chemistry with Mr. Evans: Art with Mr. Wills. Geography, French, R.I. with masters whose names escape me. This idyllic 5 years finished in 1949 with the General School Certificate exams. Quite surprisingly I passed all but History. I could not retain all those dates.

I have mind pictures of most of the boys in my class but a few were to be long lasting. Bob Hewes was a centre half: a useful bowler and a brilliant tennis player. We still meet in Farnham 3 or 4 times each year for lunch. Tony Aylwin was a good deal shorter than Bob and I, but he made the School First XI as a half back. Our friendship continued after school as we all three played for the Old Farnhamians and cricket for Farnham in th park next to the castle.

On leaving the School the Headmaster Mr. F.A.Morgan said to me, "It was up to me whether or not you came to the school, I made a good choice". He wished me well in science and engineering, a field which had been chosen for me by my Dad!

In 1949 I started work at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, Hants. The job was considered to be of national importance and I therefore avoided National Service at 18. For one day a week employers were compelled to allow time for further education, which meant attending the R.A.E. Technical College. The course was initially for the study of Higher Schools Certificate (Now known as A-Levels).

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My title was Scientific Assistant working in a simulation department. In 1950 the Government insisted on researching Guided Missiles alone, preventing private firms from any work in this field.

Simulation is a method of using computers to imitate the behaviour of physical systems. In 1950 computers were analogue, very fast but not as accurate as digital. Also digital computers were in their infancy and were used mainly for commercial accounting. Both types were large and power consuming that they required huge air-conditioned rooms.

My job as part of the team was to build electrical units to be used in simulators. I learned metal work to build the chassis and electronic wiring techniques. The simulations were of missiles and in order to confirm that the computer model were accurate, missiles were fired on a range in Australia. The model was then used to improve the actual missile.

The part time education at the R.A.E. consisted of Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics and Chemistry. To progress my education I had to pass all subjects at one sitting. Prior to the possible National Service all students who passed the exams submitted CV's to universities to continue education to degree level. My application to Southampton University to study science was accepted in 1953 and I moved to this city for the next three years.

I managed to play football and cricket and this resulted in my being awarded Joint Universities Athletic Union Colours. I left Southampton after 3 years with a degree in General Science. Now, was time to go for a real job. I was interviewed in Bristol in September 1956 by the Bristol Aeroplane Co. And it so happened that the Guided Weapons' Division was doing similar projects to those I had worked on at Farnborough. I had experience useful to the company.

The System's department were building an Analogue Computer and I helped in the final build and assembly and subsequently became the operator. After a few years I became associated with an American company, Electronic Associates Inc. (EAI) and at Bristol we purchased one of their systems. Working with EAI was fortuitous as it led to several trips to America. We also formed a working group with several European users of EAI computers and held annual meetings. This gave me an appetite for foreign travel!

In the early 1960's computers began to develop very quickly and I spent a lot of time persuading Directors to buy even better computers. Digital computers were getting faster and very accurate, consequently our simulation of missile and aircraft systems could become more accurate and efficient. At the zenith the computer simulation system consisted of analogue and digital computers with a gateway between them to transfer data back and forth. These were known as Hybrid Computers.

The above is only a part of his life story and David progressed his career greatly after his

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days at Morley Road. Like many other Old Boys they have contributed to the UK and are an example of the high standard of education reached under the F.A.Morgan leadership.

In August 2019 we received news that **PETER CAIRD (1953-1958)** has died. Peter was a member of Massingberd House and was a quiet and reserved pupil. He lived in Bridgefield, Farnham and married a girl who stayed with Ian Sargeant's family in the Fairfield while she was studying at the Art School, and for a time when she began working.

He became an estate agent with Hoare, Sanderson & Spooner locally before moved on. Peter and his wife had two daughters and some grandchildren.

On Thursday 2nd October 2019 **DUDLEY COAKES (1955-1961)** attended the Autumn Lunch at the Bush Hotel in Farnham. A few days later we were sadly advised that the following weekend of 5th/6th October he died. A great loss and a great shock to classmates who dined with him on the Wednesday

Dudley was a 'Guildford Boy' and travelled across the Hogs Back each day to Morley Road. He became a member of Harding House, and whilst not a great athlete he played Chess for the School Senior Team and was a member of the House Rifle Shooting Team.

We have been in contact with his many friends who were in his year and news of life after School is little. He lived in Bridgnorth, Shropshire with his wife Hazel, who sadly died in recent years. Dudley was devastated!

He was a very private person and a former classmate says that at School he was an avid aircraft modeller. It is believed that his working life crossed a number of disciplines, but mostly allied to sales of some form of artefacts. It is thought that his later roles encompassed selling and designing website detail, and computers in general.

Among his former classmates are John Matthews, John Hirst, Roger Edgell, Mick Watts, Chris Nash, Chris Slyfield and Tony Hayward. They all speak very highly of Dudley and he always met them at the Annual Dinner. Another sad loss for the Association!

While the Old Boys have again made a significant contribution towards the annual Celebration of Achievement, it must be realised that many of them are either passing away or growing very old. From this magazine it can be seen that Peter Read, Bryan Bone and Michael Horner have gone in the last year and several Old Boys are approaching 90 years of age, whilst others are in poor health.

I would like to appeal to the readers of this magazine to come forward and become a sponsor and help the scheme that has now handed over almost £40,000 to the College.

If you can spare some cash to help, please contact the editor on cyriltrust@btinternet.com

WORKING TOGETHER

Since the beginning of the millennium the relationship between the Old Farnhamians' Association and Farnham Sixth Form College has greatly improved, and the Old Boys have worked well with the six Heads of the College during those years. In 2019 there will probably be another person leading the College and wherever possible the Old Boys have pledged to assist the new regime.

Let us take a look at the areas where we help currently:

COLLEGE AWARDS' SCHEME

In 2003 the Old Boys were asked to help raise the profile of the awards given to the successful students. This would need sponsorship from Old Boys and their families with the student receiving a certificate, plus a cheque for his/her efforts. Currently we are able to sponsor forty awards and since the start the scheme has generated over £40,000 for the students. As the sponsors grow older and cease to sponsor this scheme the Editor of this magazine and the Marketing Manager for the Guildford Group are looking for sponsors from the College students and their families as replacements. This has been a very successful scheme and of great benefit to the College.

BRIDGE TO BUSINESS

There is little doubt that the computer, mobile phone, I-Pad etc., have improved communications in general. However, it has destroyed the art of conversation and young people grow up with an inability to hold a conversation. This affects their performance at an interview to university, or for a job, and a group of the younger Old Boys have begun to help with this at the College. Spearheaded by Roger Edgell, Brian Williams, Richard Phillips and Julian Walden the group have begun to hold sessions for students to show them how to prepare an attractive CV and how to handle themselves at an interview. In this way they are helping the student to bridge the gap between the College and the outside world.

HAPPY SPACE LECTURES

For over thirty years the Old Boys have presented the Farnham Lecture and attracted many well known speakers on a variety of subjects. In recent years the number of lectures in the town has increased and it is difficult to fill the hall. It was therefore agreed that for three years we have an agreement with a London based organisation named Happy Space, who specialise in talks about the effects of stress on the mental health and well being of students and young people in general. The first set of lectures in 2018 proved successful and in 2019 they have been thrown open to other local schools. This resulted in over 200 students from local schools attending two lectures, plus a further 150 from Farnham and Guildford.

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This makes Farnham the main local school/college to address this national problem and it is hoped that the 2020 lectures will attract even more students.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Over the past twenty years the Old Boys, with the help of the Old Girls on occasion, have organised several events for charity or for the Farnham public in general. The first was the 30th anniversary of the Sixth Form College in 2003 and the latest was a Jazz & Comedy Evening. Probably the major event was the Garden Party for the 90th Birthday of the Queen, which attracted over 150 people. Cheques from the profits made at these events have gone to Challengers and the Nepalese Disaster Fund.

In most events the music has been provided by students at the College. It is planned to hold a Garden Party on 23rd June 2019 and hoped that over 150 people will attend. This time the Old Girls will not be taking part as their Association has been closed down. The Old Boys will have to call on more direct help from the College staff and students to put on a large event such as this.

KEEP IN TOUCH SCHEME

The Editor of the magazine and the Marketing Manager of the Guildford Group of Colleges are introducing this new scheme to try to retain more loyalty from former students after they leave the College. The scheme will apply to prize winners at the annual Awards evening starting with those at the 2018 event. Each of the winners will be listed in a central library and receive a good luck card from the College Leader when they leave for university or they obtain work. After this they will receive a birthday card from the College each year until they are 25 years of age.

They will automatically receive invitations to any major events at the College. It is hoped that they will feed back to the College details of their career progress, and if there are sufficient articles it will form a newspaper that will be issued by the College. Those on the list will be asked if they would like to become award sponsors and replace the Old Boys who have passed on.

It is difficult to have former students still involved with the College after only two years, unlike the Old Boys who in the main were at the Grammar School for five years plus.

It is hoped that the Old Boys will continue to co-operate with the College Form and try other initiatives to support them.

NEWS FROM FARNHAM COLLEGE

We are pleased to announce that the former Director of Farnham Sixth Form College, Jason Jones, has been appointed Deputy CEO for Richmond-Upon-Thames College and will take up the position at the end of March 2019. He joins one of the most successful colleges in the South of England and I am sure he will help them to even more success.

Fine Art and 3D Architecture students at the College were lucky enough to be invited to take in “*Figure It Out*” – a three-day workshops event and exhibition. The event ran from 29-31st January 2019 with guest artist Alison Orchard. Alison inspired the students with her life drawing workshops which produced a unique opportunity to work from different life models and explore a range of experimental techniques and approaches using line, tone, texture and colour. The programme for the workshops was as follows:

Day 1. – Perfecting the Line.

Day 2. - Exploring contrasts, light and understanding form.

Day 3. - Movement, colour and flow.

Funding for this project was gained following a bid to the Farnham South Street Trust.

Head of Art at the College, Julian Thompson, said, “*The students found the experience totally absorbing and produced some fantastic work, of which they should be proud. It was great to provide an inspirational learning experience that was both challenging and fun.*”

March 29th 2019 was not only an important date for Brexit, but it was the day that the Guildford College Group merged with the Activate Learning Group. There have been some changes in the structure of the staff as follows:

CEO for the Activate Learning Group

SALLY DICKETTS CBE

PRINCIPAL for the Guildford College Group

CHERI ASHBY

Neil Brookes will remain as Director of Farnham Sixth Form College until September and Samantha MacKay will remain as Marketing Manager for the Guildford College Group until September. The Old Farnhamians work well with the Director and Marketing Manager currently and wish them well in this new venture.

We have heard from **JOSHUA DIXON**, who sang in many concerts arranged by the Old Farnhamians, that his musical career is going well. He chose to study Theatrical Management after leaving the College and now works front of house at the Anvil Theatre, Basingstoke. He began to produce shows at the Phoenix Theatre, Bordon and Christmas 2018 the theatre pantomime “*Beauty and the Beast*” was written for the stage by Josh. The College had a strong class in the early 1990s and Josh is one who has developed well in the world of entertainment.

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Activate Learning are known for their excellent marketing and they have an article in the 'Life in Farnham' magazine issued in May 2019. The following gives some idea of their plans for the College.

New Chapter for Farnham Sixth Form College

The merger with Activate Learning represented an exciting new chapter for Farnham Sixth Form College, ensuring its long term security, while also giving learners and stakeholders access to new opportunities and greater choices.

Sally Dicketts, chief executive of Activate Learning, said the merger would help to drive growth within the local economy.

She added: "Further education colleges have always been the engine that drives social mobility, providing training and education to those who want to learn new skills and improve themselves. At Activate Learning we have focussed on working with businesses to help shape the education we provide and ensure the skills and attributes that employers need. This is an approach we will take with us into Farnham, developing a rich talent pool for the benefit of local communities and the businesses that serve them."

With another year of outstanding results behind them, Farnham Sixth Form College is going from strength to strength. As well as maintaining its overall pass rate of 98 per cent, high A - B grades were also achieved by 52% of students, two per cent higher than last year. With 100 per cent pass rate in 39 subject areas, students at the College have given themselves the best chance of progressing to university or launching their intended careers."*

Russell Group universities, including Warwick, Sheffield, Durham and Kings College, London, were the destinations of choice for some of the outstanding students who received their A level results last summer.

Head of the College, Neil Brookes, said "Farnham Sixth Form College" inspires each student to achieve his or her greatest potential through an engaging community, which nurtures creativity and ambition. By studying at Farnham Sixth Form College, young people in the local area are choosing to become part of a small thriving college with a big reputation for academic excellence, innovative curriculum and a long historical tradition of academic success."

But it is not just the success rates that make Farnham Sixth Form College such a popular choice for school leavers. The College has also invested hugely in its facilities and teaching resources, provides comprehensive support and has a friendly, vibrant atmosphere.

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College is very different from school, it is not just about getting an education, it's about making new friends, experiencing new opportunities, enjoying the student lifestyle, and preparing yourself for the future. It is about working in an adult environment, committing yourself to your studies and achieving your aspirations.

Farnham Sixth Form College is a co-educational sixth form college and has a single campus in a residential area."

As with many takeovers or amalgamation, one of the first moves is to change the name. The new group have decided to alter the name of Farnham Sixth Form College to just Farnham College. This will mean all paperwork, leaflets, brochures will have to be altered.

Towards the end of August the College announced the exam results for the previous year and again they were excellent. Students are set to move on to a diverse range of degrees and careers – including law, social work, nursing and architecture. For those not progressing to university, gap years, apprenticeships and the world of work awaits.

Neil Brookes, Head of College said that *"We are all very proud of our students."* Sally Dicketts, group chief executive of Activate Learning said, *"I am delighted to see all the hard work our students have put in has been rewarded."*

As we come to the final few pages of this memorable magazine it is worth putting into print a recent development that will ensure that Farnham Grammar School will remain an important part of Farnham.

For some time the Old Boys have wanted a permanent museum at Morley Road, where they could show the huge amount of memorabilia accumulated over many years. The Head of the College has agreed to let us have the use of a room and Roger Edgell has taken on the task of producing a museum for the students, staff and people of Farnham in general. Not only will history of the School be available, but the history of the town will be shown.

In this issue I have asked that any readers who have memorabilia to give should contact Roger as he builds the shelving and catalogues the items. In am sure that when the museum is officially opened all Old Boys will agree that it a fitting memorial for a fine school.

At the October General Committee meeting Roger handed to the editor a shiny brass plate engraved as follows:

This room and its purpose is named after and dedicated to

CYRIL TRUST MBE

without whose enterprise and vision such a concept would not have been possible

NEWS FROM FARNHAM COLLEGE

Early in December the College held a special lecture giving the students an insight into the coming General Election. Representatives from the three major political parties were asked to take part and begin their talk with the detail of their party manifestos.

Farnham were lucky to attract Liberal Democrat candidate, Paul Follows, the Conservative candidate and current Member of Parliament for South-West Surrey, Jeremy Hunt, with the Labour Party candidate Tim Corry represented by Natasha Fletcher and Dave Shurlock.

The Performance Hall at Morley Road was packed to capacity with over 200 students attending. Each speaker stressed the importance of voting and democracy and gave their reasons why they felt that they would serve the local area better than the other candidates.

The event proved fruitful for both speakers and students, with the candidates trying to attract young people who will vote at the next election and the students a taste of politics in this country. Student, Joe Murphy, said that the lecture had made a large impact on him. *“I thought the hustings event was a great opportunity to speak to the candidates and get our voices heard.”*

College Head, Neil Brookes, said *“Ensuring that every young person understands the democratic process and that they know their right to freedom of speech and to express their views, is a key component of the College’s duty to embed British values into our curriculum.”*

I was so impressed with the questions from our learners to the candidates and everyone involved really valued the opportunity.”

At the end of the lecture the students were asked to place a vote for the candidate who they thought would be preferable to serve the country. Liberal Democrats obtained 56% of the vote, Conservatives obtained 22.5% of the vote and Labour obtained 19% of the vote. A few days later, the actual results nationally did not follow the lead of the students from Farnham College.

WELCOME TO FARNHAM CELEBRATORY GARDEN PARTY

With Farnham Sixth Form College being merged with the Activate Learning Group of Colleges, it was decided that a welcome Garden Party should be held on the Morley Road lawns Cyril Trust gathered a support team and the day proved to be highly successful and enjoyed by the 120 plus guests.

A large marquee was erected on the College lawns and the tables were laid out, with a top table for special guests. The event saw the following guests on the top table with Neil Brookes (Head) and Ioan Davies (Deputy Head).

Cheri & Peter Ashby – Activate Learning Principal overseeing the Guildford Group of Colleges.

David Attfield (Mayor of Farnham) & Paula Dunsmore (Deputy Mayor of Farnham).

Carole Cockburn (Leader of Farnham Town Council) and husband Alisdair.

Mary Soryszewski (Mayor of Waverley).

Wendy Craig (Vice CEO for The Tindle Group of Newspapers) & Vera Maxwell.

A team of students helped lay out the tables and served drinks and food and were invaluable. They worked hard to make the event a success. Catering was handled by Old Girls Jill Goddard and Gill Picken and the bar by Old Boys Mike Mehta and Julian Walden.

The music was provided by the Otis B. Driftwood Showband, lead by Geoff Hiscott. Songs were professionally performed by former College student, Tegan Creedy.

Any profits from the event will go to Challengers, who run respite care homes in the Home Counties. A separate presentation will be arranged for this.

Among the guests were several Old Boys, Old Girls and representatives from The Hedgehogs (Farnham's premier fund-raising group), teachers from More House and The Ridgeway School.

Opening the afternoon Neil Brookes welcomed the newcomers from Oxford to Farnham and said how much he looked forward to working with the new merged group. Cheri Ashby replied and thanked the College, the Farnham Education Foundation Trust and the Old Farnhamians for their support and already plans have been set in motion to build back the College to its former glory.

It was good to see that former Head Jason Jones and his wife Sarah were among the guests. He worked hard for three years to build the College and is now Deputy Head of Richmond College.

All present had an enjoyable afternoon and looked forward to seeing more successful events at Morley Road in the future. Unfortunately the organiser, Cyril Trust, is now over 82 and this was his swansong. Somebody new will have to carry the banner!

WELCOME TO FARNHAM CELEBRATORY GARDEN PARTY



2019 FARNHAM COLLEGE CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT

On Thursday 19th December the annual award giving event took place in the Performance Hall at Morley Road, and staff, parents, former pupils and the award winners gathered for the evening.

This year the guest of honour was Kai Adams, who was at Weydon School when his father, Dr. David Adams, was the long time headmaster before going to Farnham Sixth Form College. He gained entry to Oxford University and obtained his degree before entering a career in Human Resources, and is now a partner in a London company specialising in executive recruitment at the highest level.

Headmaster, Neil Brookes opened the evening by welcoming the guest of honour and Principal of the Guildford Group of Activate Learning, Cheri Ashby. After a motivational talk by Kai Adams the evening moved on to the Awards ceremony.

The awards shown below are those sponsored by former pupils of the Farnham Grammar School or their families.

Lucy Murphy	Audrey Edington Award	English, English Lit. Drama, Elocution
Jack Benjamin	Brian Williams Award	Information Technology
Zoe Wakeling	Bryan Bone Award	English Literature
Paris Nash/Katie Lyons	Don Homer Award	Drama
Jessica Davey/Hannah Cooke	Dudley Backhurst Award	Science (Chemistry)
Sophia Tatarek	Geoff Hooker Award	Mathematics
Ellie Lamport/Holly Guest	Hans Holm Award	English & Journalism
Amber Tinson	Harold Beeken Award	English Language
Holly Taylor	John Edmunds Award	English
Hannah Cooke	John Terrill Award	Mathematics
Tom Basey	John Terrill Award	Sport
Darren Kamunuga	Knotts Family Award	Engineering
Tom Basey	Maurice Jeffreys Award	Business Studies
Adelia Bernard	Michael Lampard Award	French
Anjesh Ramjali	Paul French Award	Mathematics & Science
Jazmina Ackland	Peter Cranswick Award (Kate Cranswick)	Mathematics
Ben Wright	Peter Cranswick Award (Sandra Philpott)	Geography
Emily Marston/Zoe Wakeling	Peter Cranswick Award (Amelia Cranswick)	History
Holly Guest	Peter Read Award	Drama

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Samuel Kercher	Sturt Family Award	Computer Aided Design
Seren Hughes	Tony Moore Award	Geography
Kaleem Pusey	Graham Blunt Award	Science
Anna Heath	Chris Nash Award	For Endeavour
Jack Shepherd	Cyril Trust Award	For Endeavour
Damon Shaw	David Milburn Award	Most Promising Student
Adam Shaw	Davies Family Award	For Endeavour
Ben Caldwell	Derek Bowtell Award	For Endeavour
Sofia Gauntlett-Palou	Gerald LeVey Award	Team Player Award
Lucy Murphy	Ian Bolt Award	For Endeavour
Rebecca Welch	Ian Sargeant Award	For Endeavour
Joe Murphy	Jasper McFadden Award	Kindness, Hard Work, Determination
Rebecca Smith	John Crotty Award	For Endeavour
Grace Ayling	John Travers Award	For Endeavour
Nausi Haibrock	Keith Mentzel Award	For Endeavour
Samuel Kercher	Michael Horner Award	For Endeavour
Ellie Lamport/ Alexander Bussingham	Roy Robins Award	For Endeavour
Bethany Clark/Allie Kennedy	Spencer/King Award	For Endeavour
Allegra Davies	Teegan Creedy Award	Student Wellbeing
Oliver Penny	Tony Bolt Award	For Endeavour
Tom Basey	The Old Farnhamian's Student of the Year Award	



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Kai Adams - Guest of Honour, Tom Basey - Old Farnhamians Student of the Year,
James Taylor - Activate Learning



Rev. David Adams - Former Head of Weydon, with his son Kai

THE FARNHAMIAN MAGAZINE ENDS AFTER 108 YEARS

This magazine will be the final edition of a magazine that began in December 1912. It was a regular issue until the Grammar School became a Sixth Form College in 1973, but was revived in 1994. The information about former pupils of the old Grammar School was updated by the magazine, as well as the website pioneered by Ian Sargeant. There are few schools in the country that have this facility, and the strength of the Old Farnhamians' Association is uncommon.

We end this final edition by showing the original front cover for many years. It was produced by a pupil named D.C. Warner, after The Reverend Samuel Priestley encouraged some masters and boys to produce a regular magazine.



WHAT LIES AHEAD IN THE NEXT 108 YEARS?

When the first *Farnhamian* magazine was printed, it was December 1912 and the Prime Minister at the time was Herbert Asquith, leader of the Liberal Party. Here we are 108 years later and all we hear is that dreaded word BREXIT. Politically this country is so mixed up and one wonders what the politicians will bring to us in the coming 107 years.

Will we be part of Europe, still a world power, or will our politicians have killed us off altogether? There is much to be done to correct things and it could take many years to get the country on an even keel.

Will we still be bemoaning the National Health Service and asking for more and more money to correct the situation. Do we really know the facts today? Having had a heart attack and two major heart operations I cannot speak highly enough of the treatment I have received by the doctors, surgeons and hospitals I have been involved with. The problem with the NHS is the speed of the growth of people living longer and trying to keep up with the demand. Maybe the politicians should have seen this coming?

High on the agenda today is the rise in crime, particularly “knife crime”. Again the politicians choose to cut back on the police force and deny that this does not help the criminal. Which world do they live in? About the same world as the justice system who delivers sentences to obvious criminals, murderers etc., which are no deterrent at all. If this is not addressed the crime rate will continue to grow.

Then we come to global warming and the obvious effects that poor house-keeping by many countries is causing this planet to have strange climates, floods, storms, overheated summers etc. It has got to a stage that children are protesting that we are destroying their future. Of course they are correct!

If you ask many employers about the level of common sense that accompanies students from colleges and universities, they will reply that the current graduates are well below the level required. The children are leaving years of education with no sense of purpose and nothing to offer a potential employer. Again the cry is for more money. But why throw more money away on poor teaching?

From many directions there is an imbalance in wages and salaries nationally. Head-teachers can now earn more than leaders of industry, musicians continue to earn ridiculous amounts and sportsmen and women are in another world. One cannot blame the receivers of the money, but the people who offer it.

These are a few items that have to be addressed between now and 2119. Will readers of this magazine look back over the 100 years and see that life on Earth, and in the UK in particular, has improved?

THE 'FARNHAMIAN' MAGAZINE AND THE PRIME MINISTERS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

When the first edition of the Farnham Grammar School magazine was produced the Prime Minister at the time was HERBERT ASQUITH with a Liberal government. Over the years since 1912 there have been many changes at the top, but the various issues of the magazine have been produced. For future readers of the magazines the following list could prove of interest.

HERBERT ASQUITH	1908-1916	LIBERAL
DAVID LLOYD GEORGE	1916-1922	LIBERAL
ANDREW BONAR LAW	1922-1923	CONSERVATIVE
STANLEY BALDWIN	1923	CONSERVATIVE
RAMSEY MacDONALD	1924	LABOUR
STANLEY BALDWIN	1924-1929	CONSERVATIVE
RAMSEY MacDONALD	1929-1935	LABOUR
STANLEY BALDWIN	1935-1937	CONSERVATIVE
NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN	1937-1940	CONSERVATIVE
WINSTON CHURCHILL	1940-1945	CONSERVATIVE
CLEMENT ATLEE	1945-1951	LABOUR
WINSTON CHURCHILL	1951-1955	CONSERVATIVE
ANTHONY EDEN	1955-1957	CONSERVATIVE
HAROLD MacMILLAN	1957-1963	CONSERVATIVE
ALEC DOUGLAS-HUME	1963-1964	CONSERVATIVE
HAROLD WILSON	1964-1970	LABOUR
EDWARD HEATH	1970-1974	CONSERVATIVE
HAROLD WILSON	1974-1976	LABOUR
JAMES CALLAGHAN	1976-1979	LABOUR
MARGARET THATCHER	1979-1990	CONSERVATIVE
JOHN MAJOR	1990-1997	CONSERVATIVE
TONY BLAIR	1997-2007	LABOUR
GORDON BROWN	2007-2010	LABOUR
DAVID CAMERON	2010-2016	CONSERVATIVE
THERESA MAY	2016-2019	CONSERVATIVE
BORIS JOHNSON	2019- ?	CONSERVATIVE

The magazine has been produced throughout the terms of office of all the above and has reflected changes in education in the country.

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Earlier in this magazine, under the “*News of the Old Boys*” heading, there was much concern about the effect that forest fires etc., in America had affected well known Old Boy, **TERRY HUGHES (1953-1958)**. Terry lived in Monteceto, the epicentre for the disaster, and we had received no news from him or his family. Roger Edgell asked old friend, **JOHN DAVIS (1958-1965)** if he could make some enquiries. And as we went to press we received an e-mail from John to say that Terry had telephoned him and gave him the news that all was well.

Terry explained that well before forest fires him and his wife had moved to Santa Ynez, a valley some twenty miles north of Santa Barbara. Beautiful area, with many wineries. He is pushing 80 years of age now and is still working in the field of entertainment with his friend Matt Le Blanc.

During the phone call he said that he owed his career to Alan Fluck, former Music Master for the School. He had great memories of the Grammar School, including boxing for Childe House.

The couple plan to meet in the new year and hopefully we will receive more information about both of these former pupils.

The editor received his annual e-mail with Christmas wishes from **JOHN MEW (1935-1942)** who lives in Ottawa, Canada. A college sponsor for many years John is now ninety-three years of age, and probably the Oldest Living Old Boy. He looks forward to receiving the magazine and keeps in contact with the Association.

At the College Award evening the editor was informed that teacher, **IOAN DAVIES**, had been promoted within the Activate Learning Group and would be leaving Farnham. He has worked well with the Old Boys and in particular with Roger on the proposed museum of the Grammar School. We wish him well in his new venture!

It is usual that by the end of the year the date for the Annual Lunch has been announced. With Roger Edgell involved in other projects the main committee have been unable to arrange a suitable date. Several Old Boys would like to plan for this event and one hopes that a decision will soon be made. It will almost certainly be during March.

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