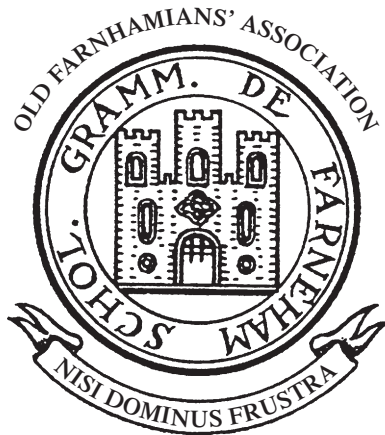


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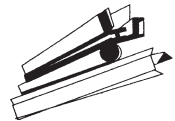
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The time has come for some changes to the magazine. After several issues, we have now exhausted the information about the School Cups and the War Heroes and they need to be replaced with new information from the archives of the old Grammar School. The editor will have to dig deep for such information from the School memorabilia

2014 started off in a bitter-sweet mood, with over ten deaths in the first quarter, but another highly successful President's Lunch at the Legacy Hotel. The latter, was thanks to some excellent organising by Roger Edgell, and this hotel appears to be ideal for the annual gathering of the Old Boys.

At the end of April Farnham College celebrated its fortieth anniversary with an open evening for past pupils, staff and local dignitaries. Organised by Guildford College Marketing Department it proved an enjoyable event, with the Old Boys having a stand in the Performance Hall to show visitors what the School was like up to 1973. Again, this shows the first class relationship between the Association and the College.

The end of August saw the departure of College Director, Jonathan Stewart, after less than two years at the helm. He was a great supporter of the Old Farnhamians and recognized the value of involving the former Grammar School pupils with the Sixth Form College. No doubt his successor will be appointed and we will attempt to build a good relationship with the new leader at Morley Road.

Autumn arrived, and with it the 'busy season' for the Old Boys. October saw the Southampton Lunch and it was a disappointment to see the numbers attending reach an all time low. As members get older one wonders how much longer this event will continue. In early November the Farnham Lecture was given at the Garden Gallery in the grounds of the Museum of Farnham and David Graham attracted a full house for his talk on 'The History of Farnham Castle'.

November and December brought the 'awards' season' and representatives of the 400 Trust attended the awards' evenings at Heath End School and Weydon School. The Ash Manor evening had been moved to earlier in the year as an experiment. The Farnham College and Guildford College Awards were later in December and again the Old Boys provided almost forty sponsored awards for the brighter students.

2015 began with the AGM, and this event was the last one covered by this magazine. I hope that the readers feel that this issue is up to standard and enjoy news of old friends etc.

2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Over 20 Old Boys braved a very cold evening to attend the AGM of the Old Farnhamians' Association and its offshoot, The Farnhamian 400 Trust. The meeting was opened with the Chairman, Ian Sargeant, asking all present to stand in respect of those members who had died in the previous twelve months.

The Chairman reported that the membership had fallen slightly, which was expected as many members are now in their 70s, 80s and 90s. The relationship between the Old Boys and Farnham College remains very strong, even though they have been waiting for a new Director at the College in May.

Stephen Pritchard, the Treasurer, reported that the Association finances were healthy, thanks to an appeal for donations in 2014 that realised almost £2000.

Reports followed regarding various aspects of the Association, with the Chairman saying that students had not taken advantage of the Leaving Scholarship Trust. This was money available to help students overcome any worthwhile financial shortfall relating to their studies.

Cyril Trust, long-serving Chairman of the 400 Trust advised that their finances were healthy, thanks to income from the 2014 Farnham Lecture and the Farnham College Awards' Scheme. The lecture by David Graham, speaking about "The History of Farnham Castle" enjoyed a full house. The 2015 Farnham Lecture will be given on Tuesday 27th October by Sir Andrew Carter, who will speak on some current aspects of education in this country.

In December the Trust will provide financial rewards for 40 students from the College who have been chosen for their outstanding work. The money will be provided by Old Boys or their families as usual.

Roger Edgell, the Secretary, said that plans for the Annual President's Lunch at the Legacy Hotel in Farnham on Saturday 21st March, are well in hand. It is hoped that over 100 members will attend. Also the Annual Southampton Lunch on the 7th October should prove its usual success.

Election of officers followed and all the committee members who had served the three years decided to seek re-election.

Finally members were advised of a joint Old Boys'-Old Girls' Spring Party at South Farnham School on Saturday 16th May (starting at 12.30). The organisers hoped to attract 150 former pupils of the Farnham Grammar Schools which closed in 1973.

2014 PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON



Rev. John Innes: Martin Collier: Bryan Bone: Mike Horner: Ian Sargeant: Brian Daniels:
Brian Williams: John Crotty: Dennis Phillips: Cyril Trust

Just on ninety former pupils and staff of the Farnham Grammar School gathered at the Legacy Hotel on the road to Guildford to celebrate their 82nd Annual Dinner/Lunch. As usual the Old Boys came from across the country to meet their former classmates and Norman Paget once again, flew over from America to be there for the lunch.

This was only the second occasion this hotel had been used and once again the meal was excellent, with very good service from the hotel staff. It looks as though this will be the home for future Old Boys' gatherings. The room hummed with the noise of the members talking about old times and remembering those who are no longer with us. In fact, Ian Sargeant, the new President, began the event by reading the list of well over ten Old Boys who had passed away during the year. The room was still as the members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The first speaker was Jonathan Stewart, special guest, and recently appointed as Director of Farnham Sixth Form College. He explained something of the current changes in education in this country and still this is a political football and subject to more change in the future. He has set his sights high at Farnham and wants to increase the number of students to over 800 by 2016, as well as introducing new subjects and retaining the level of success the college

2014 PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

currently enjoys. Those listening wished him well and pledged their support and hoped that the first class relationship between the Old Boys and the College remains high.

The Toast to the School was given by new committee member, Martin Collier, a lawyer and in 2011 the Mayor of St. Ives in Huntingdon. He highlighted three teachers who had helped him forge a successful career and his entertaining speech was full of amusing anecdotes from his days at the School.

Cyril Trust, chairman of the 400 Trust, followed with a Toast to the Association and spoke of his thirty years involvement with the organisation. Over the years he has organised the Annual Dinners, Southampton Lunches, Farnham Lectures, Sponsorship Award Evenings as well as editing twenty-one 'Farnhamian' magazines. Cyril explained that he had enjoyed every minute of this commitment, but as he approached 78 years on this planet it was time for some of the younger members to take on the various events.

Ian Sargeant, again pledged full co-operation between the Association and the College and wished Jonathan Stewart well with his plans. He thanked the officers of the organisation, Roger Edgell (Secretary), Stephen Pritchard (Treasurer), Brian Williams (Membership) and Cyril Trust for all the time and effort that they give to the Old Farnhamians' Association.

The speeches were followed by the Roll Call, the Passing of the Loving Cup around the room, the School Song and finally the National Anthem. The room was full of grey heads, bald heads and some walking sticks, but the spirit was still there among these Old Boys who still owe a great allegiance to their old School. This was something that is special to Farnham and was something that will live on until the last Old Boy!

Attending:

G.Andrews: T.Andrews: H.Batchelor: J.Bateman: R.Bennett: B.Bone: D.Bowtell: R.Bowtell: D.Buckell: J.Clarke: D.Coakes: M.Collier: J.Cooke: P.Cranswick: J.Crotty: D.Cutler: B. Daniels: D.Edgell: R.Edgell: K.Elkins: B.Elson: P.Ford: A.Gatfield: G.Glazier: B.Hall: M. Hall: R.Hewes: J.Hibberd: J.Hirst: G.Honey: G.Hooker: M.Horner: D.Hughes: Rev.J.Innes: M.Jeffreys: R.Jones: J.Kite: R.Kite: D.Lampard: G.LeVey: S.Linney: R.Lord: R.Luckhurst: G.Martin: E.Mayne: D.Macmanamon: M.Mehta: K.Mentzel: R.Moorcroft: A.Moore: K.Mortimer: C.Mullins: P.Mylles: C.Nash: J.Neave: B.Oelman: N.Paget: R.Parker: J.Peace: J.Pesterfield: D.Phillips: B.Philpott: D.Poleglaze: S.Pritchard: P.Read: R.Remington: I. Sargeant: M.Seignot: M.D.Seignot: J.Sherwood: C.Slyfield: J.Stewart: M.Sturt: N.Timmins: H.Torode: J.Travers: C.Trust: H.Upfold: W.Walsh: M.Watts: J.Walden: R.Welland-Jones: B.Williams: M.Wingent.

2014 FARNHAM LECTURE

Cyril Trust (Organiser): David Graham (Speaker): Mike Mehta (OFA Committee)

Despite heavy rain the lecture had a full house at the Garden Gallery in the grounds of the Museum of Farnham. This change of venue, and starting in the afternoon instead of the evening, suited the audience and we will copy the format in future. Cyril Trust introduced the speaker and said that the subject “The History of Farnham Castle” was appropriate as the castle featured on the Grammar School badge.

The speaker began to explain the beginnings of the castle in the 11th century. It was part of a network of Norman castles across Southern England to resist invaders. It was owned by the Bishop of Winchester and because of the large acreage of land under his control he was probably the richest man in Europe. He spent little time at the castle, travelling his diocese and only returning for a few short breaks each year. His return resulted in much activity and the purchase of huge amounts of food, wine and beer. When he was not living there the castle was in the hands of a few staff.

David Graham is probably the major historian and archaeologist in Farnham and he pleased the audience with his vast knowledge. He speaks his mind and disagrees with some recorded history. With modern technology he showed that some paintings and recordings were totally incorrect. This was an excellent lecture by a man who knows his subject well.

2014 SOUTHAMPTON LUNCH

At the end of October the Old Boys gathered at the Woodlands Hotel in the New Forest to celebrate the 53rd Southampton Lunch. Thirty members of the OFA attended the event and as usual travelled from far and wide to spend time with their former classmates and friends.

Of these members two are worthy of note, with Mick Barham, programming his visit from Adelaide in Australia to be at the lunch, and Hugh Batchelor, one of the staff from the old School. Others travelled from Yorkshire, Devon and across the Home Counties.

The event is always informal and this year Roger Edgell, secretary of the OFA, gave a short update on the forthcoming events. On 4th November the Farnham Lecture will be "The History of Farnham Castle," by David Graham and Roger announced that all tickets had been sold. In December many Old Boys and their families sponsor financial awards to the top students at Farnham College and this year almost 40 students will benefit from the scheme. The New Year brings the Annual General Meeting in January, The Annual Lunch in March and later in May a joint spring party with the Old Girls at South Farnham School. Still a full programme, when one considers that the Grammar School closed in 1973.



John Crotty attending his 43rd Southampton Lunch: Mike Horner and Chris Nash (organiser).

Attending: G.Andrews: M.Barham: H.Batchelor: C.Beal: D.Bowtell: J.C.Crotty: D.Cutler: B.Daniels: R.Edgell: P.Ford: R.E.Hewes: G.Hooker: M.Horner: D.Lampard: G.LeVey: S. Linney: D.Lucas: R.Luckhurst: D.Macmanamon: K.Mentzel: K.Mortimer: C.Nash: J.Peace: D.Phillips: D.Phillips: R.Phillips: B.Philpott: M.Sturt: N.Timmins: B.Williams: T.Withall.

FARNHAM SIXTH FORM COLLEGE CELEBRATES 40 YEARS AT MORLEY ROAD

On 30th April 2014 Farnham College held an evening event to celebrate their first 40 years on the site of the former Farnham Grammar School. The event was open to former staff and pupils of the College as well as former staff and pupils of the Farnham Grammar Schools. The mayors of Farnham and Waverley attended as well as the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey and several local dignitaries.

The Old Farnhamians' Association were asked to provide a stand in the Performance Hall and show the visitors something of the history of the old School. The stand was built by Tony Gatfield and he was helped on the day by Old Boys, Bill Luff, John Travers, Bryan Bone and Cyril Trust. The stand attracted many people and had a busy three hours.



Tony Gatfield and John Travers on the Old Boys' stand

During the late afternoon a time capsule was buried and will be opened in 40 years time. Also, on the school field an oak tree was planted to commemorate the event.

Among the guests were several former pupils of the Farnham Grammar School and one or two former teachers, such as John MacLaughlin. With the first forty years under their belt they have a long time to go before they take their place in history, like the former School on the Morley Road site.

THE SCHOOL CAPTAINS

One of the most prestigious positions to hold at Farnham Grammar School was that of School Captain. From the magazines it appears that this position did exist until after the First World War, but lapsed for several years afterwards until F.A. Morgan became Headmaster in 1925. He introduced several committees which involved teachers and pupils, with the Games' Committee being the most prominent. The first recorded School Captain is in 1912 and below is the list of pupils who held the position, including some gap years, until the School closed.

1912	F.P.COOK	1913	H.C.MANSELL
1914	H.C.MANSELL	1915	S.J.BESSANT
1916	A.W.PUTNAM	1917	H.C.ROSS
1918	A.J.COOPER		
1928	J.H.COOKE	1931	A.J.HALL
1932	A.J.HALL	1933	V.H.RUMBLE
1934	W.A.SMALLMAN	1935	D.W.TAYLOR
1936	W.M.ROBERTSON	1937	W.M.ROBERTSON
1938	T.R. ALSTON	1939	F.P.LAMBERT
1940	A. St. C. GAROOD	1941	J.A.L.CHUTER
1942	D.B.BOULTER	1943	D.A.BARNES
1944	A.R.MORGAN	1945	G.C.RICKETTS
1946	K.C.REEVE	1947	E.A.GLAYSHER
1948	K.S.TROLLOP	1949	D.H.GARNER
1950	P.D.WILDING	1951	J.D.BACKHURST
1952	D.A.BOWTELL	1953	D.W.BASSETT
1954	E.B.WAIDE	1955	W.WALLIS
1956	A.R.COX	1957	J.M.HAMMONDS
1958	D.J.MILFORD	1959	P.S.B.SMITH
1960	D.M.JONES	1961	P.I.CRANSWICK
1962	J.P.TATE	1963	J.K.W.GILES
1964	G.R.GREEN	1965	J.H.SHERWOOD
1966	M.LITTLE	1967	A.D.MARSHALL
1968	T.W.O. REES-ROBERTS	1969	I.D.MENZIES
1970	J.NORRIS	1971	M.E.WESTCOTT
1972	D.A.CAREW	1973	A.G.SHIPTON

As well as the position of School Captain it was also an honour to be elected as School Vice-Captain, House Captain, Prefect or Sub-Prefect.

WAR HEROES

In many of the modern Farnhamian magazines, details of some of those former pupils of the Grammar School, who died in battle, have been highlighted. The following three servicemen are the last in the series and I am pleased that these brave men have been included in the old school magazine. Thanks to Henry Ellwood, who did the research for all of them.

LIEUTENANT ARTHUR CHARLES TALBOT – Second Battalion, Essex Regiment

Lieutenant Talbot died on 17th July 1915 at the age of twenty. He is buried in Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: 11. A. 35.

He was the son of Arthur and Caroline Talbot and in his obituary in the Farnham Herald it stated that he was a nephew of Col. Trimmer (who formerly lived in the Bourne) and received the first part of his education at the Farnham Grammar School. On leaving Farnham he went to Bedford Grammar School where he was top of the modern side. After passing through Sandhurst he was gazetted to the Essex Regiment. He had been badly wounded in the mouth while fighting in Flanders on 1st June and it is assumed that he died shortly afterwards of these wounds.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON 2ND BATTALION, ESSEX REGIMENT

The 2nd Battalion, Essex Regiment was a regular army unit and was part of the 12th Brigade of 4th Division, Third Army Corps, and B.E.F. It arrived in France in August 1914 and took part in the following actions with the 4th Division. In 1914 the Battle of Aisne on 12th to 15th September: Battle of Armentieres on 13th October to 2nd November: In 1915 were the Battle of Frezenberg: Battle of Bellewaarde: followed in 1916 by the Battle of Albert in the Somme offensive: the Battle of Le Transloy from 1st to 18th October.

During the Arras offensive of 1917 the 4th Division was engaged in the Battle of Scarpe in April and further actions in the area during the summer months. In the spring of 1918 the 4th Division fought in the Battles of Arras, Lys, and Hazebrouck. Bethune, followed by many others.

LIEUTENANT MARSHALL HAYES – 15th Battalion, Cheshire Regiment

The identity of the Marshall Hayes family has been obtained from the book entitled “Edwardian Farnham” by Ewbank Smith.

The father of Marshall Hayes was Surgeon-Major William Henry-Hayes who died on 9th September 1914 at the age of 81 years. On 12th September the Farnham Herald reported his death as follows:

‘Dr.Hayes was born in India and entered the Indian Army in 1855. He had served in Burma and was wounded in one of the Battles of the Indian Mutiny. He had retired from the Indian

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Army in 1879 and after living two years in Hale, Farnham, he moved to take up residence in Fairfield in 1881. He never properly practiced in Farnham, but many of the poorer families were grateful for his kindnesses, and in a real sense he became the poor man's doctor. It was reported that he was survived by four sons and four daughters'.

It is understood that the four boys attended Farnham Grammar School and the youngest of these was Marshall Hayes. It is believed that Surgeon-Major William Henry-Hayes served on the Farnham Council.

According to the 1901 census there lived at 97 Fairfield members of the Hayes family. Others living away at the time of the census were:

William Hayes	Head	67	Surgeon-Major retired.	Born India
Mary	Wife	55		Born India
Louisa	Daughter	29		Born India
Charles	Son	21		Born Farnham
Margaret	Daughter	19		Born Farnham

Marshall Hayes served with the 15th Battalion Cheshire Regiment and died after the end of the war on Sunday 23rd March 1919. He is buried in Nuthurst (St. Andrew) Churchyard in Sussex.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON 15TH BATTALION CHESHIRE REGIMENT

The 15th Battalion of the Cheshire (1st Birkenhead) Regiment was raised in Birkenhead by Alfred Bigland MP. It joined the 105th Brigade of the 35th Division. Originally the 35th Division was known as the "Bantam" Division since it consisted of men below standard height.

The Division arrived in France in February 1916 at St.Omer. In July 1916 the Division fought in the Somme Offensive at Bazentin Ridge. It suffered heavy losses on the Somme and moved in September 1916 to Arras where it received reinforcements and lost its "Bantam" status. It was engaged in the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line.

In 1917 it operated at the Ypres Salient and took part in the Second Battle of Passchendaele. 1918 saw the Division resisting the March German Offensive and fought at Ypres, Courtrai, Tieghem and Gramont.

The 35th Division suffered 23,915 casualties in the War.

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LIEUTENANT CHRISTOPHER YOUNG

– 55th Squadron, Royal Air Force

There is a plaque in St. Andrew's Church, Farnham to the memory of Lieut. Christopher Young RAF of (Independent Force) killed over Oberndorf on 27th July 1918. He was aged 27 years. There is also a plaque in the name of his brother Lieut. Leslie Young RAF killed over Cambrai on the 4th October 1918. He was aged 19 years.

Christopher Young was the son of Ernest Christopher Young, and Laura his wife of Southampton. He was the husband of Phyllis Young (nee Lake) of 26. Mount Ephraim Road, Streatham, London.

It was reported that Christopher Young of the Farnham Grammar School had departed into the Royal Air Force.

He is buried in Niedierzwehren Cemetery, Germany. Grave Ref: 1.H.1. having been shot down on Saturday 20th July 1918. NOTE: the date of his death on the plaque and on the grave differs.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE 55TH SQUADRON, ROYAL AIR FORCE

In the summer of 1916 the British commenced long distance bombing raids on industrial targets in the Saar and this was first carried out by R.N.A.S. Squadrons.

In September 1917 the RFC (Royal Flying Corps) established the 41st Wing which comprised of day bombing, the 55th Squadron, flying D.H.4. aircraft, the 100th Squadron flying F.E.2.b's, and the 16th Naval Squadron operating with large Handley Page aircraft for night attacks.

The 41st Wing, including 55th Squadron, operated from Ochey.

On the 1st February 1918 the 41st Wing was upgraded to Brigade status. (Known as VIII Brigade).

In June 1918 the V111 Brigade was further expanded and called the Independent Force and it had the declared aim of crippling Germany by bombing

The D.H.4's of the 55th Squadron carried two 112lbs bombs and the flying time to Cologne was 2hours and 30 minutes each way.

There is an account by one of the 55th Squadron pilots who carried out a raid on munitions works at Oberndorf. He wrote, "The bombers were in formation and they were attacked by nine enemy aircraft. One of the British machines was shot down in flames."

This raid was about the 20th July 1918 when Christopher Young was killed.

**'THE HEADMASTERS OF FARNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL'
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**Headmasters of the School
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This new book, written by Cyril Trust and Jenny Harvey, is still available and costs £5. It covers the profiles of the Headmasters of Farnham Grammar School from 1800 up to the closure of the School in 1973, when it became Farnham Sixth Form College. Any reader wishing to purchase a copy should contact the editor of the magazine.

THEN AND NOW**A PROFILE OF MARTIN COLLIER**

As the overall age of the Association continues to rise, it is good to see some of the ‘younger’ members becoming involved in the organisation. At the recent AGM a new name was added to the General Committee, when Martin Collier confirmed that he would join the committee. With his background he will be a welcome addition to the committee and he has supplied the editor with a profile of his life after School.

Martin left the Farnham Grammar School in 1978, and one of his claims to fame while at Morley Road was becoming the first chairman for the “Staff-Student Consultative Committee”, which Paul French introduced in 1977. This was the forerunner to the School Council that exists today. On leaving, he went to Oxford University to read law and in 1981 went to London and was called to the Bar in 1982. After a brief spell at the Temple he joined a set of chambers in Cambridge in 1983, which he feels is one of the best decisions of his life. Occasionally he would run into former pupil and teacher at the Grammar School, **DON NICOLSON.**

Over the course of the next twenty years Martin had a mixed practice across East Anglia, bought a house in a village outside Cambridge, got married and had two children, Alexandra and George. In 2002 he divorced and ended up in St. Ives, about twelve miles from Cambridge. He threw himself into the local life, becoming involved in a campaign to save the Corn Exchange, a fine town centre building which the Town Council wanted to sell to developers. This led, among other things, to proceedings in the High Court to restrain them from making the sale. In the end a deal was done, but public dissatisfaction with the council was such that Martin joined a tranche of independent candidates to stand in the next election. All of the independents were elected, and in fact increased their majorities at the next election.

By 2010 he was chairman of the company running the Corn Exchange, Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman of the Parochial Church Council. The following year he became Mayor, with his daughter Alexandra as Mayoress. He says he was warned that being a mayor was worth an extra one and a half stone in weight, and so it proved.

On becoming mayor he announced the following, “We have got to be alive to how we can respond to savings. We have got to anticipate how Huntingdonshire District Council and Cambridge County Council will make savings, and see how we can help plug those gaps.”

Meanwhile he had become head of chambers and he somehow had to earn some money in his spare time. Eventually he stood down as Mayor and is now the Senior Partner of Fenner's Chambers in Cambridge.

THEN AND NOW

A PROFILE OF MARTIN COLLIER



Martin Collier in his official robes as the Mayor of St. Ives, Huntingdonshire in 2011

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THEN AND NOW A PROFILE OF GORDON ANDREWS (1945-1951)

On Saturday February 3rd 1945 I had to attend West Street Boys' School, to take the first part of the exam, which I hoped would get me into the Farnham Boys' Grammar School. I had not slept much the previous night. Not because the thought of the exam worried me, but because my baby sister was being born in the next room.

We did not cover many subjects at primary school. The only ones I remember were Arithmetic, at which I excelled, Art, which also seemed to come naturally to me and English, which did not cause me any problems. English included spelling tests which were done in the form of knock-out competitions which I often won. Occasionally we would have something like History, which usually involved the teacher reading us a story, or listening to a story on the radio.

The exam went well and together with a number of others I went to the Grammar School on Saturday 3rd March for the second part of the exam. I found this quite straight forward, although it did involve sorting out a series of puzzles. We had never done anything like this before, but once one had spent a little time thinking about it, they were easy. We later found that four of us had passed the exam, two friends from the same class and one from the class above. One of the friends, Barry Hayes, had started school the same day as me at St. Andrew's C of E infants' School, and we had been taught for the first two terms by his elder sister.

The few months between passing the exam and starting at the Grammar School were memorable for the ending of both the war in Europe and that against Japan. We had street parties despite there being a shortage of most things. On Tuesday September 11th I made the mile and a half trek up to the Grammar School. I soon discovered that it was going to be a bit more difficult than it had been before, but soon met lots of new friends and forgot most of the old ones. This was the first term that the intake was totally made up from boys who had passed an exam to get in. There were a small number of boys who had been held back from the previous year and there was quite a range of age differences. About a dozen of us were 10 year-olds, and some of the other boys in the two intake classes were approaching 13.

I am not sure whether it was new that term, but they had created a lower age level for sports for 12.6 and under. The normal levels were either junior or senior. I ran in the 12.6 and under Cross Country and I think I finished fifth, despite missing a turning. I finished 2nd in the 12.6 and under High Jump, and reached the final of the 100 yards. I also played football for Morley House junior XI and fluctuated between captain of the form 2nd XI and playing for the form first XI. I would always be the last one to leave the pitch after a game so that I could practice scoring direct from a corner, or trying to hit a goal post from a distance level with the penalty spot. This eventually gave me the ability to score penalties, only ever failing once when I ran through a puddle to reach the penalty spot.

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On another occasion I went to a fete at Farnham Castle. One of the side-shows was an ordinary house front door, with a circular window, about 18” wide, without any glass in it. It was laid on its side and the idea was to kick a football through the window from a certain distance away. If you scored you got your money back and another free go. I had a go, and by the time I had scored 16 times on the trot quite a crowd had gathered. The stall holder said “come on, let somebody else have a go”, but as I walked away so did all the crowd.

I spent most of the summer at the swimming baths. I would jump off the top board and swim to the edge, and dive from the springboard and the board in the small pool, but I never got around to swimming the length of the bath. At the School Swimming Sports, Morley and another House were unable to field a team for the junior relay, so the House Captain asked me to take part. He told me that it did not matter if we came last as we would score a point as another House could not raise a team. I swam last and we were already last before I dived in. For the first time I swam a length, although my feet were touching the floor over the final yards. I thought afterwards “This is mad. I have been coming here for two years and playing around, and now struggle to swim a length” Over the next few weeks I began swimming further and at the end of the summer received my certificate for swimming the mile.

I no longer excelled academically, except in Arithmetic and Art, and I received many detentions, which involved attending school on a Saturday morning. I was told at the end of one term that I held the school record for most detentions. I did not mind a detention stopping me playing cricket, but stopping me playing football was different!

Around my second year I started my own football XI, arranging games with local scouts, youth clubs or others who had their own team. Many of the team were from Morley House Junior XI. I was younger and smaller than most players so made a point of never getting caught in possession of the ball. I had watched Spurs a couple of times and we adopted their “push and run” method quite well. I reckoned on scoring 30 goals each season, and in the 5 a side games played every lunch time I would often score 30 goals a week.

In my third year, now 12 years of age, I was awarded my House Colours for the Junior Cross Country. I represented the School against a local boarding school. I had been to this school with the Colts’ football XI and felt that the home referee was biased and we said on the coach, “Good job they don’t have a referee for cross country”. We all lined up facing down the road outside the school and one of their masters fired the starting pistol. After 100 yards we realised that our team was running alone, and it appeared that the other team had turned around and gone the opposite way. By the time we had turned back they were well ahead and only one of us managed a place in the top ten. So much for fair play!

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The final football match I played for Morley was the tournament final against Harding House. We were losing 1-0, and in the final minute I received the ball and hit it first time, seeing it a certain equalizer. A split second before the ball entered the net the master who was refereeing blew the whistle for time and we had lost. We all felt that he had blown the whistle early as he didn't want to go into extra time.

In the fourth year I managed to reach the semi-finals of the School Boxing and fought at the Army Boxing Stadium in Aldershot. Over the years I won and lost the same number of fights. The fifth year saw a table tennis table enter the gym. It was immediately popular and had boys queuing up to play during the lunch time. I had never played before, but after a few weeks became quite good at the game.

At the start of the January term I had a split ear, which my doctor treated with penicillin, only to find I was allergic to this drug and resulted in having six months off sick. The final 9 weeks were spent in a convalescent home near Worthing, which was run like a school with boys placed in one of three houses. We competed at Snooker, Billiards, Table Tennis, Draughts and Chess and by the end of my stay I was champion at all five sports. I was encouraged to join Waverley Table Tennis Club on leaving school and played for two seasons in the Farnham League. I then played in the Guildford League and the Aldershot League. I became a member of the Management Committee for the Aldershot League when we passed a rule preventing players outside a 20 mile radius from playing in the League. Two years later my work took me to live in Reading so I could not play locally in Farnham and finally played in the Reading League. Finally pressure of work prevented me playing table tennis. Over ten years I played in four different leagues, won about 90% of games, and had been selected for coaching by Surrey Table Tennis Association.

Since leaving school I have worked at Leighton's in Farnham with a view to a career in Accountancy, but the terrible low wages ended that career. I then worked at Catering Houses in Guildford, the managed house department of Friary Brewery. Initially in the accounts' section, but transferring to their stocktaking department. I then worked for Michael Henderson Ltd, a stock taking company in London. From there I moved to Watts & MacKenzie, a stock-takers in Reading and was there for nineteen years, with nine and a half as a partner.

In 1980 I set up my own company, stock-taking for the licence trade, and as I approach 80 I am still working. I am not as busy these days as the licensed trade has changed in recent years. Many clubs like British Legion and Conservative Clubs have closed down and public houses are still closing at the rate of 38 each week, on top of the thousands that have already closed down. It is not all doom and gloom as I no longer need to work 70 or 80 hours each week. I have time for holidays and attending meetings of the Old Farnhamians' Association.

THEN AND NOW A PROFILE OF TREVOR ANDREWS (1948-1953)

Trevor Andrews was born in Farnham, the youngest of three brothers and with two younger sisters. He attended St Andrew's Infant School at the age of five and then West Street Boys' School until passing the Eleven-Plus exam for Farnham Grammar School. He was a member of Morley House and records show that he boxed, ran in the Annual Cross Country and won the junior high-jump at 4ft 6inches (in the days before the Western roll or the Fosbury flop) and came third in the Area Schools' Annual Athletics' Meeting. He also won the Annual Art prize.

Trevor left the School in 1953 with 4 'O' Levels (he only took the 4 subjects) and English Literature was a bit of a surprise, as only Mike Prentice and he passed this subject in the 1953 exams. This turned out to be something of a life-changer, for without it he would not have taken the career path that followed.

He had no idea what he wanted to do – career guidance did not exist and one just went to the Youth Employment Officer, Mr. Kurt Newalder, who had an office upstairs in the library building in West Street. One thing that came up was to have an interview at the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough to be a Scientific Assistant.

Whilst waiting to hear from the RAE Trevor took a temporary job at Watney's brewery in Alton, rolling beer barrels in their cellar. The job included having as much beer as you could drink AND having a daily ration of two pints to take home.

He eventually heard from the RAE that he had been accepted and he started work in September 1953. He had the great good fortune to be placed in the Naval Aircraft Department, where the work included trials of naval aircraft – being catapulted into the air or brought to a rapid halt by arrester wires, either at sea on any one of several RN aircraft carriers (we had at least six at the time) or on the Naval runway at Farnborough that was fully equipped with the latest steam catapult and arrester wires further down the runway.

There was even a German V1 launch ramp that was used once to fire a Seahawk into the air – a bit charred, but otherwise undamaged. The idea was to have aircraft with no undercarriages, thus saving a considerable amount of weight. The other part of this problem was getting them back to land again and this was done by hooking on to an arrester wire at a flexible rubber deck.

There were sea trials approximately every month that were exciting, but highly dangerous (good job there was no 'elf and safety') and they lost one of their four flight test observers when the aircraft he was in (a Fairey Gannet) lost power on the catapult and went straight into the sea. He also nearly lost his best friend, who was busy changing an accelerometer drum as the aircraft taxied up the deck after landing to be catapulted again. The accelerometer was housed in a hatch above where the wing joined the fuselage and he could not be seen by the catapult officer or the officer on the deck. The latter was waving his flag getting the pilot to spool up

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and was about to drop the flag for launch when his friend looked over the top of the fuselage to see what was going on. A VERY near miss!

Trevor also trained to be a flight test observer and was fortunate to fly in lots of what are now extinct or heritage aircraft, like the Lancaster. He also experienced being arrested and catapulted. During the two years before National Service loomed, he attended the RAE Technical College one day each week doing various subjects. The tutor for the 'A' Level Maths course was Graham Blunt, who was probably a Sixth Former when Trevor was at the Grammar School. In those days smoking was allowed in class, even the tutors smoked!

In 1955 Trevor joined the RAF and after 'square bashing' at Hednesford he went to RAF Kirkham (now a prison and probably with better conditions than he had). He did 3 months trade training to be an Airframe Mechanic, finishing up at RAF Odiham on 247 Squadron, who were changing from Meteors to Hawker Hunters – the very latest aircraft. His time in the Squadron included a detachment to RAF Nicosia in the summer of 1957 – EOKA, Makarios and all that!

Back at the RAE after demob, the Naval department had moved to Bedford and Trevor was posted to the Aerodynamics' Department, working on wind tunnels and doing lots of very complex calculations using very large electric calculators. He now realised that 4 years after leaving school he needed more qualifications if he wished to progress his career, and started a 5 year course at college studying Applied Physics—something he had not taken at School.

He had several interesting jobs over the following years at Farnborough and probably the most interesting was working on inertial navigation, developing highly accurate gyroscopes as rate sensors on inertial navigation platforms (this was in the days before GPS). This included research programmes with several universities and industry developing Ring Laser and Fibre-Optic rate sensors.

Over the years he did 'Applied Optics' and 'Artificial Intelligence' at university and gained a diploma in 'Science and Technology of Navigation' at the City of London Polytechnic. The last 10 years at the RAE were spent in the Space Department where he was technical advisor to MOD HQ on a military communications satellite programme. His role was to look after the Space Shuttle interface with our Skynet4 satellite. This programme entailed frequent meetings with all the agencies involved in building, testing and launching the spacecraft.

Most of the meetings outside of the UK were at NASA Control Centre in Houston, the Kennedy Space Centre at Cape Canaveral or at the USAF Control Centre in Sunnyvale, California. Included in the MOD team were the astronauts training to be the first Britons in space as the payload specialists on board the Space Shuttle. Sadly, this did not happen, because the Shuttle launch before they were scheduled was STS-51-L 'Challenger' that blew

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up shortly after lift-off, killing 7 astronauts on board, which everybody remembers because it included the school teacher, Christa McAuliffe.

After this accident, the plans for the Space Shuttle were revised considerably and it remained grounded for several years. Skynet4 was eventually successfully launched on unmanned rockets (twice from Kourou in French Guyana and the European Ariane rocket) and another from Cape Canaveral. During these launches he was at the USAF Command Centre (The Blue Cube) in Sunnyvale involved with manoeuvring the satellite into correct orbit and getting it on station. He never got to see a live launch in all his years at the Kennedy Space Centre (KSC), but many years later while visiting family in the USA he did get to see two Space Shuttle launches from Melbourne Beach (Florida, not OZ).

Over the years, Trevor has been a keen sub-aqua diver, Learnt to fly both gliders and powered aircraft and survived a parachute drop when neither his main or reserve 'chute opened properly, until – after much twisting, pulling and cursing, both opened moments before he struck the ground. He has also been in the Space Shuttle on the launch pad at Cape Canaveral. In 1999 he appeared on TV in 'Watercolour Challenge'. In his retirement, Trevor teaches watercolour painting and is a member of the Guild of Aviation Artists. His aviation paintings can be seen on their website. (www.gava.org.uk)

Trevor has been married twice and had 3 children and 6 grandchildren. He recently moved from Surrey to Worthing. (traart@talktalk.net)



Gordon and Trevor Andrews at the recent funeral of one of their sisters

CARTOONS BY TREVOR

It appears that the two cartoons in the 2014 issue were well accepted and I have asked Trevor Andrews (1948-1953) to produce two new ones for this issue. He explained that the actual drawing is not the problem, but finding the topic to draw is often difficult. While asking him for more cartoons I asked him and his brother to write their profiles for the magazine and this was obviously the stimulus for the following.



Trevor has moved from Claygate in Surrey to Worthing and hopefully this will give him more ideas for his cartoons. I know that when at the School he produced several cartoons relating to certain teachers and I would imagine he has lost these long ago. Let us see what he now manages with some of the Old Boys and I suggest you watch out for him as he sketches, for the subject may be you!

CARTOONS BY TREVOR

Here is the follow up to the first cartoon and the Trevor Andrew's profile will give more of an insight into his work as a cartoonist over the years.



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On the 6th February the editor was one of the main speakers at a seminar held at the Museum of Farnham on the subject of “Farnham in Wartime”. He spoke about the part that the Grammar School played in both World Wars and highlighted some of the hardships that staff and pupils had to endure. The contribution by former pupils of the School amounted to 71 deaths in the First War and 62 deaths in the Second War.

In January we heard from **NEVILLE TIMMINS (1948-1952)** who has become something of a globe trotter in retirement. In 2013 he spent time in Brazil and now we hear from him in Thailand. The following e-mail explains what he is doing:

“I am not on holiday but I am enjoying the experience of a lifetime! I am in Thailand, well away from any tourist areas, in authentic Thailand. I am here for a month teaching English in Primary & Secondary Schools as a volunteer, so do not need any teaching qualifications. It really is the most fantastic experience – no exaggeration!

The children are very appreciative and when you acknowledge them, they break into a big smile, both in and around the village and at school, where they wave to you, say, “Hello,” shake your hand, carry your bag etc. Teachers are much respected here, and they and other people treat you like a VIP. It is unbelievable and at the same time, very wonderful.

I am in an area east of Nong Khai where the temperature becomes unbearably hot in their summer time, whereas in December and January it is much better in the high twenties, although very unusual for this time of the year it has only been 9 degrees C in the early mornings. With glorious sunshine here every day, it is not easy to imagine the awful weather you are experiencing in the UK.

We are in a major rice growing and rubber plantation area. This really is a fantastic and worthwhile project – helping people to learn English in schools who do not have the money to employ a qualified English teacher. As a volunteer, it is an insult to call it work really, as it is so enjoyable. If you wish to enjoy this experience view www.isan-survivor.org

It is a very humbling experience and please tell people of all ages about this wonderful project. I am not far short of 80 years of age, so age is no limit!”

At the end of January we welcomed a new member when **BRIAN WYATT (1948-1955)** wrote from his home in Vancouver and paid membership for four years. Brian had a career as a teacher and is now retired and enjoys skiing, golf and the odd swim. He has a dog which enables him to walk miles and overall he keeps generally fit. In 2013 he visited the UK to see his sister who lives in Warminster and his brother **VIC WYATT (Left the School in 1950)** who lives in Norwich.

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He is a member of his local church choir and also on the Property Committee which is responsible for the maintenance of the church buildings. Volunteers of the church were asked to write a short recollection from their lives and these were put together as a book. Brian sent a copy of his article as follows:

Recollection by Brian Wyatt.

(This story takes place in Farnham, a town in the county of Surrey, England. We were all about ten years old).

“The fire bursts into life, ravenously consuming the golden dry grasses and brittle twigs. Flames rear up like a tidal wave, spitting and roaring, an impenetrable wall of heat. Ginger and Ronny take off as if the very hounds of hell are after them. Tony and I try some ineffective and dangerous stomping at the edge of the blaze. We quickly realise more drastic action is needed. We grab our empty pop bottles, dash to a nearby stream, fill up the bottles and rush back to the now raging inferno. Four small bottles of water have little or no effect. We realise the futility of our noble, but pathetic, efforts. We abandon the lost cause and leave the fire to its own devices...

The day starts out so well, perfect sunny weather with a slight breeze. Tony and I had been boasting at school of the wooded wonders of “our” copse, in reality, it was part of an old private estate, but we seldom saw a soul there. We had to meet two of our school-mates, Ginger and Ronny, that Saturday morning. Amazingly, they are on time, and in high spirits we set off trotting down a path to the “conker” tree grove. Soon, we clamber up among the trusty limbs, yelling our best Tarzan imitations. We are off on another adventure trail, this time leading to the “snake pit” – a long abandoned and overgrown outdoor swimming pool. A friend’s dog, Peggy, had killed a viper there, and from then on iota was the “snake pit” in her honour. I have to admit that we tread very cautiously, our young minds conjuring up cobras and pythons behind every bush.

Having survived that ordeal and scared the daylight out of our two friends, we make our way to the “Rhodies”, an overgrown area of rhododendrons, once, no doubt, the pride of someone’s garden. Now, however, they have become so tall and intertwined that you can make your way from plant to plant without falling into the “bottomless morass” (well, it was fairly muddy). We then have a contest to see who can stay up the longest without taking the fatal plunge. Much to our disappointment, neither Tony nor I win, despite our home-court advantage. The winner is the long-limbed Ginger. Off once more, we enter a cluster of majestic sweet chestnut trees, and there, somewhat incongruously, reigns a solitary monkey-puzzle tree. Down below the rise lays a sadly neglected ornamental lake. It was probably once inhabited by goldfish and carp, but now is a home-sweet-home to the frogs, their spawn and the inevitable “mozzies” – the marauding mosquitoes making much misery for those who linger there.

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We do not linger. We dash down another path and head for the “rub-dub”, - so called because some of the locals used to dump their unwanted rubbish down a convenient slope. We run up and down the slope several times, and then decide to break for lunch. We sit in an open area the top carpeted by wild grasses, gilded dry by the late summer’s heat. We soon polish off our lunch of squashed sandwiches and luke-warm, very fizzy Tizer “the appetizer”, and forerunner of the cola invasion. Restless as ever, we give up our role of intrepid explorers and become a band of “Indians” on the warpath (typically British, we always took the role of the underdogs). We make torches of the dry grasses and soon we are whooping and hollering, gleefully lighting small fires here and there, encircling the “paleface”. Suddenly, we realise we are no longer in control. The small separate fires have united...

The following afternoon, Tony and I return furtively to the scene of the crime, expecting to see great devastation and smouldering trees everywhere, our beloved copse destroyed. We are amazed, relieved and even a little disappointed to discover that the fire had burned itself out, presumably once it had consumed all the dry grasses. Either that, or the Fire Department had been extremely quick and silent, because, believe me, Tony and I listened very carefully for any sound of fire-engines.

Of course, we never told our parents, well, not until about 30 years later!!

A visit by the editor in March 2014 to **ALAN LOVELL (1947-1953)**, found this long term Old Boy in good spirits, in spite of several illnesses that make movement difficult for him. Alan is surrounded with memorabilia from his many years as a local Parish Councillor, a collection of books on the history of Farnham and items that bring back memories of his days at Farnham Grammar School. From his room at Pax Hill Retirement Home he is still a great supporter of the Old Boys’ Association and he still takes part in the Farnham College Sponsorship Award Scheme each year.

Alan explained that his family were builders and produced a booklet of the Lovell firm with photos of many local buildings that the company had constructed over the years. As reported in the 2013 magazine the Parish Council have named a new estate after Alan and in December he was guest of honour at the Official Opening of Lovell Gardens 2013 at the village of Binsted. The local newspapers gave the project a great deal of coverage and Alan is rightly proud of this development.

He showed the editor several photographs of the old School and the one chosen for this magazine shows many well known athletes running in the Half-mile race on the ‘new field’ in the early 1950s. Perhaps the reader can complete some of the names of the runners?

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Taken from the Alan Lovell collection:



Tull and Nixon lead the field with Doyle, Hooker, Stroyan, Melville, Lovell, Bolt (I) and Lake chasing. Watching closely are teachers, Beeken, Varey, Nicolson, Beadman, Fluck, Wickens.

Taken from the Gerald LeVey collection:



Harcourt, LeVey, Sydenham, Venables, Cutler with Jack Garrett in the rear rank being inspected. Officers Beadman and Willcox overlooking the inspection

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We have heard from **JOHN WILSON (1971-1978)** that the ‘Strictly Come Dancing’ bug has reached Holland, where he lives, and he and his wife are enjoying taking part in dancing competitions.

On leaving the School, John graduated from Southampton University, where he read biology. He now lives in the village of Zeist in The Netherlands and his hobby is Latin Ballroom Dancing. He even has a studio at the bottom of his garden where he and his wife, Irene, practice.

John worked for Logica NL for over twenty years and more recently at Shell in The Hague.

The picture below shows John and Irene competing in the Championship Senior 11 Latin competition held at Almere, Netherlands in March 2014, in which they were awarded a very commendable fifth place.



In mid-April we heard from **CYRIL PAYNE (1948-1953)** advising of a change of address in Victoria, Australia. He says that in spite of advancing years he is still extremely busy. He conducts the RSL Brass, plus The Fellowship Brass Ensemble, which tours the State leading

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church services, giving concerts etc. This is just a ten-piece group with their own vocalist. This group is also well known for their vocal abilities.

Cyril is still in demand to lead and conduct services for many churches of most denominations in the area, as well as being a registered Padre for the Australian Defence Force and the National Serviceman's Association of Victoria. Regrettably he gets many funeral services.

Apart from this busy life style Cyril and his wife keep fit and well – walking most days, which of course helps. They hope to visit the UK later in 2014 and hopefully the editor and other classmates will be able to meet him again after many years.



Cyril Payne adjudicating at a brass band marching competition

In April 2014 we had some good news from **TONY TUBB (1946-1951)**. In recent years Tony has suffered from heart problems, and finally this year it was decided to fit him with a pacemaker. He says that the operation has been a great success and he is feeling better than he has for some years. He was sorry to hear that John Munday had died, as he was one of his former best friends at the School.

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We received a very colourful letter from **TOM GODDARD (1947-1952)**, complete with some samples of his own personal postcards that he designs and a long handwritten letter saying how much he enjoyed the last magazine and in particular the references to former pals and classmates at the School. His writing should be used as an example for all, all in a straight line and clear to read. Obviously a result of the tuition at Morley Road!!

He includes a poem entitled, 'Finders Keepers', which on the face of it is about bees, but looking further it contains another message. I am including it because it is relevant at this time.

FINDERS KEEPERS

In nature we bees are the bankers,
And the nectar we glean is our "gold".
We share it around: People thank us,
And the good that we do is untold.

But a few years ago we got greedy.
We ventured too far: That was rash.
We lent too much "gold" to the needy.
They defaulted, and Wallop! Bang!! Crash!!!

Now our "gold" is as scarce as your money,
'Cos we don't share it around anymore,
You've paid us to stockpile the honey.
Now it's just for us bees – that's the law!

Tom has drawn and painted all of his working life and in his letter he thanks John Wills for putting him on the right road. Many of us have masters to thank for their advice!

There was much publicity about a tennis dress, with racquet and poster, which was auctioned on July 5th, Ladies' Finals Day at Wimbledon. We are advised that the dress was made by the eldest daughter of **JOHN KNOTTS (1940-1945)** when she was a student, and worn by her friend in the famous photograph poster of a girl holding a tennis racquet and scratching her backside! The auctioneers in Stourbridge, where John lives, have widely advertised the auction in most national newspapers and it will be interesting to see how much is bid for these items.

The National Press announced that the dress (made by Carol Knotts), racquet and two posters were reserved at £2000 and eventually were sold for £15,500.

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At the beginning of June we received an e-mail from **PETER DOWNHAM (1942-1947)** and his wife Rita (formerly Rita Stone) from Australia advising of their 61st Wedding Anniversary. On behalf of all the Old Boys, I would like to congratulate them on reaching such a wonderful milestone. It must be the better weather on the other side of the world that helps people reach this level of anniversary.

We have received news from **JOHN CROWHURST (1942-1949)** about an uncle who attended Farnham Grammar School in the early 1920s. **RONALD JACK GALE** was one of seven children and was born on 1st November 1908. His father, John's grandfather, was a bricklayer and the family lived in Bagshot, Surrey. This meant that Ronald had to travel a considerable distance daily.

Apparently he did not refer to the School a great deal, but was proud of winning his weight (7stone 7lbs or under) in 1924. Records show that he was a 'cool and stylish' boxer and Bill Wickens, who taught PT for many years, told John that his uncle's nickname was 'Maggot'.

He did tell the story of his request to go to university and his mother 'taking him by the ear' to the station and making him become a railway clerk!

There is little in our records about Ronald Gale, but he did win a race in the swimming in 1924 and also a Form Prize in the same year, when he was in the Fourth Form. John has sent in a copy of his 1923 school report which shows his uncle as top of the class of fifteen boys.

On the following page is a photograph of Ronald Gale when he was made an ordained priest, by the Lord Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway in the Church of St. Martin's, Polmadie, Glasgow on Sunday 20th September 1936.

John is trying to find out more about his uncle and other members of his family who attended the School many years ago.

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Your Prayers are asked for
Ronald Jack Gale
to be Ordained Priest
by the
Lord Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway
in the
Church of St. Martin, Polmadie,
Glasgow
on

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One of the pleasures of being a member of an exclusive club like the Old Farnhamians is that over the years after leaving the School in your teens you are regularly ‘bumping into’ other former pupils of the School. This can happen in Farnham, Europe, and across the seas to America and Australia, and on meeting there is this common denominator running through the conversation.

In June 2014 the editor and his wife took their seats at the Ambassadors Theatre in Woking to see a performance of ‘Evita’. Almost immediately a voice from behind said “Hello Cyril, it’s a long time since we met”. Turning around I recognised **CLIFF ‘PUNCH’ PARRATT (1949-1954)**, who was a great pal during our time at the School. Over the years we have met briefly, and I know that Cliff had a career as a successful estate agent and that he regularly spent time at the Farnham Conservative Club playing dominos or cards with friends. For the few minutes before the curtain was raised we exchanged news of other former pupils and vowed to meet again. The Parratt family is legendary in Farnham and Cliff is one of many generations who have carried the nickname of ‘Punch’. I wonder where it comes from?

The editor was surprised to receive a call from former classmate **PATRICK ‘PADDY’ LANGDOWN (1948-1953)**, asking if it was possible to meet again after over sixty years. Paddy had spent several years in the Royal Air Force as a Vulcan bomber pilot, and was visiting the 2014 Farnborough Air Show to see one of these planes take part in the public display. He currently lives in Canterbury, and like many of the pre 1950 pupils suffers health problems. Unfortunately a meeting was not possible, but Paddy is hoping to attend the President’s Lunch in 2015 and catch up with his former classmates.

Thanks to former classmate **JOHN KNOTTS (1940-1945)**, we have made contact again with **PETER FIGG (1940-1945)**. Peter supplied some of his excellent engravings for the back covers of the 1995, 1996 and 1997 magazines and we are now able to print some new work of his on the back covers of the 2014 and 2015 issues.

Peter was a member of Childe House during the Second World War and took part in the Boxing and Cross Country events, as well as Rifle Shooting for his House. His father was a well known builder and was a member of Farnham Urban District Council. Peter has lived in the West Country for many years and is now at Lostwithiel in Cornwall.

We look forward to receiving more of his work in the future as the magazines benefit from the engravings.

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On a recent visit to the UK from his home in Australia, to see family and friends, former classmates of **TONY HUGHES (1957-1962)** arranged a meeting at a well known pub near Guildford. The group included Roger Edgell and Wally Walsh, who had not met Tony for over 50 years and as usual there was much to chat about.

Tony lived in Guildford, and like many others caught the Number 31 across the Hogs Back. He has spent his working life in insurance, motor sales and IT management in the USA, Canada and Australia and is a regular visitor to the UK. He has joined the OFA and re-kindled old friendships and hopes to attend either the Southampton Lunch or Annual Lunch in the future.



Ray Cleminson: Wally Walsh: Clive Beal: John Sherwood: Tony Hughes: Roger Edgell

As a regular shopper in Sainsbury's the editor often meets other Old Boys pushing a trolley up and down the aisles. In September he was surprised to see **MICK BARHAM (1948-1953)**, who was visiting the UK from his home in South Australia, approaching him. Mick was here for a few weeks with his wife Molly, and he wanted to attend the Southampton Lunch if possible. The old school and classmates act as a magnet across the seas it would seem!

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Mick spent some time telling the editor about life in Australia and it seems that they share many of the same problems as the United Kingdom. Mick and Molly have two daughters who also live in Adelaide, and they are great friends of Peter and Rita Downham. Mick and a group of retired friends meet regularly to make wooden toys for under privileged children and photos of the finished articles show that the toys are very professionally made. He also has a group of friends who make up a 'Four Wheel Drive Club', and they drive into the outback to camp under the stars and generally enjoy the open air life.

They recently spent a few days at Woomera, where the space rockets were developed and his photos showed this wilderness where some important scientific work was, and still is, done. While here they travelled to Devon, Cornwall, Yorkshire, Wales to see more of the home country. They plan to return in 2015, and hope to attend the Spring Party in May.

In September the Editor joined over fifty people celebrating the 90th birthday of a very old friend. Also attending was her brother in law, who turned out to be **C.W.A. (CHARLIE) PIPER (1944-1950)**, who spent much of the afternoon reminiscing about his days at the Grammar School. He was a member of School House and quite a sportsman. Most years he finished high up in the Cross Country, one year he was runner-up in the Boxing, and his main love was for cricket. He played cricket for his House, the School Colts' XI and the School Second XI. He recalls the Bowtell Brothers (Ray lived with the Piper family during the Second World War), Peter Warman and Peter Downham.

Leaving school, Charlie joined the Army and served for some time in the Military Police in Austria. He then worked as a mechanic at The Ridgeway Garage before moving to a job in engineering in Eashing. He eventually began his own business. He met his wife, Christine, when they were aged 14 and have 2 daughters and 3 grand-daughters. Charlie has promised to attend his first ever Old Boys' event by coming to the Annual Lunch in 2015.

The Editor was approached in September by Jonathan Tice, grandson of **ALAN TICE (1912-1914)** who was the Chairman of Governors at the Grammar School for 21 years and an Urban District Councillor for 30 years. When he went to the School he travelled from his home on the back of his horse named Joey and there were stabling facilities at Morley Road for him. The Tice family owned many acres of hop fields in the Badshot Lea area and are part of the history of Farnham. Alan was chairman when the extension to the School was opened by the Duchess of Gloucester and presided over the Speech Day the year when Field Marshall Montgomery was the main guest.

Jonathan Tice was looking for photographs of his grandfather and the Editor was able to provide some from the School memorabilia. **ALAN TICE** was one of four former pupils of the School who eventually became the Chairman of Governors. The others were **R.W. MASON (1867-1872)**, **C.E. BORELLI (1880-1887)** and **L.J. STROUD (1921-1933)**.

2014 PARTNERSHIP AWARDS' SCHEME

To suit their academic programme the 'feeder' schools to Farnham College altered the dates of their awards' events, with Ash Manor changing from October to April. This year the Old Farnhamians' Association was represented by Roger Edgell (Secretary) and his brother David Edgell. This was appropriate, as both boys went to an Ash school prior to entering the Grammar School and David's grandson is currently Head Boy at Ash Manor School. The Guest of Honour for the evening was Simon Jarvis, Principal of Farnborough Sixth Form College, and the winner of the Old Farnhamians' Award was Lewis Reid.



David Edgell, Lewis Reid (winner of the Old Farnhamians' Award), Roger Edgell.

In November 400 Trust representatives, Bill Luff and Tony Gatfield attended the Awards' Evening at Heath End School. Again the school has altered its programme for rewarding the pupils and now have two events instead of the usual one. This one is for leaving pupils only and is a much shorter affair than before.

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The Old Farnhamian Award is also named The Millennium Award and is the final award of the evening. In recent years it has been won by a girl, but this year Nick Farr won the Award. He is clearly an excellent pupil having achieved 10 – ‘A’ Stars and a worthy winner of our award.

Late in November the Guildford College Awards took place at the G-Live Centre in Guildford and the 400 Trust was represented by Brian Williams and the Old Farnhamians by Ian Sargeant. Here we give two special prizes to top students at Farnham College and this year the following were chosen:

Farnham Sixth Form College 16-19 Outstanding Achievement Award:

LUKE TREDER

Farnham Sixth Form College 16-19 Commitment to learning Award:

KATIE HUNT

At this prestigious event the guest speaker was Dr. Maggie Aderin-Pocock MBE, who is the new presenter of the “Sky At Night” on BBC 2 Television.

The season for awards finished with an evening at Weydon School, where the 400 Trust was represented by former teacher and member of the Farnhamian 400 Trust, Hugh Batchelor.

The evening was its usual success with the Old Farnhamians’ Award going to Nathan Day for his work in Mathematics. The speaker was “adventurer”, Sean Conway, who gave the usual motivational talk to the pupils who were destined for college or employment. The school is awaiting confirmation that it will become an Academy with its own Sixth Form.

It is important to know why this scheme exists. These ‘feeder schools’ are the main supply of students for Farnham College and Farnham has to compete with Alton, Farnborough etc. The 400 Trust was asked to help by giving an award to the top pupil each year and trying to persuade the pupils to attend Farnham after they leave. The success or failure of colleges depends on the numbers attending and over the years the 400 Trust Awards have helped the college to attract more pupils. It is a sign of the close partnership between Farnham College and the Old Farnhamians’ Association. Of the forty pupils who were leaving Weydon School, seven of them chose Farnham College and not Farnborough or Alton. Perhaps this scheme is helping as hoped.

2014 FARNHAM COLLEGE SPONSORSHIP AWARDS

In mid December the annual Celebration of Achievement evening took place at Morley Road. The event was opened by the Interim Director Sarbdip Noonan, followed by the Group CEO and Principal, Mike Potter. Both speakers thanked the Old Farnhamians and their families for the financial awards made available to the top students and said that without this help the event would not be possible. The following awards were then made:

Farhana Amir & Rosie Bird	The Maurice Jeffreys for Business Studies.
Hollie Barnes	The Audrey Edington Award for Hairdressing.
Graham Davies	The Ian Bolt Award for Commitment to Studies.
Amy Day	The John Edmunds Award for English.
Georgie Dear	The Hans Holm Award for Journalism & English.
Also	The Chris Nash Award for Positive Contribution to the College.
Lydia Eberhardt	The Derek Skillin Award for Geography (Surveying).
Connor Fisher	The John Crotty Award for Commitment to Studies.
Jaydene Flynn	The Alan Lovell Award for Commitment to the College.
Meghan Glue	The Graham Blunt Award for Science.
Connor Hall	The John Terrill Award for Sport.
Phoebe Hobbs	The Dudley Backhurst Award for Science.
Katie Hunt	The John Mew Award for English/English Literature.
Jessica Keene	The John Aylwin Award for Drawing & Design.
Sean Knight	The Stella & Tony Bolt Award for Contribution to the College.
Also	The John Travers Award for work as a Student Ambassador.
Bao Hien Le	The John Terrill Award for Mathematics.
Sian Louise	The Don Homer Award for Drama.
Jackney Middleton	The Roy Robins Award for Contribution to the College.
Sarah Mills	The Bryan Bone Award for English/English Literature.
Beata Pawlak	The Don Homer Award for Drama.

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Ashish Rai	The Brian Williams Award for IT.
Albert Richards	The Dudley Backhurst Award for Science.
Joshua Ricardo Sargeant-Maynard	The Ian Sargeant Award for Progress & Effort.
Natasha Serafim-Mannion	The Gerry LeVey Award for Outstanding Team Player.
Max Topliss	The Peter Read Award for Drama.
Also	The Roy Robins Award for Contribution to the College.
Luke Treder	The Cyril Trust Award for Commitment to Learning.
Erin Trenchard	The David Boulter Award for Outstanding Achievement.
Joseph Watson	The Geoff Hooker Award for Mathematics.
Alexander Wright	The Knotts' Family Award for Engineering.
George Wright	The Sturt Family Award for Computer Aided Design.
Joyce Wright	The Michael Horner Award for Commitment to Learning.
Zi Ru Yong	The Stan Armstrong Award for Mathematics.
Also	The Paul French Award for Science.
Max Topliss	The F A Morgan Award for Drama.
Connor Fisher	The William Stroud Award for Music Technology.
Chloe Shaw & Callum Bayliss	The John Goddard Awards for voluntary work abroad.

Several bursaries were given by the Farnham Educational Foundation.

The main speaker was Ruth Amos, who gave an inspirational talk about her starting her own company at the age of 16, and is now the owner of several other companies at 24 years of age.

This very successful event was closed by John Denning, Chairman of the Guildford College Group Corporation.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR MORE SPONSORS, AND IF ANY READER WISHES TO JOIN THE SCHEME THEY SHOULD CONTACT THE EDITOR OF THIS MAGAZINE.

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The following obituary was written by former class mates.

JOHN SAUNDERS (1971-1978) passed away in Frimley Park Hospital on 1st February 2014. He was one of the penultimate intake at the School and witnessed its transformation into Farnham College. John was an only child and lived locally for most of his life. He attended Ash Walsh Infants, then Junior School, finally entering the Grammar School in September 1971. His Form Master was John Wills, the well known and loved Art Master.

John became a member of the “GS lads”, named after one of the huts built on the playing fields. John acquired the nickname “Spong” (pronounced “Sponj”) although nobody can recall the origins of this name. John completed his A Levels and then entered Leeds University to read History and Economics.

After graduating, John eventually managed to secure a graduate management position with British Telecom. He remained as a manager for 10 years, accepted redundancy, and qualified as an Independent Financial Advisor. He established his own limited company, which offered consultancy services to a number of major financial companies. John once remarked that his work encompassed the pension review scandal, the mortgage endowment review scandal and the payment protection insurance scandal.

John had ambitions to retire at 40, but worked a further 10 years, during which he was able to pick and choose the work he undertook. In 1985 he married Amanda at St Paul’s Church, Tongham, and they had one son, Michael, of whom he was extremely proud. He loved all sports, especially football, and held a season ticket for Southampton FC, and supported Aldershot FC. He was a keen squash player and later a golfer. He was always competitive!

John travelled, visiting Europe, the Mediterranean, the Caribbean and North Africa. In later years he liked to travel first class or business class to Malaysia and St Lucia.

He joined the Old Farnhamians in 2005 and was elected a General Committee member in 2011. He attended most functions and was always willing to help at annual dinners or special events at the college.

For many years he attended the Farnham Beerex Festival where he met many of his old school pals for a catch up session. He celebrated his last birthday at the “Hop Blossom” during October 2013, where he kindly treated all his old school friends to a pub meal.

John was admitted to Frimley Park Hospital on 22nd November 2013 and sadly spent Christmas on the ward. Many of his friends, as well as immediate family, visited him throughout the stay.

His funeral was held at the Park Crematorium, Aldershot, and the large attendance included family, friends and members of the Association. He is survived by Amanda, Michael, and his mother Betty Saunders.

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John was generous, kind, sincere, caring, honest and a great teller of stories concerning the 'Old Boys'. Through his membership of the OFA his old friends were able to renew an acquaintance which reminded us of the values that the Grammar School instilled in us. Paul French would often recite at assemblies that the School was not just about academic achievement, or being a good (or indifferent) sportsman. The School was there to produce "good citizens" for the future, and share these values with the wider world. John was true to these values and he will be greatly missed.

Early in February we heard that **BRIAN HARMS (1951-1958)** had died late in 2013. Brian was a member of Massingberd House and while at the School dominated the annual Swimming Sports for several years. He began as a junior in 1954 and finished 3rd in the Diving and the following year he was 2nd in the 100 yards and 200 yards freestyle and a member of the winning House relay team.

In 1956 he took over the event with four 1st places and two 2nd places. In 1957 he won three races and came second in two races and in his final year managed five first places and one second place. Along the way he broke several swimming records and in 1958 became the School Swimming Captain.

Academically he passed 6 subjects at 'O' Level in 1956 and 3 subjects at 'A' Level in 1958.

We also belatedly heard of the death of **PHIL ASLETT (1958-1964)**. Phil was a member of Childe House and records show that he did not excel at any particular sport but did take part in the annual Cross Country Race and the Athletics' Afternoon (he was 3rd one year in Putting the Shot). In 1963 and 1964 he sat his 'O' Level exams and overall gained seven passes. We received a letter from his wife, who enclosed a eulogy for the funeral. The following is taken from that document.

Phil Aslett was born on 29th June 1947 and lived with his parents, Theresa and John, in the village of Wrecchlesham, near Farnham. In his early years he showed a love of exploring and loved the countryside. He would go to the Isle of Wight with his parents regularly and wander off on his own to explore the island, before returning to join them on the return ferry. In 1960 his father died and this had a profound effect on Phil, who was attending the Farnham Grammar School at the time. On leaving school he studied ONC and HNC in his 20s and then obtained an Open University degree and eventually became an electrical engineer.

With his love of maps it was not surprising that he wanted to join the Ordnance Survey, but he joined the Electricity Board in Aldershot as a cartographic draughtsman. He soon had the desire to teach and in 1969 enrolled at Bulmershe College, Reading, with music as his main subject.

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While at Reading he met his wife, Lesley, and before he completed his course he joined Michael Thomas, a local company making musical instruments. The couple married in Marlborough in 1971, set up home in Frome, and he returned to work for the Electricity Board. This time in Melksham.

Phil was not only good at making musical instruments, but developed a flair for composing and arranging music. He played the recorder, guitar and piano, and with Lesley playing the violin they took part in concerts as well as entertain at home. They both sang in various choirs. They had two children and both Liz and James were interested in playing musical instruments. James and his father often composed music together.

For the last twenty years of his working life he was self employed as an indexer. He and Lesley were members of the Society for Indexers and indexed the prestigious Wiltshire Archaeological Society magazine for many years, also producing a combined index covering the publications of the last 150 years. He worked long hours and had a successful business.

Phil enjoyed art and painted and sketched from an early age. He also enjoyed watching cricket and the Tour de France. He had a good sense of humour and The Goon Show was a favourite. In recent years Phil and Lesley travelled extensively and they made some wonderful friendships along the way.

Phil died on 2nd August 2013 and to his family and friends Phil Aslett was a lovely man, very modest and hardworking, kind and generous and a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be sadly missed!

In February we heard of the death of **FRANKIE OLDHAM (1948-1952)** who lived in Woking. Frankie came to the School from St Polycarp's School and was a member of Childe House. He was always a first class boxer and won his weight in 1949 and usually reached the semi finals each year. He regularly ran in the Cross Country and generally entered most sports. Two years before his passing he had a leg amputated and was unwell for some time.

At the end of February we heard of the death of **WARWICK COMLEY (1949-1956)**. Warwick was a member of Morley House and apart from running in the annual Cross Country Race he was not known for his sporting interests. However, he was one of the most gifted pupils to attend the School and his excellent record of achievements began in 1952 when he won the Form Prize for top pupil. In 1954 he won the William Stroud Prize for Physics and in 1955 he again won the Form Prize. The same year he was elected a Sub-Prefect and became Secretary of the School Scientific Society.

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In 1956 he took his 'A' Level exams and achieved four distinctions, won a State Scholarship, won an Honorary County Major Scholarship, and won an Open Scholarship to Imperial College for Science – reading Physics.

In 1970 he was lecturing Physics at Northern Polytechnic and in 1990 he was still at the same polytechnic lecturing on operational research.

Originally from Tongham, near Farnham, he later lived at Fleet and played the organ at Seale Church.

The local free newspaper, the "Farnham Diary" devoted much of a page to the former Grammar School pupil **TERRY BLACKWELL (1949-1954)**. This is probably because Terry was the best friend of the editor, and former pupil of the School, **TED PARRATT (1949-1954)**. Terry was born on January 18th 1938 in Chelsea, London. He attended the Bourne School initially before going to the Grammar School and meeting his new friend, Ted, at the age of eleven. Although life took them down different paths they always managed to keep in contact for over fifty years, either by post, telephone, e-mail and occasionally in person. At the School his academic record was poor, but with the help of John Wills, Art Master, he began to excel in art and after a spell in the RAF he took up his first teaching appointment at Ilford, Essex. He then moved to Wales for a few years, but his marriage failed and his second wife was Irish and they decided to set up house in Antrim, Northern Ireland. At the same time he obtained a position as Art Lecturer at the University of Ulster.

Terry finally returned to England about three years ago and lived with his family in Camberley. He was a very popular man and when he died on 1st February 2014 his funeral on the 20th February was attended by a very large number of family, friends and colleagues who travelled from all over the United Kingdom and the world to be there for him. Terry was an accomplished guitar player and at his funeral recordings of him playing a variety of music was relayed to the congregation. Ted Parratt begins his appreciation by saying that here was an ex-Grammar School boy with no 'O'Levels, who went on to become a senior university lecturer.

In mid-March we received news from Australia that **JOHN W.LLOYD (1937-1944)** had died at his home in Queensland. John was a Frensham boy and entered the School before the Second World War, and stayed there for most of that terrible event. He was a member of Morley House and regularly took part in various sports. He often ran in the Annual Cross Country Races and was a good boxer, reaching the semi finals in 1940. He was selected to represent his House at Rifle Shooting in 1942 and held his place until he left the School. In 1945 he received his Higher School Certificate in Art.

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From Australia we received news from John's daughter and son-in-law as follows:

"On leaving school he worked in the family business and in October 1945 he was called up for National Service in the RAF, where he was deployed in the Middle East as a driver/mechanic. In 1948 he was demobbed and returned to work with his father in the family business, then known as Lloyd's (Millbridge) Limited. He worked seven days a week with one Saturday afternoon in three off.

In January 1948 he became a freemason and joined Castle Lodge in Farnham. In May 1953 he married his wife Joan at the Methodist Church in Farnham.

The family business prospered and became an agent for Saab in 1961. By now the opening hours of the garage were less and they closed on Sundays. John became interested in target rifle shooting and began competing at Bisley.

John visited Australia twice in 1979. The first time to compete at a target rifle shooting competition in Melbourne and the second time to give his daughter Louise away at her wedding in Sydney. It was during this second trip to Australia with his wife Joan, that he discovered the township of Bargara, Near Bundaberg, in Queensland

They returned to England in 1980 and lodged papers to immigrate to Australia and the business was wound up and the house sold. In 1981, Tanner Street, Bargara, was purchased and John and Joan settled into their new home. He joined the local rifle club, the Bundaberg Mulgrave Lodge of Freemasons, State Emergency Services and started the Bargara Neighbourhood Watch. He enjoyed cycling around Bargara, walking the dog and painting."

John Lloyd died in 2013 after a long illness.

In March we also heard of the death of **H.G.W.(JIM) BODKIN (1943-1948)**. The Bodkin name is well known and respected in the town of Farnham and for many years the Bodkin family owned a tailoring shop in Castle Street. Both Jim and his brother Bill attended the Grammar School and both were members of School House. Unlike his brother, Jim was not the best of sportsmen, but he was strong academically.

In 1945 he won a form prize for Good Work and in 1946 and 1947 he actually won the Form Prize. In 1948 he was commended for his work and his record shows a pupil who was always top, or near the top, of the form. In his early years he did run in the Annual Cross Country Races and in 1947 he was selected for his House Rifle Shooting Team.

The Farnham Herald printed an article entitled "A man who will be much missed" and gave details of Jim's life. He was born in 1931 at 76. Castle Street, Farnham, where his father, uncle and grandfather had a tailoring shop. During the war the family moved to Churt, to

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live with the maternal grandfather. Grandfather Mells at that time ran a pub in Churt, and they lived in a nearby house, then called Meljaba, short for Mells Jazz Band.

Jim's parents used to play their band at local functions in those days and Jim must have inherited the interest in music. He often said that he must have been one of the earliest disc jockeys because he played music for the village in Churt on VE Day. In later years he was always keen on recording all the current pop music and often played these at parties or functions. He collected an enormous number of LPs and later tapes, of all kinds of music from country to jazz to classical, not to mention tuners, amplifiers and speakers.

Jim did National Service in the RAF, stationed at Cranmore, where he learned to be an engineer. After that he came home and joined Weyburn Engineering in Elstead. By this time the family had moved to Dockenfield, where he lived for the rest of his life. Eventually he went to the Forestry Commission Research Station at Bucks Horn Oak, near Farnham, where he worked as an engineer for over thirty years. Jim was meticulous in all his work, which varied from woodwork and metal to electronics.

His other major interest was photography and he pictured local people, local celebrities and then moved on to wedding videos. He was a member of the Witley Pantomime Company for more than 30 years and his lighting effects at the shows are well known. His main claim to fame was that he was one of a few people who had water skied on Frensham Pond. He was a very good and kind person as well as a loving husband. He will be missed by many!

In the later 1940s and early 1950s there was nothing more daunting than to stand at the cricket crease and face the demon bowler of the day, **JOHN MUNDAY (1946-1952)**. In April 2014 we heard, with much sadness, of the death of this well known and respected Old Boy. John was born in Hale, but lived in Badshot Lea when he attended the Grammar School. He was a member of Harding House and while at the school excelled in Cricket, Football, Boxing, Athletics and Swimming. He won his weight at boxing in 1947, 1948 and 1952, but it was on the cricket field that he will be most remembered. He was the scourge of the other Houses and in 1948 managed to take all ten wickets against Childe House.

On leaving the School John began working in accountancy but found this too dull and he joined the Fleet Air Arm and a short service commission. Having got the travel bug he looked for overseas work after leaving the service and joined Cable & Wireless Limited for their foreign service. Over the next thirty years he worked in Kenya, Nigeria, Barbados, Peru, Qatar, Lebanon, Yemen, Dubai, Bahrain, and finally at Head Office in London.

Whilst in Kenya he met Joyce, an Irish girl, and they married in Nigeria, had two children in Kenya and two children in Barbados. Unfortunately Joyce contracted a life threatening

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illness and they moved to Dublin to be close to her family. After 41 years together she died in December 2002.

John held many positions of importance during his career and on retiring he became involved in PROBUS, became a Chartered Engineer and a member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers. In recent years he lived in Winchester and he attended several Annual Dinners with the Old Boys.

John Munday was an outstanding sportsman, had a sparkling career, and was a popular Old Boy. He made his mark in life and will be missed by many people across the world.

At the end of March 2014 we received news of the death of one of our oldest Old Boys. **F.P. (FRANK PERCIVAL) CLARK**, who left the School in 1935, lived in Farnham, and died at the age of 95. He was a member of Massingberd House and records show that he was a first class athlete and boxer.

In those days Inter-House Athletics were held and Frank represented his House in the Sprints, High Jump, Long Jump and Hurdles and was part of the relay team. He was almost unbeatable in the boxing ring and won his weight in 1931, 1932 and 1933.

Frank joined the RAF before the Second World War and was posted to Canada for some time. There he worked on simulators and when he returned home he made some bomber raids over Germany. On leaving the RAF he joined the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough and worked there for the remainder of his career.

In 1953 Frank married Sylvia Hewes, a member of the Hewes family who had three brothers at the School. Bob Hewes still lives in Fleet. Sylvia has died and there is a son Richard.

Early in May we were informed of the death in December 2013 of **ROGER PEACH (1950-1955)**. Roger was a member of Massingberd House and boxed for them and ran for them. He was an excellent athlete and his range went from 220 yards to one mile, and during his time at the School he was placed several times in the first three for these distances and for the 440 yards. He had a great record in the annual Cross Country races, always finishing in the top fifteen and in 1951 he came 4th overall.

Roger was a 'Guildford' boy and travelled across the Hogs Back each day. In 1955 he passed 3 subjects at Ordinary Level and left the School in August of that year. We are told that he worked in the U.K. and abroad as a civil engineer and latterly in the demolition industry in and around Dewsbury in Yorkshire. He leaves his wife, Josie, and two sons.

The above details were provided by his friend Peter Jennings.

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The number of deaths this year continued to rise and on 1st May 2014 **MICK BURCHETT (1958-1963)** died at his home in Yeovil, Somerset. Mick was not a member of the Old Farnhamians' Association, but did attend the President's Lunch in 2013. Records show that he did not take part successfully in any sports and academically his main claim to fame was winning the 'Crosby Award' in 1961. His former classmates advise that he was a skilled woodworker, something nurtured by Mr Brink while at the School.

Mick was an officer in the Surrey Police and recently suffered from a form of leukaemia.

In June, the Farnham Diary, the free local newspaper, devoted space to the death of **SIMON BOOTH (1962-1969)**. The funeral took place in May 2014, although Simon died suddenly in October 2013 from a heart attack whilst in Taiwan. His wake was held at the Garden Gallery at the Museum of Farnham. This was appropriate as the museum building had once been his home when his father, Ashton Booth, was the first curator of the museum.

The delay between death abroad and funeral was because it is believed that Simon had no known next-of-kin so the return of the body had to be handled by local friends and national bodies such as the Foreign Office. It is understood that Simon, who was always helping somebody, never married, but he was a socially minded man who once stood as a Labour candidate for Farnham Town Council. He always said that he followed the advice given to him by Mr. Pay, a teacher from his days at St. Andrew's School (now Potter's Gate School), which was: "*Never waste a minute of your time and never get married!*"

At the time of his death Simon was working for Reading University and an entry on their website, made last October, reads; 'Simon joined Reading from the University of Strathclyde in 1989, as a senior lecturer in management, specialising in crisis management, leadership, strategy, organizational culture and business ethics – particularly in China, Thailand, Malaysia and India. He served as associate head of the School of Management, director of Postgraduate Programmes and co-director of the Joint Centre for International Management and Entrepreneurship Development'

During his time at the Grammar School he played football for the School Second XI and won half colours in 1969. He won a Form Prize in 1969 and the Mens Sana Prize in the same year.

In late October Brian Williams advised us of the sad death of his brother **COLIN WILLIAMS P.Eng, PhD, BSc. (1960-1965)**. Colin was a member of Morley House and was a regular and successful runner in the Annual Cross Country. Academically he was outstanding, and finished his time at the School with 4 passes in GCE (Advanced Level).

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Brian Williams sent us this obituary:

“After leaving the Grammar School, Colin obtained a BSc in Mechanical Engineering from Swansea University in 1968, then immigrated to Canada and obtained his doctorate in Fluid Mechanics at the University of Windsor.

In 1974 Colin started a small company in Guelph, Canada studying the effects of snow drifting on buildings. In these early stages of his career he helped build the company’s technical capabilities and expand the company’s client base. In 1986, he then became a founding Principal of RWDI. RWDI grew into an international specialty consulting engineering firm to help designers create comfortable environments and high performance buildings and structures.

Colin developed expertise in microclimate issues and applied this in many international building projects, including Jerusalem City Hall in Israel, The Sun Microsystems Palo Alto Campus in California, the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station in Antarctica, the New York Times Building in New York City and the Rankin Inlet Community Snow Fence in Nunavut.

Colin, with his wife Kathy, daughters Megan, Caitlin, Bronwyn and son Michael, enjoyed a full life, whether at his Lake Muskoka cottage, at the helm of a sail boat, working on many do-it-yourself projects, or travelling to his Florida house during cold Canadian winters.

Colin Williams died in Canada on 11th October 2014 after a year-long battle with cancer.

A few days before Christmas 2014 we heard of the sad loss of one of the few remaining members of staff at the old Grammar School. **TONY MOORE (1961-1968)** was a member of the George Baxter team and lived in Upper Hale during his seven enjoyable years at the School (his words!). He was at the School when the Duchess of Gloucester opened the large extension to the original building and like many of the staff was coaxed into being a part of the ‘Alan Fluck Team’ which presented many plays etc., He joined the team which included Mike Foster, Jimmy James, Derek Friggins, Don Nicolson, Doug Leuchars and those two stalwarts, Ned Godsil and Harold Beeken.

Tony left the School to take up a headship at a small international school in Colchester, and after four years was appointed head of Colchester High School for Boys. He led this school for twenty two years, overseeing the introduction of girls to the school and finally having over 400 pupils in attendance.

Tony retired, and remained living near Colchester where he enjoyed golf, painting and involvement in his local church. For many years he travelled to Farnham to attend the annual dinner, or lunch and those who met him knew him as a quiet and gentle man. Tony Moore will be missed by many among the Association.

STOP PRESS!

This new page is for any late additions received during the time the magazine is being printed.

Late November we heard from **TONY TUBB (1946-1951)** advising that lightning had struck his house in Bexhill on Sea and burned it to the ground. This was a continuation of the bad luck that Tony has had in recent times. Firstly he had heart problems and ended up with a pacemaker, then his wife died in 2012, and now he has lost his home. He is staying in a local hotel for a few weeks and then intends to rent an apartment for six months while the house is rebuilt. Let us hope this ends his run of bad luck.

At the autumn 400 Trust Committee meeting the editor launched a new book he had co-written with Jenny Harvey (Archivist to Guildford College). This time it is entitled "Farnham Grammar School in Wartime" and has been put together using much of the memorabilia on the old School. It is appropriate as this is the 100th anniversary of the Great War and the country has honoured this fact with many special ceremonies. The book costs £5 and can be purchased by contacting cyriltrust@btinternet.com

2015 SOUTHAMPTON LUNCHEON

The event this year will take place at The Woodlands Lodge Hotel in the New Forest on WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2015. Arrive at 12.00 mid-day to meet old friends and the lunch begins at 1.00 pm. We are hoping for a record attendance for this enjoyable event.

It was a surprise to most people to learn that the Director of Farnham College, Jonathan Stewart, had decided to leave his position at the end of the Summer term. Jonathan had worked well with the Old Farnhamians and there were plans to become even closer, but he clearly saw his future elsewhere. The position was held to the end of the year by **MRS. SARBDIP NOONAN** and probably a new Director will be appointed early this year.

In late summer the editor received a copy of a book written by **JOHN CHUTER (1933-1941)**, one of the longest serving Old Boys. It is entitled "The Early Life Story of a Frensham Boy (Birth to Marriage)" and is an extremely good read. It is interesting to read about Frensham in the 1920s and 1930s, John's time at the Grammar School, and his years serving in the Second World War as a member of a tank crew. If any reader would like a copy please contact the editor of this magazine.

We are pleased to announce that **SIR ANDREW CARTER**, Headteacher of the highly successful South Farnham Junior School, has agreed to give the 2015 Farnham Lecture. The date will be 27th October and the title of the lecture is still to be decided, although it will be on his views of current education in this country.

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