

OLD CAMDENIANS CLUB

Chairman's  
Newsletter

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Nostalgia, as they say, is not what it used to be. Whether your halcyon days were model T Fords, The Hope and Glory era of gas masks and identification labels, U Plan or G Plan, Miller, McCartney or Madonna, you will all know this is the time of year when you rummage through the drawers for the Old Boys tie ready to enjoy good company, a tale or two and to reminisce at the Old Boys Dinner about "the good ol' days".

We meet, as usual, on the last Friday of November. This year that means 25th. The only change is the venue. This year we meet for the first time at the Kenilworth Hotel, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LB. It is hoped that this central London location will encourage more out of towners to attend. The hotel is just a walk away from Tottenham Court Road underground station and rubs shoulders with the British Museum, according to the brochure.

Our principal guest this year is Francis Cheney, Founder Trustee of the Camden Playing Fields Trust. The proposer of the toast to the guest is Sid Hutchison. We will have on view the new headteacher at the school, Mr Paul Smith. Yours truly is scheduled to propose the toast to the school and staff while the response will be made by a member of staff who was once a pupil at the school, Mr Mike Bunyan. From my calculation that is a representative body from each decade since the 1930's. With such a plethora of talent your ears will be working overtime while the gastric juices combine with the port to digest the last of the meal.

During the year I have received a number of letters and take this opportunity of thanking you all for keeping in touch and letting us know what you are doing and where you are.

Fred Lindgren sends his best wishes from Majorca. Stanley Whiteman, who incidentally was my first boss in the City, wishes to be remembered to all old friends including Jack Crook, Charles Fellows, Twink Martin and Denis Steel. Louis Watt (what a loyal friend); Brian Collins, unable to attend last year because of business; Mo Hales was sorry to miss Bill Wraight's speech; F W Penfold says 'one year I hope to make the dinner again'; Tom Head sends his best regards to Charles Fellows (he says did Edna ever forgive him for running Charles out at 49); Bernard Chibnall asks what happened to Brian McCarthy of the Foreign Office and was Denis Steel the one who played the female lead in the Dramatic Society!!!

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Thank you to all of you who put pen to paper last year. It was great hearing from you. More letters please and if you know the whereabouts of other old boys please let us have their address. A club tie was sent to A J W Lawes (44-49) in Canada. Paul Yates sent me a 'where are they now' letter asking after B McCarthy, I Woodward, W Eyles, L Thompson, D.Garner, R Poole, J Bloom, K Morley, K Evans and G Glenister - any news of any of them?

The Cricket Clubs' Chairman's XI (Averill, Bowen, Brown, Collins, Cowley, French, Palmer, Rogers, Scott, Spaul and Yates) played a current Club XI in July (Steel wearing the white coat) and were entertained in the evening with barbecue and lots of liquid refreshment. (Tom Rolf wrote saying he couldn't believe Jack Crook was playing for THEM). The Cricket Club members were full of their exploits during their fantastic tour of New Zealand. They actually found Dave Metzger down under. Well actually they heard him first then found him.

Earlier this year I had nice long chats on the telephone with Bill Nursaw and Bill Coombs - both of them were keeping very active and wished to be remembered to all friends.

Kirit Solanki wrote acknowledging the receipt of the King-Seitz memorial prize for 1987. He says the money will go towards the purchase of a home computer to help in his Physical Science Computing studies.

What else do I need to tell you. Oh yes, Thanks for the donations which help to pay for impecunious sixth formers to attend the dinner. If you can do the same this year it will be a great help - not big contributions - just a gesture will be sufficient. One of my letters this year was from Harry Levy who sent a contribution and added "I remember my first annual dinner was as school captain and I was a guest - singing for my supper on that occasion. It was awful at the time but as those forty years roll on the memories get pleasanter and fonder".

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I shall/shall not be attending the Annual Dinner on Friday, 27th November 1987. Please reserve places for myself and the following:

Name .....

Address .....

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Payment enclosed ..... Years at Holloway

Contribution .....