

2008

OLD CAMDENIANS ANNUAL NEWSLETTER



OLD CAMDENIANS CLUB

CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER – 2008

Here today and gone tomorrow could perhaps best describe our English summer although, happily, it did manage to re-appear for the annual football match with the School (more of which later). The miserable weather did, however, provide an excuse, if one was needed, to indulge in the sporting feast on TV from the Beijing Olympics. What a spectacle, and yet 60 years earlier a certain Holloway schoolboy was being equally enthralled by events in Wembley Stadium (still then a marvel in itself) at the 1948 London Olympics. Dubbed the 'austerity Games' they, nevertheless, left that 12 year old with indelible memories and a programme (one shilling) that remains a treasured possession. But all things are relative and no doubt London 2012 will produce something different again with its own unique atmosphere. Whilst on the Olympic theme, does anyone know if any Old Camdenians have ever competed in the Games and, if so, how successful they were? Indeed, are we likely to be represented at London 2012? Answers on a postcard or by email to the Secretary please.

OLD CAMDENIANS CENTENARY - 2009

Various ideas for celebrating this prestigious event are being formulated. It has been suggested that we break with tradition and hold the Dinner at a central London hotel and that wives, partners and girlfriends should be invited. These issues will be raised at the AGM on 28th November but it would be useful to have your views beforehand please.

Your letters and emails are, of course, always welcome but we would particularly like to hear from you as part of the Centenary celebrations. Just a few lines will suffice about your time at the School with any specific memories, stories and anecdotes which we can use to compile a permanent scrapbook of reminiscences. There must be a wealth of material to call upon, so do please put pen to paper or fingers to the keyboard.

The Football Club also reaches its centenary next year. No doubt this will entail celebratory matches at Burtonhole Lane, hopefully involving veterans of various ages. Time therefore to dig out that unwashed kit from the back of the cupboard and to dust off those treasured Pumas and Nikes for one last outing.

NEW MEMBERS

The website continues to be a fruitful source of recruitment and we are delighted to welcome the following to our ranks:- George Manley (1971); Peter Sims (55-63); William Webb (48-53) and Steve Yarland (58-63). Alan Kirby (1949-54)

CORRESPONDENCE

It was good to hear once more from Alan Shearn with his perceptive view of life in South Africa. Politics seems dominant there, not least in the sporting context, but work is well underway on the stadia and infrastructure needed for the soccer World Cup. Alan feels however that the host nation will not progress far in the competition. He visited the UK in July (did anyone meet up with him?) and will report back on his trip later in the year. Alan also recalled

happy days playing football in the 1st XI alongside Bill Wraight in the 1960s and, particularly, the latter's solo effort winning goal in an important AFA cup tie.

More please from our other foreign correspondents!

IN MEMORIAM

Sadly, during the year we have had to record the passing of Francis Cheney (25-32); Roy Beckwith (28-34) and Bill Wraight (36-40), tributes to whom have appeared in previous bulletins. We were equally saddened to learn that Alexander W. Hunter (30-36) had also passed away. A former school captain, he became a Headmaster and kept in regular touch with the Club, invariably by means of an annual donation.

AGM AND ANNUAL DINNER – FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2008

The various newsletters issued throughout the year will have kept members in touch with news as it happened. This one brings you further up to date as well as giving formal notice of the AGM and Annual Dinner (see also the Secretary's Report and the website). Whilst the format remains much the same, every Dinner has a different element so why not make sure you sample what this year's occasion has to offer. All will be welcome, particularly of course, first time attendees. Whatever else, it is sure to be a convivial occasion, so, to quote the Salvation Army, come and join us!

OLD CAMDENIANS v THE SCHOOL

As mentioned above, the annual football match took place on virtually the first day of summer (13th September!) with yet another win for the School (2-1). However, thanks to Stewart Mitchell, the Old Boys fielded a much younger and stronger side than in previous years and only wayward finishing prevented them from regaining the trophy. Touchline support was better and among those basking in the sunshine were Ernie Sears, Alf Mortimer, Peter Thompson and Ken Ranson. Our thanks go to all those involved in organising the fixture and for the excellent spread afterwards (voraciously devoured by the schoolboys who, I'm told, are kept on starvation rations by Bill Woods to boost their performance!).

Unfortunately the cricket match couldn't be arranged this time but further efforts will be made to find a mutually convenient date next year.

IN CONCLUSION

Read on for reports from the Secretary and also from the Headteacher, Bob Hamlyn, on the School's progress and achievements during the past twelve months. As ever, my thanks go to George and Pam Ives (where do they get their energy from?), your hardworking committee and my family for their support during the year. I look forward to seeing you at the Dinner in your droves.

Alan Meyer

Chairman



President's Report to the Old Camdenians 2008

I am delighted to present my fifth report to the Old Camdenians.

After a busy end to the school year with a very successful Sports Day July 20th . We said "hello" to our new Year 7 students on Sept 5th, following two successful training days.

Number on roll:

Our current role is as follows:

Year	Girls	Boys	Total
Year 7	53	122	175
Year 8	36	141	177
Year 9	46	134	180
Year 10	60	100	160
Year 11	62	116	178

Total: 870

We are currently recruiting for 2009 students, and held a very busy Open Evening on October 1st. We have also been accommodating tours for parents every day this half term.

Examination Results

Overall, the school was pleased by most aspects of the GCSE examination results this year. With significant increases in key performance indicators last year, the school has consolidated its performance in all aspects of GCSE results.

Our Key Stage 3 results are very positive (2007 results in brackets).

- English 73% Level 5 or above (49)
- Maths 65% Level 5 or above (51)
- Science 60% Level 5 or above (50 - 38 in 2006!)

The other headline figures for GCSE are also very good (again, 2007 comparison in brackets).

- Students with 5 or more passes at C or above: 50% (41)
- Students with 5 or more passes: 87% (87)

- Students with one or more pass: 99% (96)

Building Schools for the Future

We successfully decanted into the 4 storey modular accommodation, now named the Learning Cube at the start of term. Building work is on schedule, and we continue to meet with partners in Transform to finalise details of the finish to the new build. We are on schedule to move into our building in early 2010.

Summary of Sports College Activities

Primary Links

As part of National Sports Week we hosted two separate events for partner primary schools. On Monday 30th June Torriano Juniors had a day of physical activities celebrating their Active Mark award, organised by our Y10 Sports Leaders at their school.

Three days later, Torriano came to us along with Tufnell Park, Hungerford, Robert Blair and Brecknock schools for a Toplink Festival, again run by our Sports Leaders. Each student was given a t-shirt in one of the five colours of our new Houses. The event had a multiskills theme.

In what turned out to be a very busy half term for our Sports Leaders they also provided much needed support at the Primary Athletics Final at Finsbury Park (10.7.08) where they were highly commended for their conduct.

Once again, we utilised our gained time from Year 11s exam study leave to offer our teaching expertise to our partner primary schools. Hungerford and Tufnell Park schools accepted this offer. The idea was to model lessons for the class teacher observing to then gain ideas from and share with other colleagues

The House System

House competitions were launched in June/July with a frenetic fortnight of after school activities including cycle to school (as part of National Bike Week), rounders, fitness gym usage, basketball, swimming, table tennis, trampolining, softball, football, a sports quiz and culminating in Sports Day on the students' last day of the year. Because most staff are also in Houses they could earn bonus points by attending the competitions to support the students.



In an incredibly close inaugural competition Wembley (304) triumphed over Olympic (303) by a single point followed by Wimbledon (271), Lord's (254) and Twickenham (247).

For Sports Day. Olympic prospered with Wembley in second, Twickenham third, Lord's fourth and Wimbledon 5th. The whole day was quite a spectacle with all staff and students decked in their House t-shirts for the first time.



The Year 7 boys in position order after the 'elite' 100m race in the afternoon

Islington Schools Sports Association (I.S.S.A.) Awards

The second annual ISSA Sports awards were sponsored this year by The Sports College. In a very high profile occasion held at Islington Town Hall, Upper Street, Holloway students were extremely successful. The special guest was Chelsea and England footballer, Lianne Sanderson, with some awards presented by Bob Hamlyn.

Two categories were in part decided by online voting which was done through the Islington Gazette newspaper who carried profiles of the nominees over two weeks in the newspaper. The categories were Key Stage 4 Male Sportsperson of the Year and Key Stage 4 Female Sportsperson of the Year. These were won by our very own Ryan Wenzel and Dainii Elliott respectively.

Other Holloway winners on the night were:

KS3 Male Sportsperson of the Year : Barry Bassom

KS4 Male Sports Team of the Year : Table Tennis team

KS4 Female Sports Team of the Year : Holloway Girlz Dance Group

Female Sporting Ambassador : Zara Coe

Events hosted at Holloway

We continue to open our doors to accommodate the community wherever possible.

From 9am to 3pm, Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd May, the Islington Sports Leaders Festival was held at Holloway. Each of the nine eligible secondary schools were invited to nominate and send two Year 9 students to attend the festival. All were given the opportunity to apply for the position of Islington Sporting Ambassador for 2208-9. Two students, one male and one female were successful, including Holloway's Zara Coe.

On 17th June we hosted the Islington Primary Hockey Tournament on the M.U.G.A, as we did last year. It went very well and fortunately we were able to fit it in around normal school break and lunch times without it impacting significantly on the rest of the school.

OLD CAMDENIANS CLUB

MID-YEAR NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2008

Whether you are jetting off to exotic climes or just spending the summer in a deck chair, no doubt some absorbing reading will come in useful to help while away the time. Well here it is – yes, another mid-year newsletter bringing together information circulated previously by email. Where appropriate, the Secretary has updated news about School events and the Annual Dinner. Can I also bring the following to your attention:

- Firstly, how pleasing it is to see a steady flow of new members joining our ranks which, hopefully, will continue. If you recognise any of these newcomers as your contemporaries at School and would like to renew their acquaintance, please contact the Secretary for details.
- It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of Mr. C. F. Lewis, Headmaster at Holloway School from 1960 to 1973. If you have any reminiscences of your time at the School under his headship which you would like to share with us, do please write to or email the Secretary. The same goes, of course, for memories and anecdotes about any other eras at the School. All contributions will be very welcome. Incidentally, it seems that becoming Headmaster at Holloway School can lead to a degree of longevity as both Mr. Lewis and his predecessor Mr. M. W. Brown were nonagenarians. Bob Hamlyn please note.
- Finally, I recently had the pleasure of presenting the London Old Boys Junior Cup to the Old Camdenians 2nd XI after they had beaten Clapham O.X. 3rd XI 2-1 in the final. The O.C.s were a goal down at half time, but a spirited second half fight back saw them clinch victory with two very well taken goals. In the semi-final they overcame O. Meadonians 3rd XI who, in the league, are five divisions above them! We last won this trophy way back in the 1980s (before most of the present team were born!) so success was long overdue. Moreover, the 2nd XI could well be promoted from Division 4 North despite have just lost the title race on goal average. Let's hope this augurs well for a revival of the football club's fortunes in the future.

I trust that you will all have an enjoyable summer and that Friday 28th November is already set aside in your diaries for the Annual Dinner.

Alan Meyer - Chairman.

Secretary's Notes Mid year May 2008

We are delighted to hear that the new Swimming Pool and Sport's Hall are now being used by the School and indeed the Old Camdenians Cricket Club are now able to use the facility for a weekly "Cricket Net"; evidently one of the pieces of equipment is a bowling machine which can deliver balls up to 100 m.p.h. I am sure Paul Yates never achieved that speed at Bow Lane although I have a few recurrent injuries to remind how fast he, and I think Garner were.

Still on the School front, I am pleased to inform everyone that in the last strike by the N.U.T the School was the only secondary School in Islington to remain open. I am sure we all applaud the majority of the Staff who put the interests of their pupils first.

I would like to remind all members of the following dates.

Old Camdenians Golf Day Elstree 6th. June (contact Phil Cowley or me)

Cricket O.C.'s v. School at Burton Hole Lane Saturday 6th. September

Football O.C.'s v School at Burton Hole Lane Saturday 13th. September

The School now publishes an Excellent Homeline which is sent to all Parents. Peter Sumpter is hoping that we can send out extracts to our membership in the future.

We have attached to this report copies of the AGM minutes, the Annual Accounts and the Dinner Order Form. These are normally included with the Annual Report but the Committee felt that it is better they are sent with Mid Year Report. I confirm however that we will still be sending out the Dinner Order Form with the Annual Report in late October as usual. Nevertheless "strike while the iron is hot" and start arranging your parties now. Bear in mind that this year the Camdenians will be 99 years old!

The 50+ Club has been an undoubted success with already £900 being committed to the upkeep of the Ground etc. The year ends on August 30th. 2008... I will be sending out to all who have participated a reminder in the hope that they will continue their membership. The details are as follows:-

Cost £60 per annum or £5 per month Standing Order

First Prize £65 Second Prize £20

November First Prize £200 Second Prize £50

Winners adjudged by the first and second Balls drawn in the National Lottery on the last Saturday in the month.

Please join by contacting either myself or Peter Sumpter on the Club's Website.

Old Camdenians Club

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Friday 30th. November 2007

1. Apologies for Absence as per attached sheet
2. Minutes of the 2006 AGM having been distributed to all members were agreed as a true record.
3. Matters Arising. There were no Matters Arising.
4. Chairman's Report as per attached.
5. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer Phil Cowley submitted his report as per the attached Balance Sheet.
6. O.C. 50+ Club. A general report regarding the launch of the 50+ Club and its financial success so far was delivered. An appeal was made, on behalf of the Sports and Social Club by John Maskell, for a donation from the Club to help with the repairs to the Clubhouse following a recent "break-in". It was agreed that the Chairman, Alan Meyer, should authorize an immediate payment of £500. An appeal was made by Richard Brown that more members should be recruited. A poster advertising the 50+ Club is attached.
7. Cricket and Football Clubs Report. The Cricket Club report, having been distributed to the membership, was accepted. Unfortunately there was no report from the Football Club forthcoming.
8. Golf Club Report had been distributed and was duly accepted.
9. Honorary Vice Presidents elected were

1 st Year	Bob Pearson
2 nd . Year	Martin Quilter
3 rd . Year	Paddy Jones
10. Officers Elected were

Chairman	Alan Meyer
Vice "	Ken Ranson

Treasurer	Phil Cowley
Secretary	George Ives
Auditor	Bob Cairns

Committee Members elected were

Dave Bowen, Richard Brown, George Panayi, Samir Patel, Peter Andes, Mike Duffy, Peter Sumpter, Alex Grayburn, John Maskell, Alf Morimer, Neil Martin.

11. Any Other Business. No points were raised .

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2007

Income

Surplus on Annual Dinner (incl. Donations) 1,246.24

Less Expenditure

Contributions to School:

Prizegiving 250.00

Other Expenses:

Reception for Prize Giving 115.86

Cost of Football Match 216.20

Costs of Newsletter etc. 390.95

Football Club Contribution 150.00

Sundry Expenses 87.00 1,210.01

Excess of Income over Expenditure £ 36.23
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P. E. Cowley
Hon. Treasurer

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R. M. Cairns F.C.A.
Hon. Auditor

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST. AUGUST 2007

Accumulated Funds

Brought forward at 1st September 2006 7,152.94
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure 36.23

Balance of Funds at 31st August 2007 7189.17

Represented by:

Assets

Cash at Bank 7,339.25

Stock of Ties 172.50

Loan to Football Club 1,000.00

8,511.75

Creditors and Deferred Income

50+ Club Income 1,140

School Appeal Fund 157.58

Other Creditor 25.00 1,322.58

£7,189.17
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Hon. Auditor

Old Camdenians Annual Dinner

To be held at Holloway School, London N7 0JG (tel.0207 607 5885)

Please return to George Ives, 32 Amersham Hill Gardens. High Wycombe, HP13 6QR

Tel:-01494 524 501

Email george.ives@btinternet.com

I shall/shall not be attending the Annual Dinner on **Friday 28th. November 2008**

Please reserve.....places for myself and the following

I would like to sit near -----If possible

I enclose a cheque for £.....(£25 per person inclusive)(Students under 21, £15) +
£.....contribution towards selected Students attending as guests. Cheques payable to Old
Camdenians Club

Vegetarian meal-----YES/NO

I /we would like/would not like transport between Kings Cross and the School. Pick up 5.45
p.m. Northdown St. Leave Kings Cross on left, cross end of Caledonian Rd. towards Angel,
Northdown St. is next on left. Return to Kings Cross Station at 10.15 p.m.

Name..... Dates at Holloway School.....

Address.....

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Post Code.....Tel.No.....Mobile No.....

Email Address.....

I/We would/ would not like to tour the School at 5.30.p.m
N.B. Reception 6.00.p.m. A.G.M. 6.45p.m. Dinner 7.30p.m.

Hotels The Premier Travel Kings Cross, York Way Tel 0870 238 6414
Email premiertravelinn.com

Farringdon Travelodge Email www.travelodge.co.uk

Secretary's Notes

October 2008

The School Buildings are in the midst of a great rejuvenation as those who are attending the Dinner on Friday November 28th will be able to see for themselves. In fact, the entrance now is off the area of the old car park on Hilldrop Road. Therefore, there is no off road Parking because over this area has been built a large 3 storey temporary School. I use the word "temporary" but I must admit it is quite admirable and is extremely popular with both Staff and Students. It is in place while the rest of the site is either completely rebuilt or refurbished. This means that our Dinner will be held in the temporary Dining Hall. Many of you will remember it from last year because we held the AGM/Reception there and it proved more than adequate. However do not let the news re parking put you off attending because there is **now a very large Car Park** accessed by the old gateway that led to the original Caretakers House (Mimack's Palace)

Stop Press: Dr. John Hudson O.B.E. will be the Guest of the Evening at the Dinner

Once again, I must mention the 50+ Club. An Annual Sub. is £60 or £5 per month Standing Order for which your number is entered in a Draw on the last Saturday in the month. The winners are the 1st. and 2nd. Numbers drawn in the National Lottery. Prizes are £65 and £20 respectfully, but in **November it is £200 and £50**. "Just the job" to offset the Credit Crunch for Christmas! Please contact me to register and I will have entry forms available at the Dinner. We are delighted to say that we raised £1300 last year of which we have donated £900 toward required repairs to the Clubhouse, and another £400 awaits disbursement at the AGM

As the Chairman has indicated, next year is our Centenary as well as the Football Club's and we would be grateful for any ideas that you may have to help us celebrate this historic milestone. A tentative date of Saturday September 12th. has been provisionally booked for the O.C.'s v School match. Why not line-up a Resolution to be present.. Come on Alex rally out your Cup winning Club and enforce the discipline that, if you "cried off", you were not selected the following week! We will keep you in the "picture" because there is a suggestion that the AFA may honour the Club with a special match as well as an Illuminated Scroll.

The Chairman in his report asks about information regarding "Olympians". We have some records of

George Robb, Soccer, Helsinki Olympics 1952

Donald Arthur Tunbridge, 50km. Road Walk, Helsinki Olympics 1952

Arnold Ralph Cooperman, Fencing Team Foil, Melbourne Olympics 1956, and Rome Olympics 1960

Albert Reginald Knight, High Diving, Paris Olympics 1924, and Amsterdam Olympics 1928.

Alf Goldsmith, Gymnast, London Olympics 1948. I understand that he also carried the Standard for the British Team at the Opening Ceremony.

Are there any others?

There now follows various Secretaries Notes, News from the School, and Obituaries which have been sent out via Email. Please if any of you are now on Email or have access say via Family member, please register it with us because this method of communication is so more immediate and very much more economical for the Club.

Dates for your Diary

Annual Dinner /AGM Friday November 28th 2008

School v O.C. Saturday September 12th. 2009

Annual Dinner (Centenary) Friday November 27th. 2009

Old Camdenians Secretary's Notes 2008

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Annual Dinner and AGM

It was good to see that there were increased numbers at the Annual Dinner and also some very positive plaudits from some of the first time attendees which augers well for the future.

Prior to the AGM, many members took advantage to accept a tour of the new facilities including the recently completed Swimming Pool and Sports Hall. On display were plans which recently had received Planning Permission for not only the redevelopment of the newer School Buildings and but for the complete refurbishment of the interior and exterior of the original buildings; it is good to note that the "Camdenian Hall" is to be part of those plans, as at one time it looked like that the Hall may be demolished.

At the AGM which was once again held in the temporary "Dining Room", an Appeal was made on behalf of the Sports and Social Club by John Maskell for funds to make repairs to the Clubhouse following a recent "break in". The Chairman, Alan Meyer, was able to confirm that an interim donation of £500 could be granted from the 50+ Club. This was very gratifying considering the Club had only been in existence since September 2007. It was also gratifying that several members took advantage to join the 50+Club. May I remind you that there are still opportunities for some more to join. Briefly, it costs either £60 annual fee or a Bankers Order of £5 per month to join. A number between 1 and 49 is allocated. On the last Saturday in the month a draw is held for the First Prize of £65, and a Second of £209 November Draw is £200 and £50 respectively. Winners are those that have the first two numbers drawn in the National Lottery.

The "Guest of the Evening" this year was Eleanor Schooling Director of Education. At the last minute the Head Boy, Alfie Papa was prevented, by illness from replying to the traditional Toast to the School but the Head Girl admirably deputized and received a "standing ovation" for her efforts. It was good also that last year's Head Girl, Victoria Mathew accompanied by a Senior Student Ryan Wenzal ordered tickets. An invitation has been extended to them to attend the next O.C. Committee Meeting when "recruitment" will be on the Agenda.

The Evening after the splendid repast was "rounded off" in the traditional manner of the School Song¹ I would like to convey our sincere thanks to Greg Davies, Head of Music and Drama for once again accompanying the Song and organizing Paige Richardson to lead the Singing with his outstanding voice.

Prevented by illness also from attending was Dr. John Hudson who I am pleased to report has made a full recovery and Gordon Clarke, who at the last minute felt he could make the journey, which was a great disappointment. However at the Dinner, we circulated a Birthday Card for Gordon which all his previous pupils present signed with personal wishes. On January 16th. Reg Pritchett, I and our wives had the pleasure of taking Gordon to Lunch in his hometown of Stratford-upon-Avon to celebrate his 95th Birthday and deliver the Birthday Card together with a small Cake, duly lit, but not with 95 candles! It was delightful that all the other restaurant diners took up the refrain of “Happy Birthday” and a round of applause, when they discovered it was his 95th amidst many cries and requests for his recipe!. During lunch, a call was received from John Fitch to wish Gordon well and to make sure that he would be at home the next day to receive a “Basket of Fruit” from him. Gordon was highly delighted to see us, especially as he had only learnt the day before that his only Daughter could not make the trip from Devon because of a mechanical “breakdown” of her car.

I would like to thank Gordon’s great friend and colleague Brian Fletcher, who many of you remember was a Deputy Head of Holloway when Gordon was also Deputy Head for his behind the scenes liaison work to make sure that Gordon would be in when we arrived. Gordon also was very pleased to receive a photo of a School cycling trip he had organized to the Benelux Countries in 1958 from Peter Norey who was a member of the cycling party.

I am sure you have all now received your new Diaries, so please enter the date of the

Annual Dinner
Friday November 28, 2008 at Holloway School
And make a New Year’s resolution to be there!!

Whilst recording the applications for the Dinner this year, I noticed that quite a few of you come from similar areas, and it occurred to me that perhaps we could, via our email messages, record anyone who would like to join up with others as travelling companions. I know many of you already journey with your friends but there are some who may come from the same areas but not necessarily know of others in the same area. If you would like to contact us, we will try to put you in touch with others making a similar journey.

One of the nicest things about being Secretary is the interesting contacts made to you. For instance we received an enquiry directed to us, via the School, by an Australian who was researching his Grandfather Edward Bangerter’s History. Edward Bangerter was a leading authority in Natural History and wrote many authoritative books on the subject. Evidently, he commenced his career at the Natural History Museum in London but emigrated to New Zealand where he became a leading expert in his field. It was thanks to Bob Hartley, who maintains our Eminent Camdenians Lists, that he appears in the lists together with a note of his publications. I was also able to confirm that Edward Bangerter was School Captain in 1929, and also Editor of the “Camdenian”, and to locate one of the panoramic School Photos of 1929. The upshot is that we are planning to meet at the School on Feb. 1st. when it will be my pleasure to show him the records and his Grandfathers Old School.

At the same time Philip Cramer who started at the School in 1929 presumably with Edward Bangerter as School Captain, contacted me about a remarkable coincidence. Evidently for 25 years he has had a neighbour on the adjacent Farm to his own, who he recently discovered had a Grandfather, C.S. Turnball, who was a Monitor in 1918-19. He has sent me a picture of the Monitors which is *attached* with this Edition. They are wondering if any of the members have

recollections, or family ties with those Monitors in the picture. Of course many of us remember the Headmaster “Old Chuckabrick”. It is remarkable to think how long that wonderful character was Headmaster. Other points Phil Cramer would like to know is if there are any of his contemporaries out there, recollections of a Professor White who taught Physics and what was his connection with the County of Suffolk. Also was there any intake of pupils at that time younger than eleven, and referring to the Photo, where was the “trellis” shown situated?

My thanks are due to Peter Sumpter who is excellent at organizing the Email Department and a positive help in assisting me with my Secretarial Duties. We wish him well with his forthcoming operation. We have an appeal out for someone to help, by taking over the responsibility of the Website. It is only a matter of maintaining it because all the information is collated by Bob Hartley.

Finally may I remind you that if you know any of the members with an email address who have not, as yet, registered it with us please let us know because apart from the more frequent Newsletters we can dispatch by this method, it is also financially beneficial to the Club.

New Members

I would like to send a warm welcome to the Club to several new members who have contacted us in recent months:

Ian Gee Rode White 1971 – 1977

Tony Gumbs 1976 – 1979

Ryan Wenzel

Sears, Ernest

John Gaucci

Mr. John Spanns

David Miles

Steven Allbright

Geoffrey Lee

Colin Collier

Luis Sobrino Riano

Walter Eyles 1945 – 1950

Alan Fenn 1942 - 48

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OBITUARY

CLAUDE FRANCIS LEWIS – 25.06.1913 : 31.04.2005

Mr C F Lewis started work at Holloway Comprehensive School as Deputy Headmaster to Mr M W Brown. He became headmaster in 1960 and retired in 1973. When he was a boy, he had attended Bec School in Tooting. He excelled there becoming Head Boy, Vice Captain of the Rugby team and was a crack shot gaining the Bell Medal at the rifle club. He went to London University and obtained an honours degree in French and Latin.

His first post was as assistant master at Mitcham Grammar School. Staff were needed to take boys camping – at Morgat in France, and thus he was introduced to the camping life and bought his first tent.

During the war, he became a P T Instructor in the RAF at Filey, taught gunnery and was subsequently commissioned and sent out to Penang. In 1948 he married and had two daughters, Clare and Barbara: Barbara is now Head of Modern Languages at Winchester College.

From Mitcham he moved to Holloway which, at the time, was one of the first comprehensives in London with approximately 1300 pupils. With Fred Lindgren, an Old Boy, and his wife, he took his daughters to camps that were organised for boys who could not afford to go on holiday. They all went on expeditions with the boys. He became a sailing enthusiast and many holidays were spent camping and sailing all over England with his daughters. Walking was another hobby that he pursued – again with his two daughters.

In 1973 he retired and moved to Emsworth at the head of Chichester Harbour where he had a boat. He became Commodore and later Treasurer of Emsworth Cruising Association. He taught part time near Chichester and became a School Governor in Havant.

When the boat was sold he was accepted as a member of Chichester Arts Society excelling at not only producing very high class portraits but also landscapes. Many of his pictures were sold privately at various exhibitions and his portraits were often bought by the people who sat for him. He held two posts of office for the Chichester Arts Society and often kindly helped other members by taking them to weekly evening demonstrations etc.

He was modest, multitalented, even embarking on learning to play the classical guitar in his 80's. He moved to Cornwall to be near his eldest daughter, Clare, enjoying visits to local projects like the Eden Project and the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth.

Although battling with cancer for the last 13 years, he remained a gregarious man with a strong sense of fun. With all his talents, energy and warmth, and wide circle of friends, he touched an enormous number of people. His influence would always be a good one and far more than most people would be able to exert.

He kept in touch with his former colleague, Mr M W Brown (known as Meredith) up until he passed away aged 98. Mr C F Lewis died in April 2005 having reached the age of 91.

Clare Austin – Daughter

News from the School

Holloway School goes the extra mile.....for Sport Relief

On Friday 14 March, staff and students at the school will be taking part in a triathlon to raise money for Sport Relief. The Holloway Triathlon will start at 2pm and incorporate a swim, a cycle ride and a run. The total distance to be covered is a mile:

- Swim 200m (8 lengths of the 25m pool)
- Cycle 782m (in the fitness gym or the playground)
- Run 627m (on the treadmills in the gym or around the Astroturf pitch)

Students will be sponsored by their peers with staff committing at least £10 for each staff member competing. Governors and friends of the school have also pledged their support. The Deputy Mayor of Islington, Stefan xxxxxxxx will be attending.

Over ten staff have already signed up including the Headteacher, Bob Hamlyn who will also be taking part - 'The triathlon is an excellent way to support a good cause and get students and staff involved in a sporting event. Everyone is very excited about using the *new pool* and we are hoping to raise over £2000'

Some students are also hoping to run the Sport Relief Mile on the Embankment on Sunday. Watch out Dame Kelly!

Bill Wood, Director of Sport - We have an excellent record in sporting achievements. The school offers a range of sports and activities in lessons, at lunchtimes and after school. Local primary schools and groups also use our facilities for specialist coaching and training'

New Members

A warm welcome goes to:

William Webb 1948 – 1953

Steve Yarland 1958 – 1963

George Ives

O.C. Secretary

Secretary's Notes 08-3

Phil Cramer sent us the attached cutting from the Islington Gazette which has a very interesting story. The picture is of the 1919 Monitors and of course the renowned Head F.R. Hurlestone-Jones (Chuckabrick!)

Phil is wondering if there are any Camdenians who know of, or who had any family connections with the Monitors whose names are, left to right

**D.L. Burn, C.S. Turnbull, F. Dowdall, P. Filer, G. Lance
Denney, A.W.H. Field, F.R. Hurlestone-Jones, H.S. Hall, F.H. Payne
(Captain) (Headmaster)**

George Ives

Old Camdenians Club

Founded 1909

President: Bob Hamlyn

Chairman: Alan Meyer

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OLD CAMDENIANS ANNUAL DINNER – 28th November 2008

Alam Z. Khan
Governor

Greg Davies
Head of Creative Arts

Louise Lewis
Head Girl

Bashir Ibrahim
Head Boy

Martin Hodgson
Deputy Head

Richard Brown
Past Chairman

Dave Dennis
Previous Deputy Head

Alex Williamson
Previous Deputy Head

Bob Hamlyn
President O.C.'s

Alan Meyer
Chairman O.C.'s

Bill Clark
Former Director of Education

Bill Wood
Director of Sport

Steve Murrell
Head of P.E.

Ryan Wenzle 2003-08
Islinton Sports Personality of the Year

Victoria Mathew 02-07
Former Head Girl

Alex Gordon
Head Of Arts

Joseph Ewen
Science

Jim Dreyer

George Ives
Secretary

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<p>Holloway</p> <p>100 Not Out!</p> <p>Old Camdenians</p> <p>Centennial Year 2009</p>	<p>We Bid a warm</p> <p>Welcome to all the</p> <p>Students present</p>	<p>Ian Salter</p> <p>Roger Gravett 62-64</p> <p>John Chandler 57-64</p> <p>John Bradford 57-64</p> <p>Paul Hammond 78-64</p> <p>Peter Hammond 71-76</p> <p>Steven Yarland 59-65</p> <p>David Mathews</p> <p>KEN RANSON 46-52</p> <p>Vice Chairman</p> <p>Peter Mathews 46-51</p> <p>John Bowman 67-71</p> <p>Clive King</p> <p>Howard Embleton 59-65</p> <p>Michael Rand 59-61</p> <p>Mike Bartley</p> <p>Alan Spaul 57-64</p> <p>Michael Lee 57-61</p>	<p>John Maskell 59-66</p> <p>Mike Kennedy 56-61</p> <p>George Palmer 53-58</p> <p>Fred Chartres 56-61</p> <p>Gary Davis</p> <p>Cliff Boyall 55-61</p> <p>Brian Basham 52-57</p> <p>Peter Andes 46-53</p> <p>Mike Duffy 58-63</p> <p>Robert Whenham</p> <p>SAMIR PATEL 94-99</p> <p>Alistair Vlahakis 97-00</p> <p>Derek Fricker 55-60</p> <p>Peter Frost 55-60</p> <p>Dave Nuding 54-59</p> <p>Mike Christou 55-61</p> <p>Phil Cowley 55-60</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <p>Patrick Jones 55-59</p> <p>George Perry 46-54</p> <p>Alan Robinson 47-54</p>	<p>Allan Burnett 42-47</p> <p>Derk Findlater 47-52</p> <p>Peter Clayton 48-53</p> <p>Bob Pinker 43-50</p> <p>Alf Motimer 48-50</p> <p>Ernie Sears 43-51</p> <p>Peter Hart 50-55</p> <p>REG PRITCHETT 49-57</p> <p>Fred Dickson 49-55</p> <p>Eric Heliczzer 48-52</p> <p>Alun Morgan 44-50</p> <p>Terry England 45-50</p> <p>David Smith 43-50</p> <p>John Smith 36-43</p> <p>J. Nickless</p>	<p>Next Year</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>November</p> <p>Book Night</p> <p>Avoid Disappearing</p>

**Revised Edition for John Bowman, Roger Gravett, John Chandler
and Ken Ranson**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2008**

Income

Surplus on Annual Dinner (incl. Donations)	469.51	
Donatios	1073.00	1,542.51
Other Income		<u>28.00</u>
		1,570.51

Less Expenditure

Contributions to School:

Prizegiving 250.00

Other Expenses:

Reception for Prize Giving 40.80

Cost of Football Match 146.85

Costs of Newsletter etc. 392.23

Trophy for School 53.00

Excess of Income over Expenditure **£687.63**

P. E. Cowley
Hon. Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST. AUGUST 2008

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST. August 2008

Accumulated Funds

Brought forward at 1st September 2007 7,189.17
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure 687.63

**Balance of Funds at 31st August
2008** **7,876.80**

Represented by:

Assets

- Cash at Bank	8,014.38
Stock of Ties	158.00
Loan to Football Club	1,000.00
	<u>9,172.38</u>

Creditors and Deferred Income			
50+ Club Income	1,113.00		
School Appeal Fund	157.58		
Other Creditor		25.00	1,295.58

£7,876.80

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