

OLD CAMDENIANS CLUB
CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER – 2012

My apologies to the non-sporting types among you, but what an action packed summer it turned out to be with, perhaps, those two memorable Olympic events eclipsing all else. Each provided a much needed uplift, and thoroughly confounded the cynics (myself included) with their spectacle and superb organisation.

So much has since been said and written about their success – a indeed a pound for every word would more than settle the Euro crisis! Only time will tell if a legacy really does materialise in terms of lasting support for grass roots sport. In the short term, however, there is no doubt that youngsters (hopefully Holloway School students among them) have been inspired by the many fine role models to emerge from these Games, and long may that momentum continue. Yet the Games also generated great national pride, and that sense of community spirit and teamwork so typified by the 70,000 volunteers. Harnessing and nurturing those qualities is something we can all work on, and what a legacy that would be!

LIASON WITH THE SCHOOL

As reported in earlier bulletins, there has been a good deal of interactivity with the School recently on various issues and we are indebted to Raymond Rowe, in particular, for his enthusiastic efforts in this respect. Our thanks are also due to the Head, Bob Hamlyn, for agreeing to an Old Camdenian presence at the GCSE exam results event on 23rd August, and to the inclusion of a 'welcome' letter inside the students' brown envelopes. We were very pleased with the positive outcome this produced.

By way of an update on other issues:

- It is hoped that the redesigned O.C. display cabinets will be in place for the Dinner in November. The overall theme will be on the lines of, "what can the O.C. Club do for Holloway School students", covering areas such as bursaries, O.C. history and achievements, and the annual dinner. However, Raymond had been given permission to address the School Council, seeking their views on the content of the cabinets and how best to get our message across. We await the outcome with interest.

- The Committee has agreed to allocate £1,000 towards bursaries to help students attend educational visits in 2012/13. Of this amount, £500 will come from the Twink Martin legacy, and the remainder from the 50+ Club and other sources. This offer of funding has, again, been greatly appreciated by all concerned at the School. Together with Samir Patel, Raymond will be engaged in further discussions with the School about how the money should be distributed, and their report will be presented at the AGM.

This is a very worthwhile use of Club funds, particularly those of the 50+ Club, If, therefore, you are not yet a member, do please consider joining (£60 pa or £5 per month standing order), as this will greatly assist our ability to support such projects in the future.

We will, of course, continue to keep you informed on progress with these, and any other such initiatives, all of which can only help to strengthen the existing lines of communication and co-operation with the School. In that respect we are extremely fortunate in having Martin Hodgson as the School's Liaison Officer.

SCHOOL NEWS

It will not have escaped your notice that the School has enjoyed its best ever set of GCSE results and is now the top performing mixed school in Islington. I feel sure you will wish to join the Committee in congratulating both students and staff on this excellent achievement. No doubt the Head will elaborate further in his President's Report (which follows) and, again, at the Dinner - which, we are delighted to report, he will be attending.

IN MEMORIAM

The Mid-Year Newsletter included tributes to George Robb, Mike Duffy and Colin Davies, and also mentioned the sad passing of Len Bovingdon, Colin Richardson and Alan Wright. Their names will be especially remembered when the toast to 'Absent Friends' is taken at 9:00pm on 30th November.

OTHER NEWS

- We have previously drawn your attention to Colin Robinson's proposed 'assault' on Mount Kilimanjaro in September 2013. This is a fund raising event in memory of Paul Scott and Colin Davies, both of whom died of cancer. Just to report that Colin Robinson's own remission continues to go well, and that he is over half way towards achieving his target of £4,550. Further support for this very worthy cause is always welcome and, if you wish to help Colin achieve his goal, more details can be found on his website: <http://www.justgiving.com/Colin-Robbo2>.
- Following a suggestion from Raymond Rowe, the School logo will now be incorporated into our own letter head.
- The School has now formally recognised the Old Camdenians Club as its alumni. For more details follow the link: <http://www.holloway.islington.sch.uk/content.php?id=21>.

CRICKET AND FOOTBALL CLUB REPORTS

We understand that the Cricket Club had a satisfactory season, with the 3rd XI gaining promotion and the 1st and 2nd XIs comfortably holding their own in their respective divisions of the Saracen Herts League.

The demise of the Football Club, of course, remains a great sadness. However, the pitches at Burtonhole Lane are currently used by the Old Woodhouseians for their home matches in the A.F.C. It is hoped, therefore, that a match can be arranged between the School and one of Old Woodhouseians' youth sides. Watch this space for further details.

The improvements at Burtonhole Lane are still ongoing. With the Clubhouse transformed, the focus is now on extending the width and length of the ground with tons of imported soil, as well as improving the goal-mouths. The Secretary and I hope to visit the ground at some future date just to view progress. Anyone interested in joining us, do please get in touch. You will be very welcome.

THE AGM/ANNUAL DINNER – FRIDAY 30th NOVEMBER

The Secretary's Report contains full details of how to book your place at this prestigious event. A real bargain in Central London, at £30 per head, including wine, beer, etc. – and, of course, excellent company.

If you cannot be there in person, please join us, in spirit, by raising your glass at 9:00pm, wherever you may be, for the traditional 'toast to Absent Friends'.

AND FINALLY

It has been an honour, and a privilege, to serve as your Chairman for the past ten years. Also, to have had the pleasure of working with the late John Hudson, and with Bob Hamlyn, Martin Hodgson, Alex Williamson, Bill Woods and Rob Hull (Chair of Governors), as well as attending many enjoyable school functions. The downside has been the passing of so many good friends and colleagues, not to mention the loss of the Football Club.

My good wishes go to my successor in taking the Club forward and forging ever closer ties with the School. My sincere thanks are due to: Peter Sumpter, Phil Cowley and the Committee for their invaluable support and hard work; George Ives for his unfailing dedication, good humour and inspiration; and, most importantly, my family for their patience, free secretarial support and calming influence.

So, now it's retirement to the back benches to write my memoirs.

Hope to see you all at the Dinner – please be there!

Alan Meyer
Chairman

OLD CAMDENIANS CLUB

MID-YEAR NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2012

Even the most avid sporting types and ardent royalists among you may now be wilting under the constant barrage of press and media hype surrounding the big events this summer. Perhaps, therefore, this newsletter will help provide a brief respite as it reproduces, and updates, the Old Camdenian news previously circulated by email.

First, how encouraging it is to see new members joining our ranks, often from unexpected and unlikely sources. Nevertheless, there must be hundreds more whom we do not know about and who, in turn, are not aware of the Club. So, if you know of, or come across, anyone who admits to having been educated at Holloway School, do please put him (or now, also, her) in touch with the Secretary.

On the other hand, how sad it was to report the loss of two eminent Old Camdenians in George Robb and Mike Duffy, as well as Colin Davies. The fact that the Club was well represented at all their funerals was greatly appreciated by the families concerned.

- In George Robb's case, the eulogy given in the packed Ardingly church perfectly caught his determined character and gentlemanly demeanour. No doubt many of you will have read the excellent tributes to George in the national press, but you will also be interested to see the personal reflections by Ernie Law, his contemporary and lifelong friend, which are attached.
- The O.C.s attending Mike Duffy's funeral, close to his home in Woking, were invited to join family, friends and work colleagues following the cortege on foot. Later, at the reception, and again at the family's invitation, George Ives gave a very touching tribute to Mike, emphasising his ever cheerful manner and tireless work for the Club, especially on the lease at Burtonhole lane.
- Colin Davies, whilst not an O.C., gave years of dedicated service to the cricket and football clubs, and to the development of Burtonhole Lane. Not surprisingly therefore, a large gathering of O.C.s attended his funeral in Peterborough, both to pay their respects and to celebrate Colin's eventful life. All three will be greatly missed and long remembered.

Still on a rather sombre note, the football club has resigned from the Amateur Football Combination (AFC), by mutual consent, due largely to its poor disciplinary record. This is not, necessarily, the end of the road as the club can apply, at some future date, to re-join the AFC as an associate member (ie

on probation). However, it will need to regroup and find a more reliable source from which to recruit its membership to stand any chance of being re-accepted. Not an easy task. How are the mighty fallen! The OCFC was a founder member of the Old Boys Football League; it was all conquering in the 1960s and has provided, probably, more league administrators than any other comparable club. Names like Bill Filer, Eddie Drummond, Jim Keating, Ron Nutkins and Mick Kennedy spring to mind – not forgetting those of us still actively involved with the AFC and finding the present situation pretty galling (ie John Maskell, Alan Robinson, Alex Grayburn and myself). We can only hope that the phoenix on our emblem will rise again from the ashes, although the 100 year old bird may need a bit of help – any volunteers!

Those who attended last year's AGM will recall the discussion about the Presidency, in the light of the Head's absence from two successive Dinners. Just to report that this was further considered by the Committee who have decided to recommend to this year's AGM that the current position should remain unchanged (ie that the Presidency should remain with the Headship).

Finally, this is virtually my swan song as Chairman after ten years in the post – but more of that in the next bulletin. In the meantime, with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations safely completed, there is still much to look forward to in this action packed summer. So, however, and wherever, you choose to spend your time I hope it proves enjoyable and that you will be joining us at the Dinner in November.

Alan Meyer – Chairman.

OLD CAMDENIANS CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Friday 25th November, 2011

1. Apologies for Absence as per attached
2. Minutes of 2010 AGM
Having been distributed, these were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters arising
There were no matters arising.
4. Chairman's Report
As per attached.

5. Chairman's Report

The Treasurer reported on the financial situation as per the attached accounts for the year ending 31st August 2011.

6. O.C. 50+ Club

The attached report on the financial position of the 50+ Club had been circulated. The Secretary mentioned that several numbers were still available.

7. Annual Dinner Ticket Cost

The Secretary's report had indicated the reasons why it had been necessary to increase the ticket cost to £30, after eighteen years at £25. These were noted and accepted.

8. O.C. Sports and Social Club

No report had been received. John Maskell explained that the Cricket Club had continued to field two Saturday sides and one Sunday side, with moderate success. The Football Club had run two elevens last season, the 2nd XI gaining promotion as runners up. This season, the Club had reduced to just one team for disciplinary reasons.

9. Golf Report

Phil Cowley reported that the Golf Day had not taken place due to lack of support. He would, nevertheless, try to find a suitable date in 2012.

10. Hon. Vice Presidents

The Committee recommended:

1st Year - Martin Hodgson

2nd Year -

3rd Year - Jim Brown

Both were duly accepted.

Officers

Chairman - Alan Meyer

Vice Chairman - Ken Ranson

Treasurer - Phil Cowley

Secretary - George Ives

Auditor - Alan Robinson

Hon. Legal Advisor - Mike Duffy

Email Secretary – Peter Sumpter

Archivist – Bob Hartley

Website Editor – Peter Joseph

There were no other nominations. Agreed en bloc.

Committee Recommendations

Peter Andes, Richard Brown, Patrick Jones, Neil Martin, John Maskell, George Panayi, Samir Patel, Bob Pearson, Martin Quilter.

There were no other nominations. Agreed en bloc.

Any other Business

No further points were raised

Apologies- Dinner 2011

Bob Hamlyn President

Derek Salmon 1965-59

Bernard Chibnall 1932-39

Mo Hales 1940-45

Ernie Law 1938-43

Terry Blackwell

Robert Fisher 1948-53

Philip Cramer 1927-32

Dennis Deletant 1957-64

Alan Cornelius 1946-53

Peter Mathews 1946-51

Wally Richards 1953-58

Bill Glover 1851-56

Brian (Ned) Kelly 1945-52

George Bennett 1947-52

Alf Mortimer 1948-50

Paul Smith (Head 1988-97)

Alan Shearn 1954-59

Barry Seller 1958-63

Brian Seller 1957-61

Charles Fellows 1930-35

Walter Richards 1953-

George Robb 1937-44

Bob Frost 1955-60

Ron Marino 1959-66

John Sparrow 1933

David Mathews 1949-55

1. In extending a warm welcome to all those present, the Chairman mentioned, in particular, the five first time attendees. He felt sure that those who had taken a tour of the School would have been impressed with the new facilities.
2. The Chairman also welcomed the Deputy Head, Martin Hodgson (once more deputising for the President); the principal guest, Bill Woods; the Chair of Governors, Rob Hull; and other guests including, especially, Beryl Martin.
3. The Chairman had spoken to Nora Wraight, Val Castle, and Denise Mitchell, all of whom asked to be remembered to old friends. Among those who sent their apologies, and their best wishes, were Ernie Law, Alf Mortimer and Alan Shearn (from South Africa).
4. The Chairman noted that the numbers attending were slightly down on last year due, in part, to illness. He thanked all those who had given so generously in donations, not least the non-attendees.
5. The Chairman reported the sad loss during the year of John Mulrennan, Alan Mitchell, Dick Nuttall, Tom Rolf and Ted Warwick. Where possible, the Club had been represented at the funerals. This, and our letters of condolence, had been greatly appreciated by the families and friends.
6. The Chairman regretted that the President was, once again an absentee; that the President's report had not been presented; and that the Head Girl and Head Boy were also absent. The Chairman quoted from correspondence in which the President explained the reason for his absence and why he could no longer allow students to attend. The President recognised the traditions of the Dinner and offered to stand aside if it was felt that his inability to commit to the Dinner made his position untenable. The President also felt a meeting in the New Year would be useful to help clarify the relationship between the School and the Old Camdenians.

The Chairman invited comments from the membership on these serious issues, preferably in writing, or by email, to the Secretary.

7. The Chairman thanked George Ives and the Committee for their support. He also paid tribute to Peter Sumpter, Dr. Bob Hartley and Peter Joseph for their sterling efforts during the year on behalf of the Club.

O.C. Secretary's Half Year Notes

New Members

Paul Goff

Jeff Linksey 1972-76

Congratulations

Eddie Arram 1959-64 became Mayor of Croydon on 21st. May 2012

Deceased

Len Bovingdon 1959-65

Where are they Now

Peter Le Cheminant: A colleague, Ronald Perry is anxious for news of the exact whereabouts of Peter who we have traced to the Guilford Area.

News

Your Committee is considering making further Grants to individual Students to allow them to take Foreign Study Trips. We understand that the policy of the School is to make sure that all students, during their time at the School, enjoy at least one of these Trips. We are hoping to assist in this regard and we are hoping that Mrs Beryl Martin will agree to also support via her most generous legacy she has presented to the Club in memory of "Twink".

A new member of the Committee Raymond Rowe, with Samir Patel, are at the moment negotiating with Deputy Head, Martin Hodgson about this point and will report back with recommendations, the outcome of which we will let you know.

Naturally this will cost money so perhaps we could please ask for your assistance by supporting the 50+ Club. This costs either £60 or a Standing Order of £5 per month. For this you will receive a Number between 1 & 49. A draw will take place on the last Saturday in the month via the National Lottery. The numbers winning will be the first 2 drawn in the Lottery and the prizes are £65 (£200 in November) and £20 (£50 in November). Please contact us if you are interested.

Colin Robinson who played for the Camdenians at both Cricket and Football, son of Alan a very distinguished O.C., is, at the moment in remission from Cancer. He has decided as a Fund Raising activity to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in September 2013. He is undertaking this in memory of his Stepfather Paul Scott a

renowned O.C. and his Uncle Colin Davies mentioned in the Chairman's Report who both died of Cancer. He would welcome support and further details can be gained from the website

<http://www.justgiving.com/Colin-Robbo2>.

O.C. Secretary's Notes 2012-1

New Members

Roy Pemberton, 1974-76, Edward A. Britton 1959-64, John Malaiperuman 1960-64

Deceased George Robb 1937-44, Colin Davies

Annual Dinner

Once again the AGM/ Dinner took place at the School on the traditional date of the last Friday in November. Preceding this was a tour of the School which gave an opportunity to view all the new facilities like the Swimming Pool, Sports Hall, Allweather Pitches and, of course, the extensive modernisation of the classrooms with their "state of the ark" modern technology installed. I thoroughly recommend this tour to anyone who as yet not had the opportunity.

The AGM minutes have been distributed and a Meeting, with the Head, is forthcoming re his decision regarding his inability to attend the Dinner and absence of the Senior Boy and Girl.

The Dinner itself was a great success and worth the new cost of £30 inclusive of Wines and Beers. I am sure you all have your new diaries in full operation, so here is the date of this year's event for you to insert.

Friday November 30th. 2012 at Holloway School

I am always amazed as to where O.C.'s "crop up". Instances of this are in the Apologies for the Dinner were that Alan Shearn (45-52,) Brian Seller (57-61) and Barry Seller (58-63) were absent because of playing Golf in South Africa. The idea has been floated that this year an Old Camdenians Golf Tournament is held in S.Africa and then all the players catch planes to U.K. in time for the Dinner!! Another O.C. Brian (Ned) Kelly (45-52) apologised because on the night in question he would be at the base camp of Mount Everest!

During the speeches at the Dinner, Beryl Martin, widow of "Twink" Martin presented the Chairman with a donation of £2000 in memory of "Twink". In her presentation she conveyed that she was very interested in the money assisting Students to go on foreign study trips. The Club itself has already assisted two students in this way and it is hoped that a further two will be assisted by the Leslie George Snelling Trust. Leslie also was an O.C.

The Club is continuing to collect books for presentation to the School Library and below is a report of the presentation. We are always interested in acquiring similar books and information about O.C. Authors to add to our Website. At the moment we have recorded over 260.

Rob Hull Chairman of Governors and **Martin Hodgson** Deputy Head received on behalf of the School.

George Ives announced the Club's additions to the collection of Books written by O.C.'s and presented to Holloway School.

John Barber presented his book

“Camden Town Murder”

Dr. Bob Hartley, Club Archivist Presented

“Encyclopaedia of Animals “

By Maurice & John Burton

G.W. Ives presented

“History of the Licensed Victuallers Nation Homes”

By George Ives

Dr. Bob Hartley presented

My Art is where the OHMS

&

Been there, Done That, Got the Tee Shirt

By William Web

Dr. Raymond Rowe presented his Book

“William Fletcher and the Steam Traction Engine”

Apologies- AGM/Dinner 2011

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50+ Club

We still have numbers available for the current year Draw. The profits help the Committee to assist the School especially the Students amongst other causes associated with Club.

Membership, **£60** per annum, or **£5** monthly Standing Order.

Prizes monthly are

First Prize **£65 (£200 in November)**

Second Prize **£20 (£50 in November)**

Winners are judged by the first two Numbers drawn in the National Lottery.

George Ives

GEORGE ROBB 1937-1944

The Media has covered most of George's public life: most of it is true, so my ramblings are purely personal.

His Mum died when he was three, leaving his Dad with a brood of six children – George the baby of the family – a fact he continually bragged about – and the only boast he ever made. Nell, the eldest girl, brought the family up, without any aid from Social Security, which didn't exist.

He captained the Pooles Park Junior Boys' invincible soccer team of scruffs, and a London Evening paper got wind and sent a reporter and photographer. We all got our 'photos took'.

A London County Council scholarship followed, aided by a brilliant English essay, which was taken round the school and fed into the awestruck ears of both boy and girl sections.

The four months difference in age, meant that I joined Holloway a year later, so didn't reconnect with George until we were evacuated to Towcester at the outbreak of war.

Stan Heritage – another Holloway legend – was once heard to declare that the years of evacuation were the happiest days of his life. Amen to that!

A born leader, George didn't realise his own potential until Rex King, that shrewdest of schoolmasters and second in command of the school A.T.C. unit, promoted him to Corporal. He never really liked giving orders, and although responsibility changed him, he never lost his charisma. He became focused, got his head down, and for Matriculation produced a Distinction in English Literature; a rare enough event:- but surely not from Remove B!?

After the last school summer forestry camp in Burnham Beeches, near Slough, we returned to London, ready for the 1943 Winter term. George and I joined the 6th form, he captaining an unbeaten 1st X1, and me an unbeaten 2nd X1.

During the Christmas break, we became temporary postmen, delivering parcels around the Caledonian Road, from a horse and cart, in freezing weather. I decided to volunteer for the Royal Navy, left school, but always kept in touch throughout our Service careers; he as a Navy P.T.I. and me as an A.B. (Radar).

After demobilisation, our families having moved into the Haringey area, mine as a result of bombing, made it easy for him to drag me out on Sunday mornings and train in Finsbury Park. He injured his knee once, so we spent an entire Sunday morning practising penalty kicks. I have recently learned from his wife

Kate, that he became the 'Spurs stand-by goal-keeper: substitutes weren't then permitted.

Living at home, while attending Borough Road Teachers Training College, enabled him to carry on playing for Finchley F.C., in the Athenian League, and play cricket for the O.C.'s, frightening the life out of Dennis Steel behind the stumps, with his hostile bowling, and thumping the ball to all parts with the bat.

His first game with Spurs was, as an amateur, on Christmas Day 1951 away to Charlton Athletic. When George scored in the three nil victory, the Holloway 'Yell' of 'Orney-Okey' floated across the Valley, and to say that he looked startled would be an understatement. The cry was our Towcestrian adaptation of a London street cry, but never really understood what it meant.

Somewhere along the way he managed to accumulate about eighteen England Amateur caps, including the 1952 Helsinki Olympics.

I usually did my pre-season training with Finchley, and one of the committee members sponsored a Youth football team on a nearby Council housing estate, and needed someone to coach them. George persuaded him – and me – that I could do it, opening up a new challenge in my life.

In June 1953 he signed a contract as a professional with Spurs, but insisted on a clause allowing him to continue with his full time teaching. Kate, his wife, told me that the Headmaster of Christ's College, Finchley, would allow him the Friday afternoon off, if he had an away match on Saturday.

On Monday, November 23rd 1953, Tom Finney, the England outside-left, pulled out of the team with a groin injury. George was picked to play against the Hungarian Amateur X1 at the Wembley Stadium with barely two days notice. The rest is history!

He once confided in me that he would never allow himself to slide down the football ladder once his first team career was finished. As good as his word, he saw out his contract with Spurs before moving to Ardingly, spending the rest of his career teaching at Ardingly College.

I stayed a couple of times with Kate and George when working in the Crawley area and Pam, my wife, and I visited them when George was well into his Vascular Dementia.

He died on Christmas Day 2011, exactly 60 years after his first game for Spurs as an amateur, but still the last of the Gentlemen Footballers.

Ernie Law

O.C. Secretary's Notes 2012-2

Mike Duffy 1958-63

Janet Duffy- Mike's Wife informed us that Mike has died after a short illness. His Funeral will take place at

All Saints Church

Woodham Lane

Woking

At 2-30pm on Wednesday 14th. March 2012

And afterwards at

Hoebridge Golf Centre

Old Woking Rd.

Old Woking

Surrey GU22 8JH

Family Flowers only

Donations to Woking Hospice.

Janet informs us that the Family will follow the cortege on foot as the Church is a short distance from their home. She has invited any Old Camdenians, if they wish to follow also on foot.

The Address is

ST. Quentin House

559 Woodham Lane

Woking GU21 5SH

There will be no eulogies delivered at the Church Service but Janet has invited anyone who wishes to speak to do so at the Reception following the service.

Mike was a long standing member of the O.C. Committee and most importantly was the Club's legal adviser. Indeed he worked tirelessly to secure the 30 year extension to the Mill Hill Ground Lease and negotiate the transfer of Title to the present day Trustees.

O.C. Secretary's Notes 2012-3

New Members

William (Bill) Meehan 1937-44 Author. Now in Club Website "Eminent Old Camdenians"

Richard Turner 1955-61 Guitarist Classical & Jazz. Now in Club Website "Eminent Old Camdenians"

Deceased

Colin Richardson

Alan Wright P.E. Teacher

Mike Duffy 1958-63 Club Legal Adviser

Great News

Match against School is on !

Saturday April 28th 2012
At Burton Hole lane Mill Hill K.O. 2-30pm

The traditional Match against the School should normally have taken place in September. However the F.A. have ruled that anyone under 16 years of age may not play against adults. With the co-operation of the Head and the Sports Staff of the School and of course the O.C. Sports and Social Club this is now been rearranged to take place on the above date.

Come along and enjoy a convivial and social afternoon and see for yourself the massive redevelopment of the **Clubhouse** featuring much new building and refurbishment. If you are travelling by "Tube" phone me on 077 142 698 60 and I will get someone to pick you up.

I have it on good authority that the Bar will be open and so there is an opportunity to buy me a drink! (Many of you are in that category! Especially those who go to Bournemouth instead of the Annual Dinner.

Sunshine has been ordered!

George Ives

O.C. Secretary's Notes 2011 -6

Below is a letter from Cheryl Lim which I think is fairly explanatory. Her brother Christopher **Ray** Lim would have been at the School from about 1960 to 64. If anyone can assist Cheryl in her search for information please get in touch with me and I will pass on the information.

George Ives

george.ives@btinternet.com

tel;01494 524 501

Hi George

It was good to speak to you today. From what I have found in the Islington Gazette my brother died on 7th April 1964, so he would have been fourteen (I think). Apparently the year before he died he had an accident playing football in the school gym and was in hospital for nine days. He committed suicide at home by hanging himself.

I would like to communicate with anybody who remembers him as I would like to know a little more about what he was like. I was eight years old when he died and I seem to have buried my memories and can only remember him very vaguely.

Thank you for offering to ask the 'old boys' whether any of them have any memories of my brother and are willing to share them with me.

Best wishes

Cheryl

New Member Roy Tulkens 1957-63

OLD CAMDENIANS CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Holloway School, Hilldrop Road, London N7 0JG

Friday 30th November 2012 at 6:30p.m.

1. Apologies for Absence as per attached.

2. Minutes of A.G.M. 2011
Agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising
There Were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report as per attached.

5. Treasurer's Report
The Treasurer reported on the financial situation as per the attached accounts for the year ending 31st August 2012.

6. O.C. 50+ Club
The attached report on the financial position of the 50+ Club had already been circulated. It was stressed that the income from this was enabling the Committee to support the School with Bursaries etc.

7. School Liaison Report
Delivered by Bill Rowe, in the absence of Raymond Rowe, as per attached. Richard Poddington, the Assistant Head, stressed the benefits that accrued from the Bursaries and the excellent results that were achieved from the foreign study trips.

8. O.C. Sports and Social Club Report

The Chairman outlined the general situation regarding Sports and Social Club. This included the complete refurbishment of the Club House and work on extending the ground so that the pitches could be brought parallel to the Club House.

The Cricket Club had enjoyed a satisfactory season with the 3rd XI gaining promotion.

9. Golf Report

Phil Cowley explained that there had been no activity of the Golf Club during the year but it was hoped that a date could be arranged for an informal Golf Day in the new year.

10. Hon. Vice Presidents

The Committee recommended:

1st Year - John Maskell

2nd Year - Martin Hodgson

3rd Year -

Both recommendations were duly accepted.

11. Officers

Chairman

Alan Meyer confirmed that he was resigning. The Committee had recommended Ken Ranson as his successor. There were no other nominations and Ken Ranson was elected unanimously. He then took the chair for the rest of the meeting.

Vice Chairman

Having indicated his willingness to stand, Peter Andes was nominated by George Ives and seconded by Alan Meyer. There were no other nominations and Peter Andes was elected unanimously as Vice Chairman.

Treasurer

Phil Cowley confirmed that he was standing down as Treasurer. He was thanked, most sincerely, for the great service he had rendered to the Club during his forty-five years in the post. The Committee had nominated Martin Quilter to succeed him as Treasurer. There were no other nominations and Martin Quilter was elected unanimously.

Secretary George Ives

Auditor Alan Robinson

Both had agreed to continue in office. There were no other nominations and George Ives and Alan Robinson were duly elected as Secretary and Auditor, respectively.

Committee Recommendations

Peter Andes, Richard Brown, Philip Cowley, Patrick Jones, Alan Meyer, George Panayi, Samir Patel, Raymond Rowe.

There were no other nominations. Agreed en bloc.

Other Officers (Committee Appointed)

Hon. Legal Adviser	Peter Gourri
Email Secretary	Peter Sumpter
Archivist	Bob Hartley
Website Controller	Peter Joseph

The Secretary, George Ives, pointed out how invaluable the above officers were to the Club and how, on many occasions, they had been instrumental in tracing Old Camdenians. He encouraged all the members to visit the website to see the excellent records and history of the Club and its distinguished members.

12. Any Other Business

Joe Tiernan (1968/76) presented to the Head, Bob Hamlyn, a book he had co-authored on the Somerset Light Railway.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE AGM – 30th NOVEMBER 2012

8. The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all present and especially to those attending for the first time. He was disappointed to note, however, that numbers were down on last year
9. The Chairman was, also, delighted to welcome the President, Bob Hamlyn, as well as the Deputy Head, Martin Hodgson, Richard Poddington, Bill Woods and other guests including former head boys Benjamin Daniell and Ryan Wenzel.
10. The Chairman had spoken to Nora Wraight, Kate Robb and Denise Mitchell. Similarly, the Secretary had been in touch with Janet Duffy. All sent their good wishes and asked to be remembered to old friends
11. The Chairman thanked all those who had given so generously in donations which, he assured at the meeting, would be put to very worthy causes, such as school projects.
12. The Chairman paid tribute to Raymond Rowe for his initiative in progressing various issues with the School. This had produced some positive results and his efforts had been much appreciated.
13. The Chairman congratulated the School, staff and students on an excellent set of GCSE results, and on a similar level of sporting achievement. He noted that the School is now the highest attaining mixed school in Islington.
14. The Chairman reported the very sad loss, during the year, of two eminent Old Camdenians, namely George Robb and Mike Duffy, as well as Colin Davies and Alan Wright, a former sports master at the School. Where possible, the Club had been represented at the funerals. This, and our letters of condolence, had been greatly appreciated by the families and friends. The Chairman asked that all the above, coupled with the names of Len Bovingdon and Colin Richardson, be remembered in the toast to Absent Friends.
15. The Chairman also expressed his great sadness at the demise of the Football Club after such a remarkably successful existence of over one hundred years. He knew that these sentiments were shared by many other Old Camdenians.
16. The Chairman said that it had been an honour and a privilege to serve in the post for the past ten years. He thanked the Committee for all their support and wished his successor well in taking the Club forward. He also paid tribute to Phil Cowley, who was stepping down as Treasurer after forty-five years of dedicated service.

Bursary Liaison Officer's Report to Old Camdenians AGM

1 of 2 Dr. Raymond Rowe MSc, PhD, FCMI Friday 30th November 2012

I was warmly welcomed onto the OCs' Committee this year and volunteered to liaise with Holloway School and help promote the Old Camdenians' Club. To that end our President, Bob Hamlyn and his deputy Martin Hodgson have been most willing to support me and I thank them both.

1). I would like to take this opportunity to thank our President for inviting me, as your OC representative, to the GCSE Exam Results day in August. It was a wonderful experience! Congratulations to Bob and his team for creating such a successful learning environment – may it continue.

Each student received a brown envelope with their GSCE exam results inside. They also had a signed letter from Bob, as our President, welcoming them on becoming Old Camdenians.

I was allowed to set-up an OC stall in the Main Hall, where I met with our new OC members; the outgoing Head Girl, Emily Geraghty and the outgoing Head Boy, Benjamin Daniels. I also met the Mayor of Islington and the press too. Well done Holloway School!

2). We (the OCs) have been allocated the use of two wall display cabinets in the corridors of the school. These are in prominent positions and I've had some very positive feedback from the pupils, staff and OC members. Hopefully, you'll get an opportunity of seeing both displays and make comment on how they could best represent what the OCs can do for the students of Holloway School?

3). I have had an opportunity of addressing the School Council and asked its members to offer suggestions as to how the new OCs' displays could be improved upon; emphasising OCs willingness to offer funding for educational visits and out-of hours learning.

I would like to thank Kellie Hodgson (School Librarian) for making this possible. The School Council includes the Head Boy and Head Girl and pupils from years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. This is an excellent conduit for us OCs. I look forward to working with them over the coming years!

4). In my role as 'Bursary Liaison Officer' I have met with Richard Poddington, Assistant Head Teacher, who is responsible for 'Out-of-hours learning'. We discussed the various funds available from the OCs as bursaries:- such as the

Snelling Trust; Twink Martin's Memorial fund; and the monies accrued from the 50+ club. I have supplied Richard with our new application forms. I look forward to working with Richard over the coming years!

You'll have noticed from our President's report that four students received financial assistance from OCs to attend 'Out-of-hours learning' in Madrid, Berlin and Poland. The GCSE subjects: - Geography, History and Spanish are all part of the E-BACC suite of qualifications, part of the Government's new benchmark for school performance. I hope that Richard and I can work to ensure many more students will be given an opportunity in this academic year.

If we increase the 50+ fund we can be assured this will happen. If you're not already a member, please speak to George Ives about joining.

5). The Data Protection Acts seem to be thwarting us contacting the missing years or should I say decades of OCs!! 70's, 80's, 90's and yes the Naughties too! We've been a mixed school for the past seven years – where are all our female members? Again, we are looking at ways to improve this situation. Finally, I wish to thank George and Pam Ives for all their support and help in this my first year on the Committee. Also, I thank Alan Meyer for his support too and wish him a happy retirement. I look forward to working with our new Chairman and redoubling our efforts to recruit more OCs.

Thank you.

Raymond

Dr. Raymond Rowe MSc, PhD, FCMI

CAMDENIANS CLUB

GENERAL FUND

(INCORPORATING THE HURLESTONE-JONES & KING-SEITZ MEMORIAL FUNDS)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2012

Income

Surplus on Annual Dinner	214.99
Donations	950.00
Other Income	64.66

1,229.65

Less Expenditure

Cost of trophies for Football Match	182.00
Costs of Postage & Newsletters	676.64
Room Hire for Meetings	55.00
Donations	75.00
Sundry Expenses	34.95

1,023.59

Excess of Income over Expenditure **£ 206.06**

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P.E. Cowley

Hon. Treasurer

A.M. Robinson

Hon. Auditor

CAMDENIANS CLUB

GENERAL FUND

(INCORPORATING THE HURLESTONE-JONES & KING-SEITZ MEMORIAL FUNDS)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2012

Accumulated Funds

Brought forward at 1st September 2011	7,310.02
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	206.06
<u>Balance of Funds at 31st August 2012</u>	£ 7,516.08

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Represented by:

Assets

Cash at Bank **12,231.67**

Sundry Debtor **25.00**

Stock of Ties **19.06**

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12,275.73

Creditors and Deferred Income:

50+ Club Fund **2,759.65**

Twink Martin Fund **2,000.00**

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4,759.65

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£ 7,516.08

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P.E. Cowley

Hon. Treasurer

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A.M. Robinson

Hon. Auditor

OLD CAMDENIANS CLUB

50+ CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2012

Balance of funds brought forward **1,899.65**

Income in Year **2,285.00**

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4,184.65

Less Expenditure:-

Contribution to Students School Trips **360.00**

Prizes **1,040.00**

Postage & Stationery **25.00**

————— **1,425.00**

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Balance of Funds at 31st August 2012 **£ 2,759.65**

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TWINK MARTIN FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2012

Donation received in Year **2,000.00**

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Balance of Fund at 31st August 2012 **£ 2,000.00**

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P.E. Cowley

Hon. Treasurer

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A.M. Robinson

Hon. Auditor