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The Old Camdenians November News 2018 The Annual Reunion

It is October 26, 2018 and a lot of Old Camdenians have gathered for the annual Lunch and AGM.

The table layout is attached listing the more than 60 who attended and it was pleasing to note that once again there were quite a lot of first time visitors who took part in the tour of the school.

Let us use some pictures to tell a few stories.



These two are particularly significant as they contrast the old brigade with the new intake of 2018.

To the left we have 6 people (Eric Heliczer is holding the camera) whose combined ages total the breath taking sum of just over 500 years!

To the right we see 8 new arrivals that total no more than around 136 years.

Some of the names, Ken Ransom, David Smith, George Ives, Terry England and Bob Pinker.

Lara Debiassi, Ellie Mandela, Exauce Mombale, Mustaf Kasow, Nahid Abdin, Amrita Singh.

There are two outstanding features being first the enormous age difference and secondly how much more attractive some of the new 2018 members are.

The task is to retain the old traditions and yet open the door to the 21st century. Our future depends on the latter.

The day takes the form of signing in and receiving a name tag. Many then move away on the school tour whilst others start to congregate and mingle, with glass in hand. We have the AGM in the old hall and then adjourn to the new section for a multi course lunch.

There are a few short speeches, some presentations and then the lunch and all the conversation that accompanies this, as people re connect with old faces and names.

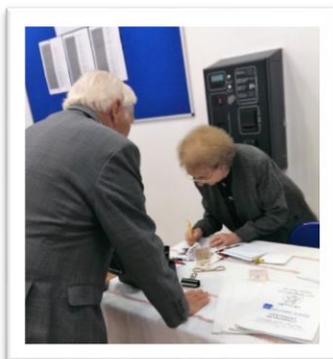
We sing the school song. Oh yes. It may seem odd to some but this tradition lives on and everybody enters into the spirit, kept in place by a piano accompaniment.

I have to mention the lunch itself as to manage 4 courses plus coffee is a major task that is all helped down by plenty of wine.

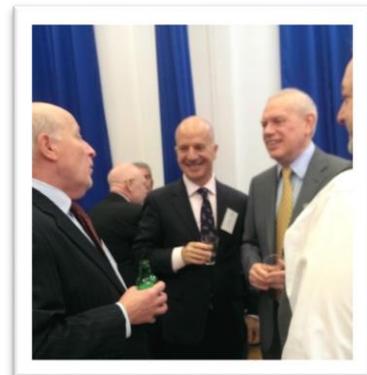
Ann Tenant runs the show assisted by Chris, Tska and Judy with some doubling up with admin duties associated with the day.



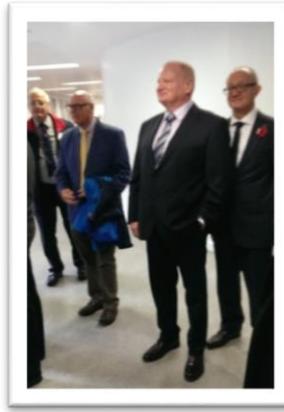
I will insert a few of the many pics taken but we hope to post all the others on the web site for general viewing.



Pam books them in and a party heads off to tour the 3 sections of the school being the old, the new and then the new new! Others mingle and find the bar.



The names of the tour included Dawson, Barnes actually fell in



those wishing to go on Magee, Wade, Thomas, and Daines, but more line.

The AGM starts promptly with reports offered up and last minute number crunching for the accounts. People are elected to the committee and any other matters can be raised.

Despite the picture there was no drum roll as Martin gives out the numbers watched closely by Ray and Ken.



The old hall now serves as a music room and people spread out to find a suitable parking space.





The honours boards are still in position yet noticeably ending around 1960.

I see that my own house is the final one recorded.

The school has allocated new names to the houses being, for example Irvin, who was an OC and member of the RA. One of his paintings is on show at the school. All houses are

toasted during the lunch although there is no direct link to White House and George offers up the name "Docs own" that recalls that well known chemistry teacher with the bent finger which meant that you never quite knew who he was aiming at when making a point.

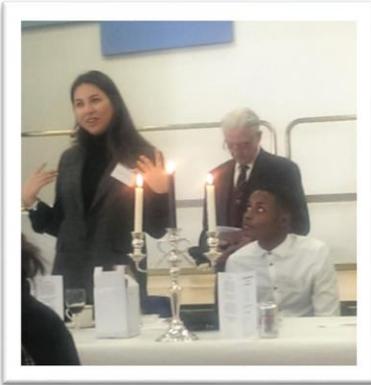
And then we have the lunch itself complete with head table.

Bursaries were provided to some students and a donation was made to the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN	HOUSES CHALLENGE
1926-7 F.S. PITT	1930-1 WHITE
1927-8 B.D. BUCKHAM	1931-2 WHITE
1928-9 H.M. BRISTOW	1932-3 WHITE
1929-0 E.B. BANGERT	1933-4 WHITE
1930-1 K. RUDEMALP	1934-5 WHITE
1931-2 R. MILLER	1935-6 RED
1932-3 E.H. BAKER	1936-7 RED
1933-4 A.C. PATIBONE	1937-8 RED
H. KYNE	1938-9 WHITE
D.B. TAYLOR	1944-5 RED
R. SHIMPSON	1945-6 BLUE
T.A. PRICHARD	1946-7 RED
A.J.H. BENSLEY	1947-8 BLUE
S.J. WHITEMAN	1948-9 RED
R.A. MACKNESS	1950 BLUE
D.J. MCCARTHY	1951 BLUE
E.T. JARVIS	1952 BLUE
J.A. SMITH	1953 BLUE
P. LE CHEMINANT	1954 BLUE
B. CHERNOFF	1955 BLUE
S. HERITAGE	1956 BLUE
D.R. WILLIAMS	1957 BLUE
A.J. GODFREY	1958 BLUE
A.J. GODFREY	1959 RED
C.W. STEELE	1960 WHITE
H. GREEN	
G.H. TAYLOR	
J.A. MORRIS	
E. WARRICK	
E. ROITT	
J.P. GREGG	
R.F. NUTHALL	
C.H. SUTTON	
A.A. MITCHELL	
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H. LEVY	
B. HUMPHREYS	
R. KARNEHAM	
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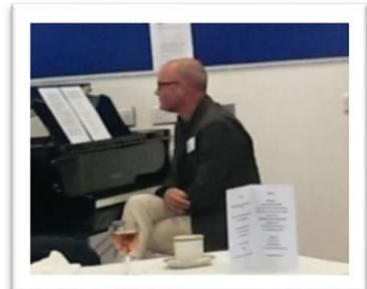
Ex-Met Chief Superintendent and OC, Brian Heard presents a copy of his book on ballistics to the school library.



Head girl and boy, Lara Debiasi and Exauce Mombale say thanks and George gallantly provides a rose to each lady at the lunch.



The rest of us get on with talking, sipping some wine and having a good lunch.





Actually this selection of shots turned out fairly well with good coverage of events and people.

But, as mentioned earlier, we have lots more that we will try and include in a 2018 Lunch section in the web site.

Our first Committee meeting takes place later this month and we will relay the details in the next News sheet.

It is encouraging to note the discussion about donations to the club and therefore to the school and that this has led to a few more people joining the 50+ Club. Thanks.

We hope that the new members will be able to take on some of the roles of running the Old Camdenians but we are eager to find people who would like to help with our web site and finances.

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