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The Old Camdenians

January News 2019

A few of you may have already heard of the loss of John Davenport but Alan Meyer has now prepared a small tribute to him.

In addition we have a picture of the winning team of 1959 for, as most often happens, an obituary links up to some kind of Old Camdenian sports event.

John Davenport (1948-1953)

We were very saddened to learn that John had passed away on 31st October. He was a popular member of the football club during the 1950s and 1960s, and played a key role in the 3rd XI's 4 – 0 defeat of Old Cheyneans in the London Old Boys Minor Cup Final of 1959. For much of the game, we were under siege by our skilful opponents who had lost only once during the season. However, much against the run of play, it was John's stunning 25 yard volley, on the turn, into the top of the net which put us on the road to victory and changed the course of the game. Thereafter, George Perry added a hat-trick of breakaway goals, thus securing the club's first ever Cup Final success. Happily, there were many more to come!

John was a great club man and clearly enjoyed returning to the fold, from his home in Berkshire, whenever he could, to attend our annual reunions. He will long be remembered in club circles, not just for his footballing talents, but for his warm personality, sociability and good humour. Our sincere condolences have gone to Rose, his wife of 62 years, and to the three generations of his devoted family, at their sad loss.

Alan Meyer



We need to give these faces some names so from back row l to R.

C.Broad, R.Thomas, E.Lax, A.Meyer, A. Leonard

Front row L to R.

R.Nutkins, P.Pursesey, G.Ives, G.Perry, R.Gubler, J.DAVENPORT.

As we all know this was the start of the Golden Years of Old Camdenian`s soccer. But the pic throws up a few points and I am sure John would not mind this light hearted look at:-

The hair styles.

Those baggy shirts.

And how well the socks match.

(Thought prompted by Lesley)

Other news.

Do any of you go into the two web sites that we link up to?

The addresses are given at the foot of this newsletter.

The Holloway School offering is very good and must have cost a great deal to set up. The OC one on the other hand is more modest in nature but you will find a “gallery” section into which we are now adding pictures. The 50+ results are provided and we also have the old Newsletters starting with the Lunch of 2017. The pics of the honours Boards are also on show.

As you know the Newsletters have many photos in them and make for a useful means of reminding you about some of your old school mates.

If you are looking for the Old Camdenians in the Holloway site then go to Future First and there you will find our Newsletter.

We have recently had two more old pics from Geof Swallow being the Athletics teams of 1956 and 1957. You can see them in the Gallery setion of our web site. Have a look and let me have some names that we can mention with the pics.

When browsing the Holloway web site I had a look at school uniforms and worked out that to kit a young lad out today will cost around £90/100 and that is with one shirt and one pair of socks and no sports kit.

The school has had some poor academic and Ofsted results but new heads and governing bodies are designed to turn this position around. The school is now part of the Futures Federation of Schools. The site tells you all about it.

Friday Oct 25 2019

Here we go again as we need to tell you about the date for the next **Reunion and AGM**. Mark in your calendar and keep the day free.



Alan Shearn

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