

OLD CAMDENIANS CLUB

CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER – 2006

What a year this has been for rapidly changing world events, political intrigues and sporting controversies. But it was the extraordinary summer weather which caused most concern here as the July drought played havoc with our newly acquired garden and the grass turned a seemingly irretrievable golden brown. However, the August and September monsoons brought a smile back to the Head Gardener's face as her carefully selected plantings made a miraculous recovery and the Under Gardener resumed full employment with his mower!

CELEBRATIONS

- It was a remarkable year also for George and Pam Ives who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on 24th June. I'm sure that all Old Camdenians will want to join me in congratulating them on their wonderful achievement and in offering our very best wishes for many more years of happiness together. A number of Old Camdenians joined a large gathering of guests at a superb location in Beaconsfield to help George and Pam celebrate as only they know how.
- Just to remind you that in 2007 the School celebrates its centenary. The Club will be fully involved with those celebrations and we will be keeping you posted with arrangements for the various events planned. (See also the Secretary's report.)

Moreover, 2009 sees the centenary of both the Old Camdenians Club and the Football Club. It is never too early to start planning for such events so do please let us have your ideas and suggestions for celebrating these prestigious landmarks.

NEW MEMBERS

During the year we have extended a very warm welcome to the following new members: Paul Ferguson (1991-1996); Derek Fricker (1955-1960); Alan Isherwood (1954-1959); Eric Marrion (1955-1962); John Middleton (1955-1962); Robert Mugliston (1950-1954); Pat Pearman (1957-1963); David Rebak (1935-1939); Tony Stratton (1988-1993); David Vorhaus (1955-1962) and Bill Clark, Honorary O.C. (Ex Director of Schools Services Islington).

SCHOOL EVENTS

- Those who attended last year's Dinner will not have forgotten the terrific display of song and dance performed that night by the students. On 17th July, a party of Old Camdenians greatly enjoyed the School's End Of Year Performance at the Peacock Theatre. This involved 140 Holloway Boyz and Girlz who put on another action packed show well

worthy of its West End venue. Such was the demand for tickets that an even bigger venue is being considered for next year – with the Emirates Stadium high on the short list! Whatever the location it should be a real cracker of a show particularly with the School celebrating its centenary. Sadly, however, it will not be masterminded by Jackie Sherren who has returned home to her native Australia. Although she will be sorely missed, I'm sure the tradition of song and dance she has helped to establish at the School will continue to flourish. Incidentally, it was a great pleasure to see John Hudson at the show and in such good form after his serious illness. Moreover, he is looking forward to joining us at the Dinner.

CORRESPONDENCE (LETTERS AND EMAILS)

- Alan Shearn has returned to South Africa after an 18 month tour of duty based in Ilkley, Yorkshire. He found the UK looking impressive and feels there has been a dramatic reversal of roles since the 1970s when South Africa had everything going for it and the UK was down in the dumps. He comments also in some detail on the many problems facing South Africa in hosting the football World Cup in 2010. More instalments in his perceptive series 'A Camdenian in Africa' are promised. In the meantime, Alan sends his best wishes to all.
- Dave Edmonds (Physics teacher 1965-1968) has forwarded a photograph taken in July 2006 of himself with Stan Munson (teacher 1965) and John Godfrey (teacher 1966). John and Dave live, by happy coincidence, in the same West Yorkshire village and Stan in Utrecht (Holland). The photograph is now on the website under 'Where are they now'.
- Howard Embleton (1959-1965) has drawn attention to a film entitled 'The Prefects' made in 1960 by sixth formers, Richard Best and Brian Lofts. It was apparently shown on T.V. Howard, who has a copy, has offered to show the film at a suitable occasion, e.g. the Annual Dinner or at an event connected with the School's centenary. A further note about the film is attached (see Addendum to Newsletter 05/2006).
- John Castle sends his good wishes to all. After a serious operation for bowel cancer he is recovering well at home in Bexhill thanks to his wife's cooking and plenty of sea air. John has happy memories of playing football for O.C.F.C. in the 1960s when the Club, under Bill Filer's Chairmanship, won everything in sight. What a Dinner that was. We all wish John a full and speedy recovery.
- Gordon Clarke sends his regards from Stratford upon Avon and invites any Old Camdenians in the area to stop by.

Gordon is, of course, fondly remembered by many of his former pupils one of whom was Alan Pritchard (1953-1958). He writes, "I was dozing gently against a radiator as Gordon was going round the class asking questions. My name was called out and I opened my eyes to see a finger a few inches away...I couldn't resist it. The day I bit the French master is now one of my grandson's favourite stories. Do give him my very best regards."

Another was Philip Jackman (1960-1966) now living in Toronto, Canada where he made a career in journalism after moving there in 1975. He recalls that his A-level Latin classes were often held in Gordon's office and that the latter would often produce a packet of Players tipped cigarettes and have the occasional smoke during the lesson. It drove Philip crazy as, by that time, he was already smoking and would have loved to have lit up too. He has quit now but only recently. Philip's letter concludes, "Anyway I just wanted to tell you that you were a wonderful teacher and to let you know how much I appreciate all the time and effort you took with me. I think of you every time I triumphantly correct a writer who has thoroughly mangled a Latin expression." Sentiments which those of us who were also lucky enough to be taught by Gordon would wish to echo.

Your news, views and reminiscences are the lifeblood of all the newsletters we publish so do please continue to keep your letters and emails rolling in.

FOOTBALL APPOINTMENTS

- John Maskell is now a Life Vice President of the Amateur Football Alliance (A.F.A.).
- Alan Robinson has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the A.F.A. where he joins John Maskell. Alan is also likely to become Treasurer of the A.F.A. to add to his duties as Treasurer of the Amateur Football Combination (A.F.C.) and the London Old Boys Cup Competition. Busy men these accountancy types!
- Alex Grayburn is Assistant Referees' Secretary for the A.F.C. and serves on its Executive Committee.
- Yours truly has been appointed President of the A.F.C. – a very great honour both personally and for the Club. The A.F.C. is an amalgamation of the former Old Boys Football League, the Southern Olympian League and the London Financial F.A. It is probably now the largest amateur league in the country comprising 101 clubs who field over 300 teams each Saturday. A massive organisational exercise and all undertaken by volunteers.

These appointments continue Old Camdenians' proud tradition of providing admin support to amateur football and follow in the distinguished footsteps of Bill Filer, Jim Keating, Eddie Drummond, Ron Nutkins and Mick Kennedy.

A.G.M. AND ANNUAL DINNER – FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2006

The Secretary's Report gives full details of this important event together with an application form. Information has already been posted on the Club website and ticket sales are going well. So they should, because where else in London can you have a four course meal with

wine, coffee, waitress service and congenial company all for the bargain price of £25. We do hope that as many of you as possible will attend, either individually or with a group of your contemporaries, to swell the numbers which last year again exceeded the one hundred mark. For those of you who really cannot make it please ensure that your glass is fully charged at 9:00p.m. when we will be toasting 'Absent Friends'.

IN MEMORIAM

Norman L. Fost (1940-1947), 24th March 1929 - 22nd March 2006

Norman joined Holloway at Towcester in 1940 being one of the "evacuee" generation. His brother, Len, already a senior pupil, was billeted at Potterspury where Norman joined him and adapted to country life. He returned to London with the school in 1943, remaining there until 1947 having gained his Higher School Certificate. At school he became a prefect, vice-captain of Green House and a cadet in the Air Training Corps.

After a short spell working, intriguingly, at the "News of the World", he joined the Army – not the most warrior-like of conscripts. Following National Service and a brief return to Fleet Street, he achieved his great ambition, becoming an undergraduate at St. Catherine's, Oxford, where he became Chairman of the Junior Common Room and rowed for the college. University life suited him admirably.

After Oxford he embarked on his chosen career as a teacher, first at a South London comprehensive and then, following his marriage to Margaret, transferring to the more congenial surroundings of Devon. Here he spent many busy and rewarding years teaching at Kingsbridge, ending his career as senior history master.

Retirement provided happy times, divided between tennis, painting, choral singing and voluntary work with the Citizens Advice Bureau and, of course, spending more time with his family to whom he was devoted. Always genial and interested in people, Norman was guided by strong moral principles and a firm determination to accomplish whatever he undertook.

He leaves Margaret and their three daughters and his passing brings to an end a long association of the Fost family with Holloway School. As well as brother Leonard, a school captain, their uncle Alfred, was a pupil and a contemporary of Richard King.

Alex Martin (1936-1938), aged 84

As a teenager, Alex saved the money he earned as a clerk for a securities broker to pay for ballet classes. In the 1940s he danced with various companies including one later to become the Royal Ballet. He moved to Cleveland, Ohio in the 1950s and taught there at the Ballet Russe. He would regale the locals with stories about dancing in such movies as 'The Red Shoes' and at historic events such as the coronation of Prince Rainier of Monaco. In his later

years, he wrote reviews for dance publications in England. Alex leaves no immediate surviving relatives.

Sadly we also have to record the passing of Ivor Jackson (1934-1939) and Michael Clitherow (1959-1966).

OTHER NEWS

- As if he has not got enough to do, George Ives is launching himself into the literary world. The first draft of his History of the Licensed Victuallers National Homes is being prepared prior to publication. George was Director General of that organisation for many years. He is also co-ordinating the publication of the 100 year History of Holloway School to which John Hudson has made a significant contribution.
- Bill Wraight is in his own words “doing quite nicely” after a recent spell in hospital. He much appreciates the many enquiries from Club members and asks to be remembered to all.
- Mick Lerner sounds chipper despite a “rather up and down” year. He has however decided to stand down after many years service as our Auditor, for which the Club owes him a great debt of thanks. Our very best wishes go to both Mick and his wife Peg for a better year ahead.
- Mo Hales is as cheerful as ever although now not quite so mobile. Nevertheless he is a regular visitor to the Emirates Stadium and is still actively involved in football administration with the London Football Association. Alas, Mo will not be at the Dinner but sends his best regards to all his old friends.
- Good to see Lawrence Gosling at B.H.L. recently and obviously well on the mend after his serious illness. Better still he has taken over again as Football Club Secretary.

STOP PRESS

- Anyone interested in giving career talks or extra curricular teaching to School students please contact the Secretary with details. Similar ventures in the past have proved very successful.
- The list of distinguished Old Camdenians prepared by Dr. Bob Hartley is now on the website. Anyone willing and able to help with maintaining this valuable record and updating the Honours Boards please contact either the Secretary or Peter Sumpter.

Finally, my thanks to:

- Peter Sumpter and family for producing regular news updates and managing the website so expertly through the year.
- Your Committee for their guidance and sound advice.
- My daughter Lesley for typing this missive and deciphering my handwriting so well.
- George and Pam Ives for, as ever, their tireless efforts for both the Club and the School.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the Dinner.

Alan Meyer
Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE AGM – 24th NOVEMBER 2006

1. The Chairman extended a warm welcome to everyone present and, in particular, to first time attendees, the guests for the evening and those who had made long journeys to attend. The latter included Dr John Hudson (the former Headteacher) who had flown in from America.
2. The Chairman reported that attendance was, disappointingly, a little down on last year. However, he thanked all those who had contributed so generously with donations which amounted to £610.
3. Among those tendering their apologies were Bill Wraight, Mo Hales and Johnny Castle all of whom were recovering well after illness. Also, the Secretary had recently lunched with Gordon Clarke who was in good form and sent his good wishes to all. Several Old Camdenians living abroad had been in touch including Alan Shearn from South Africa, Ian Broome from Australia and Philip Jackman and Denis Delettante from Canada.
4. The Chairman congratulated Pam and George Ives who had celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in June. On behalf of all Old Camdenians he thanked them for their efforts in support of the Club and the School and wished them many more years of happiness together. Several Old Camdenians had attended the reception.
5. The Chairman thanked all those who had contributed to the Newsletter. He was delighted to see another positive report from Bob Hamlyn on the School's achievements in many areas of activity during the year. He added that those who had seen the end of year performance at the Peacock Theatre were greatly looking forward to the 2007 show in what will be the

School's Centenary Year. The Chairman also drew attention to the reports from the Football and Cricket Clubs and from the Golf Society.

6. The Chairman reported with great sadness the passing of Mick Lerner who had been a regular attendee at the Dinner until last year. Mick had played for the Old Camdenians at both football and cricket with great distinction and had held the post of Club Auditor for many years. The attendance at his funeral of a number of Old Camdenians had been greatly appreciated by his family.

Mick's name would be coupled with those of Joe Hogan, Alex Martin, Norman Fost, Ivor Jackson and Michael Clitherow in the Toast to Absent Friends.

7. Finally, the Chairman expressed his appreciation to the Committee for all their hard work and support during what had been another busy year.

Secretary's Notes 2006

The School continues to progress both on the Academic and Sporting sides. Those who attend the Dinner this year will have an opportunity of viewing the allweather Floodlit Pitches and the state of the Art Sports Labarotory. In the Lab there is a comprehensive array of "Fitness" machines all computer controlled and connected. Indeed, many visitors including some Camdenians have commented that the set-up is infinitively superior to any of the commercial enterprises which cost hundreds of pounds to join and be a member. You may recall that when the Sports College bid was announced an appeal was launched to Club members to support by donating towards the £50,000 required to be raised. With the magnificent contributions of our members, together with others such as Arsenal, £60,000 was raised to which the Government added a further £60,000 which provided the capital for the Lab. At the time, a promise was made that the names of all contributors would be recorded in the School. We are busy designing the necessary Plaque, and the Head has said that as the money contributed went towards the Sports Lab, the Honour Board should be situated in the Lab. Consequently, we are hoping it will be in situ by the time of the Dinner.

On a personal note may I say "thank you" on behalf of Pam and I for the magnificent bouquet sent to us on 50th. (I say 500) Anniversary.

Phil Cramer who now resides in Ipswich, sent me a story about one of the Holloway Girls. Evidently she had a friend who unfortunately died as a result of Epilepsy. Our pupil

had recently won a Bike in a School Competition and decided to raffle it to raise money in her friends name. She touted the tickets around the Shops at the Brecknock amongst others, including the workmen on a local building site raising in the process £680 for the cause. When the draw was held, the Bike was won by a workmen who, knowing how much her deceased friend had meant, promptly gave the Bike back to her. As Phil said, we very often criticise the youth of today but examples like this show that not all the present day young people should be "Tarred with the same Brush". On a lesser note but still significant, my wife and her sister at the Football Match v. the School always organise the Buffet and operate the Tombola. This year as the School team was leaving, one of the young Players came back into the Bar and shook Pam's hand and thanked her most sincerely for all that had been done for the School Team that day. Proud to be a Camdenian!

During the year Ken Ranson was elected Vice Chairman because of John Maskell's resignation. He has also been seconded as an ex-officio member of the School Centenary Committee. No specific plans have emerged as yet but we will keep you informed.

Annual Dinner

The Dinner this year will feature the now Traditional Fare namely

Smoked Salmon

Roast Beef

Seasonal Veg.

Choice of Three Sweets.

Cheese and Biscuits

Coffee

Red and White Wine, Beers, Minerals etc.

We have once again been able to keep the Price the same which is £25 per head inclusive. There is an application form attached to these reports and we would be delighted if you could please complete and return as soon as possible. There is a vegetarian option and if, for dietary reasons, we can supply white meat but please keep these options to a minimum and help to maintain our price.

The Guest of the Evening this year will be Bill Clark who recently retired as Director of Schools in Islington. Bill has also been confirmed as a Honorary Old Camdenian. Bill was a great friend to the School, but the Committee decided to ask him to be The Guest of the Evening this year because of the assistance behind the scenes he had given with the future of the Burtonhole Lane Ground.

Other notable Guests this year also include the now Director Ms. Eleanor Schooling, (What an appropriate name) and the Chairman of Governors Peter Rees.. We are also pleased that our previous Head John Hudson is travelling over from the States to be with us alongside Bill Collins our previous Premises Manager. We shall also welcome our new Premises manager Jim Brown who is showing the same cooperation that Bill always showed to the Club.

Two other notable Guests are the Head Girl, Victoria Mathews who is going to respond to the Toast "The School "which is the first time a girl has undertaken this duty, and Head Boy Rhys Shirley-Clarke. Rhys who played in the successful School side against the O.C. Football Club (they were winners 6-1 but don't spread it about) played for the Islington and Camden under 15's X1 who beat North Kent Schools in the Corinthian Shield Final by 2-1 in which Rhys scored the winning goal. There were also 5 other Holloway Players in that Cup winning side. With results like that dare we hope we have another Alec Godfrey in the offing and the Club will emulate the famous 1964 side when we won the AFA Senior and the L.O.B. Cups together with the Premier League (Old Boys) title and all the six elevens brought home Silverware. A start has been made with two recruits to the Club this year of Luke Pank and Warren Cannon.

Attached is a letter about the proposed 50+ Club. We sent this out in the Half year Report but the results were very disappointing. "Persequere" was our motto, so we are trying again. Please give it your support! There will also be a form for acceptance in your place at the Dinner.

Finally, as you enter the School for the Dinner, you will find a "Shop" manned by some of the Pupils of Holloway who will have on sale C.D. Discs of the magnificent showed staged at the Peacock Theatre. It is well worth the Fiver being charged. Other items on sale will be "Holloway School" Pens, commemorative mugs, and School ties which feature the colours we use to wear to indicate our "Houses". Please try and support them in their money raising efforts. Thanks, and if you have an Email address please let us know.

George Ives (Secretary)

COMMENCING THE SCHOOL'S CENTENARY YEAR
THE OLD CAMDENIANS CLUB
81st. ANNUAL DINNER
FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2006

To be held at Holloway School N7 OJG
(Tel: 0207 607 5885) (Fax: 0207 700 3697}

To be returned to George Ives, 32 Amersham Hill Gardens

High Wycombe ,Bucks HP13 6QR
{Tel: 01494 524 501} {Fax: 01494 513 907}

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I shall/shall not be attending the Annual Dinner on Friday 24th November 2006

Please reserveplaces for myself and the following:

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I would like to sit nearif possible

I enclose a cheque for £ {£25 per person, inclusive of wine beers & raffle)

Payable to: " Old Camdenians " (Students under 21 - £15)

I have added £.....as a contribution towards selected pupils attending as guests of the Club.

Vegetarian meal.....YES/NO

I 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 10.15p.m. to Kings Cross Station**

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

Address.....

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Post Code.....Tel. No:.....Fax. No.....

E.Mail Address.....

I/We would/ would not like to tour the School at 5.30pm.

N.B. Reception 6.00p.m. A.G.M 6.45p.m. Dinner 7.30.

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

A very busy school year ended with a very successful Sports Day and School Show, which took place at the Peacock Theatre. We said goodbye to several staff, including Mr Ian Laing who retired after 35 years of service to the school. We said “hello” to our new Year 7 students on Sept 6th, making the school now fully co-educational, with girls and boys in all 5 year groups.

Next year the Old Boys will therefore be joined by Old Girls for the first time. Watch this space...

Examination Results.

The school was delighted by the GCSE examination results this year. With significant increases in all the key performance indicators, the school has taken a big step towards its aim of reaching national norms within the next 5 years. Key headline figures to note:

No. of students attaining 5 or more A*-C GCSE passes: 42% (up 9 points on 2005)

No. of students achieving this with Maths and English: 28% (up 12 points on 2005)

No. of students achieving one or more GCSE grade: 96% (up 9 points on 2005)

No. of students achieving 5 or more GCSE passes: 83% (up 12 points on 2005)

We are pleased to note that last year's head boy, who attended the Dinner achieved 10 A*-C passes in his GCSEs, and another boy, Efreem Semreab has been awarded first prize in the Black Pupil Achievement Awards for the whole of Islington.

Building News

1. **Work on the Multi Use Games Area** took place over the summer holidays. The pitch is now ready, and in use with floodlighting. The Sports Hall and Pool will be complete by July 2007.

2. We opened the new **Fitness Suite** last month, which was the result of our successful Sports College Designation. This magnificent resource was partly paid for by our sponsors who include the Old Camdenians, for which we remain very grateful.

3. **Building Schools for the Future:** The school is now in the process of engaging with the three short-listed bidders in order for us to decide, along with LBI and CEA, and the other first phase schools, who will get the contract to rebuild and transform Islington Schools. If all

goes to plan, this time next year there will be further building works on our site as the school benefits from a multi-million pound re-build and re-furbishment.

Sports Achievements 2005/06

We continue to achieve success in the sporting arena. A few areas of note last year include:

Athletics

Girls – Islington Schools Champions

Boys – Islington Schools Runners up

Basketball

Girls – Islington Schools U13 Third place

Islington Schools U15 Third place

Boys – Islington Schools U16 Runners up

Cricket

Girls – Islington School U13 Champions

Boys – London Schools U12 quarter-finalists

Islington Schools U13 Indoor Runners up

Islington Schools U15 Indoor Runners up

Cross Country

Girls – Islington Schools Champions

Boys – Islington Schools Champions

Football

Girls – Islington Schools U13 Champions

Boys – Camden and Islington U15 Runners up (played at Highbury)

Boys – Old Camdenians Challenge Trophy Champions

Hockey

Boys – Islington Schools U14 Champions

Rounders

Girls – Islington Schools U13 Champions

Islington Schools U15 Third place

Swimming

Girls – Islington Schools Champions

Boys – Islington Schools Champions

Table tennis

Boys – Islington Schools U15 Runners up

Tag Rugby

Girls – Islington Schools U13 Runners up

Tennis

Boys – Islington Schools Champions

Many students went on to represent Islington in many of these sports and some went on to represent London in national competitions.

Arts Achievements, 2005/ 2006

A full and busy year for the Arts at Holloway School and here are some of the highlights:

Christmas Show

For the past two years, the Holloway Christmas show has taken place at the end of the autumn term. Anyone in Year 7, 8 or 9 is welcome audition for a part. So far we have performed 'A Christmas Carol' and 'The Star Who Forgot Christmas', enabling the students to perform in front of an audience and introducing them to using lighting, sound effects, costume and other elements of theatre. Rehearsals take place after school and at drama club.

Bridge School Project

Several Holloway students have worked with students from the Bridge School on drama workshops over the past couple of years. We at Holloway go to work with the students at the Bridge School site. The workshops culminate in performances at Sadler's Wells theatre – so far we have worked on Shakespeare's The Tempest and Romeo & Juliet. We hope to continue our links with The Bridge School and the Almeida Theatre this year.

West Side Story

During the winter term the Year 10 drama students rehearsed and performed West Side Story. Art students designed and created the backdrops and music and dance were involved. Great commitment was shown by all those involved resulting in a fantastic show.

DJ, MC and Music Production

A successful after school music project ran throughout the year culminating in a performance by the schools talented rappers and DJs.

A full day's workshop involving 30 students with garage band Roll Deep also proved a huge success.

BBC Children in Need

A choir of 30 Holloway students rehearsed with members of the BBC singers over eight weeks and joined ranks with the BBC Symphony Orchestra and other Islington pupils to sing at the Wembley Conference Centre on Children in Need day.

Other vocal successes involved a year 10 student appearing on the televised kids 'Stars in your eyes'.

The West End

The grand finale of the year took place in July at the Peacock Theatre in the West End. Over one hundred students acted, sang, played and danced to a full capacity audience of a thousand. A remarkable experience for all those Year 7 to Year 11 students involved. A true celebration of Holloway pupils' talent!

Bob Hamlyn

October 2006.

OLD CAMDENIANS CRICKET CLUB

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Report from the Chairman

The season started with an inter-club game in memory of Paul Scott, a great servant of the club who sadly passed away in August 2005. Fittingly the weather was great and the day was superbly organised by Roger Gravett and Adrian Salter. Food was laid on in the evening and trophies presented to the successful player / team. The match was good practice for the players and the whole day was deemed a great success, with it now firmly pencilled in to our Cricket calendar. What better way to remember a great Camdenian.

We were again able to run 3 league teams this season. The 1st XI suffered a slow start to the season. Too often team wrangling had a negative effect on the team and results were poor. Bob Cairns resigned and Andy Shaw stepped up as his replacement. Players from lower teams were soon given a chance and the team gained a greater work ethos from the development of younger players. The team quickly became competitive and successful too. Its division 6 status for next season was retained. Well done to Andy Shaw on his first stint as Captain and to the players who stepped up a level.

Despite a regularly changing team, as you would expect from the middle team, skipper Adrian Salter and his side won more 2nd XI games for many a season. The team finished comfortably in the top half of division 9, which was a great achievement.

After just missing out on promotion the previous season, Alan Pickett and his 3rd XI returned and were not to be denied this year, gaining promotion to division 11. The team were in the top 4 all season and richly deserved their promotion. Alan can be congratulated too on encouraging his star players to seek success in the 1st and 2nd XIs.

Roger Gravett's Sunday side played a full season of games, competing on bank holidays too. Availability was not always easy, but using his experience he was able to combine a mixture of old and new faces with some Sunday stalwarts to turn out strong teams, winning many more games than they lost.

The Club v School game at the end of the season was unfortunately poorly attended. We will need to prepare better for next season to ensure this worthy fixture is a success.

Special thanks needs to be given to the Team Secretary, Roger Gravett, for somehow gathering 33 players every Saturday, to the Treasurer, Adrian Salter, for endlessly chasing player's subs and to Wade Knights for quenching our thirsts.

The majority of the recent Club improvements were carried out before the start of the Cricket season, by largely Cricketers. Again the familiar names of Adrian Salter (and family), Roger Gravett (and family), Paul Roberts and Wade Knights deserve special praise.

The Club website – www.camdenians.org – which was setup by Adrian Salter, was a fantastic tool for the Cricketers at Old Camdenians. It helped with player availability, fixtures and results, player achievements and providing instruction to opposition's grounds. Well done to Adrian and everyone involved with the Cricket Club for a very encouraging season.

Jonathan Cole – Chairman (2006 Season)

OLD CAMDENIANS CLUB

GOLF DAY REPORT 2006

The club's fifth annual golf day was held in June at Elstree Golf Club and was attended by Peter Andes, Brian Barham, Geoff Bent, Brian Burns, Ken Brown, Rod

Bryant, Phil Cowley, John Hensman, Paddy Jones, Paul Neary, Mick Northend, George Perry, Chris Pocock, Paul Roberts, Alan Spaul and Pino Varlese.

Although the day started with some rain the weather was mainly fine, and with the course in very good condition an enjoyable day was had by those taking part.

An eighteen hole Stableford competition was played in the morning for the Paul Scott memorial trophy and the results were as follows:-

- 1st Brian Burns - 39pts
- 2nd Paul Roberts - 36pts
- 3rd Ken Brown - 33 pts

In the afternoon a fun "Texas Scramble" was played over nine holes with the winning team comprising Peter Andes, Phil Cowley, George Perry and Alan Spaul.

Other prizes went to :

- Bench
 - Nearest the Pin - Geoff
 - Longest drive - Phil Cowley
 - Nearest the pin in 2 - Mick Northend

At present it is proposed to hold the event next year on Friday 15th June 2007, again at Elstree Golf Club.

Phil Cowley