

## **OLD CAMDENIANS CLUB**

### **CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER – 2009**

*“There is perhaps no more distinctively English phenomenon than an Old Boys Club, and, despite all banter, it expresses a loyalty and a tradition of high worth. It is not just an association of the ever adolescent, regretting a vanishing past, nor is it just a useful means of providing clean and inexpensive football and cricket. It symbolises the continuing spirit of the School, and enables those grown to maturity to give help and encouragement to each new generation.”*

So wrote Richard King in his Jubilee Retrospect in 1957 and how well he sums up what the Old Camdenians Club stands for. Clearly, those founder members in 1909 felt that, even then, with the School just two years old, there was a spirit well worth preserving. That certainly remains the same today, not least because of the expectation which a brand new school environment brings.

Little did our predecessors know that their ‘baby’ would still be very much alive and kicking 100 years later, despite the ravages of two world wars and the far reaching social and technological changes which those conflicts brought. Old Camdenians past and present should be grateful for their vision and rightly proud of the Club’s achievements, not just in the sporting arenas but in its support for the School’s endeavours to serve the local community in ever changing circumstances. Long may that association continue.

### **THE OLD CAMDENIANS FOOTBALL CLUB**

The Football Club also celebrates its Centenary this year. Little is known of the Club’s early existence, except that it was re-formed after the 1914-18 war and became a founder member of the Secondary Old Boys Football league in 1919. Between the wars, the Club, with Bill Filer as its long serving Secretary, ran two league sides enjoying modest success. After 1945, the Club again regrouped, gradually increasing in size and strength, so that by the 1960s it was running six regular league sides and winning trophies galore. These were indeed the glory years, masterminded by Alec Godfrey as Club Captain, Ron Nutkins as Secretary and Jim Keating as Chairman. However, those triumphs were never to be repeated, despite the opening of the clubhouse and ground at Burtonhole Lane in 1972 which attracted a wider membership. Thereafter, fortunes fluctuated with only occasional successes although, in Season 2002/3, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI achieved a remarkable treble by winning the AFA and LOB Intermediate Cups and their League title. More recently, in Season 2007/8, the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI won the LOB Junior Cup.

The Club currently runs four sides in the lower divisions of the Amateur Football Combination. Those involved (John Maskell, Alex Grayburn and Paul Roberts, among others) are to be congratulated on their continued efforts to provide grass roots football, under the Camdenian banner, thus enabling the Club to reach this significant milestone. Hopefully such a remarkable achievement will spark off a revival of their fortunes.

A fuller account of the Football Club’s history is available from the Secretary.

## **THE CENTENARY DINNER**

The Secretary's report gives full details of this year's event. As you will see, however, this could possibly coincide with an OFSTED inspection at the School. We are, therefore, indebted to our President, Bob Hamlyn, for allowing us to proceed with our function on the traditional last Friday in November at what could be a vitally important time for the School. We sincerely hope, of course, that the inspection will have a very favourable outcome.

## **CRICKET MATCH V THE SCHOOL – FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

This year the annual fixture took on the increasingly popular 20/20 format and, again, the honours went comfortably to the Old Camdenians. Their score of 260 proved rather too many for the combined School and Staff eleven who, nevertheless, managed a very creditable 140. Fortunately, the weather stayed fine and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

## **FOOTBALL MATCH V THE SCHOOL – SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

A vast crowd – well, Alan Cornelius, Alf Mortimer, Ernie Sears, Bill Wood, our Chairman and Secretary (and, no doubt, the proverbial one man and his dog!) – witnessed a very entertaining and skilful game played in perfect weather. Burtonhole Lane looked a picture as the Old Camdenian side (with at least five genuine O.C.s this year!) ran out 5-2 winners, thus prising the Cup, at last, from the School's five year tenure.

The bar was quietly buzzing and the excellent post match refreshments were greatly appreciated, not least by the ever ravenous schoolboys. In short, an enjoyable afternoon, except that the organisational efforts of George and Pam Ives, Roger Gravett, Paul Roberts and Bill Wood (the peripatetic bus driver) deserved better support, especially in the Football Club's centenary season.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **Fred (Dickie) Bird OBE (1928-32)**

We learnt only recently, and with very great sadness, that Dickie Bird had passed away in August 2007, aged 90. He was a stalwart of the Club and, for many years, served on the Committee, and as both Secretary and Chairman, commanding great respect with his quiet, unassuming efficiency and dry sense of humour. These qualities, no doubt, stood him in good stead during a distinguished civil service career, in which he rose through the ranks to become Secretary to the Agricultural Research Council and was awarded the OBE.

Dickie also played football for the Old Camdenians and, in the 1950s, captained a side of similarly wholehearted characters which included Syd Carter, Johnny Castle and Tony Leonard. He was one of the first to welcome a certain ginger haired schoolboy to the OCFC and what better introduction could this youngster have had. Under Dickie's leadership, the team adopted a 'they shall not pass' approach, but coupled with an innate sense of fair play and enjoyment. I quickly learnt that enthusiasm and commitment more than made up for a lack of the finer skills and that team spirit was paramount. Dickie's friendly nature and wise council will long be remembered.

### Gordon Clarke (1947-78)

The Club was represented at Gordon Clarke's funeral by the Chairman, the Secretary, Alf Mortimer and Reg Pritchett, who were joined by Brian Fletcher, a former Deputy Head at the School and a close colleague of Gordon. The service was conducted by Gordon's son-in-law who, in his address, called upon the many tributes received from former pupils. These were greatly appreciated by the family who were genuinely touched by the strength of the affection and respect they conveyed. The reception was held in the 'Dirty Duck' in Stratford, a favourite watering hole of Gordon's and adjoining a cottage he once occupied. A very fitting farewell to a true gentleman and a never to be forgotten teacher and friend. A tribute to Gordon, prepared by Brian Fletcher, has been circulated, which also draws upon the reminiscences from Old Camdenians.

### Alan Spaul (1957-64)

Everyone who knew Alan will have been deeply shocked and saddened by the news of his sudden death. He was a dedicated Old Camdenian and had, at one stage, been very actively involved in both the cricket and football clubs. He was also a regular attendee at our annual dinners, which he greatly enjoyed. Indeed, he genuinely welcomed the company of others, and it was testament to Alan's popularity that so many friends and colleagues gathered at Barham in Kent to celebrate his life. From the Club, the Chairman and Secretary were joined by John Maskell, Alan Robinson, John (Chick) Chandler, Bob Hartley and Mick Kennedy. Alan's love of all things sporting was reflected in the closing music, which included the theme tunes to 'Match of the Day' and 'Test Match Special'.

The term 'gentle giant' was never more appropriate, and Alan's amiable, generous nature will be greatly missed, not least by his family to whom he was devoted. A tribute by his friend and contemporary John Chandler has been circulated.

Previous bulletins during the year have also, sadly, recorded the passing of John Allen (1950-56); John Castle (1942-47) and Ken M<sup>c</sup>Donagh (resident in Harbord, NSW).

Our condolences have, of course, been sent to the families of all the above, whose names will be in our thoughts as we toast 'Absent Friends' at 9:00pm on 27<sup>th</sup> November.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- John Hudson, who is compiling the Centenary Retrospect, is grateful to Phil Cramer, Stanley Whiteman and Bob Pinker for sending him memories of their time at the School. They all mentioned the high standard of teaching they received. Bob Pinker paid particular tribute to R.G. (Grahame) Dixon, the Senior English Master in the 1940s and 1950s, who was an inspiring teacher and was instrumental in persuading Bob's parents to allow him to stay on at school after Matric. Without that support, at a critical point in his school career, Bob might never have become a university teacher. He trusts that today's students at Holloway, from modest backgrounds, are still enjoying that kind of support.
- It was a great pleasure to hear from Bill Glover (1951-56) all the way from Harrington, NSW. He too had fond memories of Gordon Clarke organising cycling tours in France and running the Air Cadet Corps. Bill also remembers Ronald Gill as his first headmaster (who wouldn't!). He hopes to manage a visit to see the new school buildings at some stage and, in the meantime, would be delighted to hear from any of his contemporaries.

- Alan Kirby (1949-52) had hoped to attend the Centenary Dinner but regrets that ill health prevents him from doing so. We wish Alan a speedy recovery and look forward to his company on future occasions.
- Derek Fricker (1955-60) has thoroughly enjoyed the last four annual dinners but may have to miss out this year for health reasons. However, he is determined to try to be there and it will, of course, be a great pleasure if he does feel able to join us.

## **IN CONCLUSION**

My sincere thanks are due to:-

- your Committee for all their support during a particularly busy year;
- George and Pam Ives for their indefatigable efforts, efficiency and good humour;
- my wife, Janet, for her help (and patience!) in designing the banner, the menu and the centenary tie, as well as baking and decorating the centenary cake;
- my daughter, Lesley, for deciphering, editing and typing this epistle.

Finally, if you cannot join us in person at the Dinner, please do so in spirit by ensuring that your glass is charged from 9:00pm onwards on the 27<sup>th</sup> November for the toasts to 'Absent Friends' and 'The Old Camdenians Club' – past, present and future.

Alan Meyer

Chairman

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE AGM – 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

1. The Chairman warmly welcomed all those who had gathered to celebrate the centenary of both the Old Camdenians Club and the Football Club. These were significant milestones of which all Old Camdenians should be rightly proud. He was disappointed, however, that the numbers attending had not also reached the hundred mark.
2. The Chairman had heard from Peg Lerner, Val Castle and Nora Wraight, all of whom had sent their warmest congratulations to the Club. Among those tending their apologies, and their good wishes, were Charles Fellows, Mo Hales, Tony Mann and Ted Warwick from Canada.
3. The Chairman thanked all contributors to the Chairman's Newsletter. He commended the School on another successful year both academically and on the sporting scene, especially in view of the disruption caused by rebuilding work.
4. The Chairman expressed his appreciation to all those members who had given so generously in donations, particularly those unable to attend the Dinner.

5. The Chairman reported that the lease of Burtonhole Lane had been extended for a further five years. Richard Brown had stood down as Chairman of the Trustees after long and valuable service in that capacity and two new trustees had been appointed. By agreement with Barnet Council, the rent arrears would be cleared over a two year period. Additional contributions from the 50+ Club and individual members had further helped to reduce the debt. The Chairman thanked Mike Duffy for his sterling efforts on all these issues.
6. The Chairman reported, with great sadness, the passing of Dr John Hudson OBE and Gordon Clarke, former Head and Deputy Head at the School. The Club had also lost several notable Old Camdenians namely: Fred (Dickie) Bird OBE, Harold (Twink) Martin, Alan Spaul, Allan Burnett, John Castle, John Allen and Ken McDonagh. All would be remembered in the Toast to Absent Friends.
7. The Chairman paid tribute to George and Pam Ives, and the whole Committee, for their support and commitment during a busy year for the Club.

## **OLD CAMDENIANS CLUB**

### **MID-YEAR NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2009**

Look no further if you need relief from the constant diet of political and financial machinations which has dominated the headlines in recent weeks and months. No dodgy expenses claims here. Just the usual re-circulation, in hard copy, of various news items previously issued by email, as well as updates in other areas such as the centenary arrangements, the future of Burtonhole Lane and the 50+ Club.

Also included is a tribute to Johnny Castle who we learnt, with great sadness, had passed away recently after a long illness. Those who knew Johnny will recall his ever cheerful outlook and boundless energy, characteristics well reflected in tributes at his funeral which the Secretary and I attended. Indeed the sight of so many smiling faces afterwards was, no doubt, just as Johnny would have wished. He will be greatly missed.

Good to hear from John Hudson, deep in the USA, who is actively involved in completing the Centenary Retrospect. In a recent email to the Secretary, he mentioned how delighted he was to learn, when he became Head in 1997, that the School had an active former students' association. His further comments are also worth noting and the relevant extracts are therefore reproduced as part of the Secretary's report. Thank you, John, for your continued encouragement and support.

That's all for now. Enjoy the summer – if it ever arrives. Hope you can join us in November for the start of our centenary celebrations.

Alan Meyer - Chairman.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### **EXTRACT FROM JOHN HUDSON'S RECENT EMAIL TO THE SECRETARY**

"I cannot, adequately, describe how wonderful it was when I learnt in early 1997 that Holloway School had an active former students' association that wanted to be involved in the school.....The news of the club's existence was a real joy. The fact that you, George, were so much a part of the school and its governing body was a great comfort and a huge help to me.....the OC stood out as a beacon of hope. I could, and did, use that.

One feature of Harrow School's songs is the shared desire to bring school and old boys together regularly - through song. It seems that there are many Harrow School songs of which Follow Up is the best known. That seems to me an excellent tradition. I think members and current students enjoy the annual dinner immensely, particularly the singing of the song. I believe this should be encouraged."

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE AGM – 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2008**

1. The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all those present, and in particular to first time attendees and honoured guests. He was disappointed to report, however, that the numbers attending were appreciably lower than last year.

2. It was also a great disappointment that Dr. John Hudson, the principal guest of the evening, was unable to attend due to a sudden and serious illness. The Club's best wishes had been sent to Dr. Hudson for a speedy recovery.
3. Among others tendering their apologies were Mo Hales, Tony Mann, the Reverend Peter Pearmain and Bill and Nell Collins. Also, Brian Fletcher and Allan Burnett, who had included with their apologies news of Gordon Clarke and Johnny Castle, respectively.
4. The Chairman expressed his appreciation to all those who had given so generously in donations, a number of which were from members unable to attend the Dinner. He also thanked Peter Frost for producing, free of charge, 20 copies each of the DVD 'The Prefects' and of the CD 'Old Camdenians Through The Years'. These were available via the Secretary.
5. The Chairman congratulated the School on another successful year, both academically and in various sporting arenas. He welcomed the re-introduction of the 'House' system linked to famous sporting venues.
6. The Chairman and Secretary had attended a very enjoyable end of year School show. The Club had also been represented at the School leavers' evening and at the School prizegiving.
7. Once again, it was the Chairman's sad duty to report the loss of several prominent Old Camdenians. These were Bill Wraight, Francis Cheaney and Roy Beckwith. He also paid tribute to John Carter, an honorary Old Camdenian, who would be greatly missed by cricket and football club members alike. All would be remembered in the toast to Absent Friends.
8. The Chairman ended by thanking the Secretary, Pam Ives and the rest of the Committee for their hard work and support during the year.

### **Old Camdenians Secretary's Notes Mid Year 2009**

We are all delighted that **Dr. John Hudson** despite his illness is compiling, writing and editing a Centenary Retrospect dealing with the history of both the School and the Old Camdenians in celebration of both of them achieving "100" not out. I am sure you agree that this is a splendid effort on his part. John is being assisted in this Endeavour by Deputy Head **Martin Hodgson** who is covering the years after John retired and including the achievement of Sports College Status. His research is being helped by Stanley Whiteman 1931-39, Richard Brown 1943-48 and Phil Cramer 1927-32 and Alan Meyer 1947-54. If any of you have any points you would like to impart to John please let me have them and I will arrange onward transmission.

The centenary will be celebrated at our Centennial Dinner on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>.November 2009 at the School. I understand that an invitation has been

dispatched to invite **Dr. Augustas Khan** who was the first Head and that we are led to believe that Dr. Ronnie Gill will be in attendance! Put the date in your Diary now because there will have to be a limit on tickets available.

We are pleased report that **Eric Heliczer** 1948-52 has at last made contact with a contemporary of his namely **Walter Eyles** via the Secretary's Notes. Eric and Walter are now in touch. In the Obituary to **John Castle** you will note that a reunion with his great School chum **Alan Burnett** was achieved via the Club. Please if any of you wish to seek any "school friends" please let us know.

I am pleased to report that the School rebuilding and refurbishment continues apace and a final finishing date is envisaged a Easter 2010. Those attending the Dinner will see much of what has been achieved. We are only sorry that the new dining facilities will not be ready in November.

Inadvertently I published the wrong Web site address in Secretary's Notes 2009-2. It should read [www.oldcamdenians.info](http://www.oldcamdenians.info) Please accept my apologies.

**There now follows copies of Secretary's Notes which are sent out via email. Please if you are on email please let us have your address as this is very beneficial to the Club and you receive your news frequently**

#### **Old Camdenians Secretary's Notes 2009 -1**

Dr. John Hudson still remains ill in his new home of Colorado U.S.A. Many of you know he was to be the Guest of the Evening at the O.C.'s Dinner last November but was taken ill just before his flight. The consequence was tests indicated that his cancer had returned. Subsequently, he had an operation on his spine which necessitated being put in a spinal brace, followed by a course of Radiotherapy; he has now been advised to undergo a course of Chemotherapy. Naturally, we have sent our best regards but if any of you wish to add any personal messages, please let me know and I will pass them on. We are delighted to add that he has agreed to draft a "Retrospect" as the Camdenians are approaching their Centennial.

#### **Old Camdenians Secretary's Notes 2009-2**

We have just heard that **Gordon Clarke** has moved into Hylands House Warwick Rd. Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6YW and their Telephone number is 01789 414 184. If any Camdenian is in the area, I am sure he would be delighted to see you but please ring prior to visiting.

Gordon taught Languages mainly French, although he valiantly tried to unravel the mysteries of Latin for some of us, at the School from 1947 untill 1978. He also became a Deputy Head and was elected as an Honorary Life Vice President of the Old Camdenians. Many of you will remember him being Guest of the Evening at our 2004 Annual Dinner when he was 90 and the excellent speech he made on that occasion-we wish him well in his new abode.



We have been watching the news of the terrible fires in Australia and are mindful that we have quite a few members there and we all sincerely hope they escaped the ravages and are in good health and spirits. Would be happy to hear from them.

Thanks to **Bob (Peter) Frost's** generosity we have a further supply of **CD's** "The Prefects" and **DVD's** "Through the Years" available at **£4-00** each inclusive of Postage and Packing. I will append my addresses for ordering at the conclusion of these Notes.

We have been advised by **Alan Spaul** of an "Eminent Camdenian" who was one of his contemporaries (1959-65) namely **John (now Remi) Adeferasin**. He evidently is prominent in Cinematography and, indeed, won a **Bafta** and was nominated for an **Oscar** for his work on the film "Elizabeth" **Bob Hartley** is now including him in the Eminent Camdenians lists in our Website.

**News of the Website** We are truly indebted to **Peter Joseph** who has taken on the role of Curator so brilliantly, and has completely transformed the site which is now "up and running" and I really think you should visit it and, of course if you have any relevant information such as that above for inclusion, please let us know. The Website address is [www.camdenians.org](http://www.camdenians.org) **This is the wrong address I mention earlier. It should read [www.oldcamdenians.info](http://www.oldcamdenians.info)**

My address for ordering discs or even O.C. Ties (£7-50) is  
32 Amersham Hill Gardens  
High Wycombe  
Bucks HP13 6QR  
Tel; 01494 524 501  
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[george.ives@btinternet.com](mailto:george.ives@btinternet.com)

### **Old Camdenians Secretary's Notes 2009-3**

**Sad to record the demise of Lawrence Sprey recently living in France who attended the School in the years 1950-57.**

### **O.C. Centenary Celebrations 2009 Voting Slip Results As At 31/12/08**

	For	Against
Traditional Dinner Date last Friday in November (27/11/09)	17	
On a Saturday	3	12
Dinner at the School	19	1
Dinner at other London Venue	4	10

Lunch at other London Venue		14
Extra Celebration Day	6	11
Dinner at School on extra Celebration Day	7	9
Dinner at other London Venue on extra Celebration Day	3	11
Lunch at other London Venue on extra Celebration Day	1	13
Wives/ Partners	6	13
Football v. School probable date Sat. 12/9/09	8	2
Football v. AFA	8	2
<b>23 Papers Returned</b>		

### Old Camdenians Secretary's Notes 2009-4

**Roger Good (1952-57)** recently sent us a Team Photo and asked if we could give him all the names of the players. After diligent research mainly by Peter Sumpter our indefatigable Email Secretary we have finally named all the players. Roger has asked that his grateful thanks be extended to all those who had helped

**Peter Sims (1955-63)** has been listed on our Website under the "heading" Academia Why not visit the site at its new address [www.oldcamdenians.info](http://www.oldcamdenians.info) and peruse it's pages. Well worth the visit and if you know of any O.C. who warrants inclusion please let us know. No false modesty so if it is you who should appear please inform us.

**Paul Windebank 1958-62** is anxious to trace the whereabouts of his contemporary and friend **Tony Celachi**. Please let us know if you have any information please.

**Cricket Match v. The School** will be held at Burton Hole Ground On Friday 12<sup>th</sup>. June 2009 commencing 4-30p.m. played to a Twenty/20 format. It is hoped that some of the School Staff will support event so why not "pop along" and raise a glass to the Club School and 100 years!

**Football Match v. The School.** This annual event will take place on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009** at our Burton Hole Ground< Mill Hill. Further details will be forthcoming because this 2009-2010 is both the Centenary Year for the Old Camdenians Club and the Camdenians Football Club! All are welcome and the Bar and Refreshments will be available!

#### **Old Camdenians Secretary's Notes 2009-5**

Pleased to announce that the **50+ Club has donated another £750** to the Burtonhole Ground but even as it was being presented news came through that another break-in was attempted. The intruders did not force an entry but caused considerable damage trying to force the Window Shutters off the Wall. There are numbers available still in the 50+ Club which you can have for a contribution of an Annual Sub of £60 or a Standing Order for £5 per month. Contact me or Pete Sumpter on the Club's Email Address.

**Walter Eyles 1945-50** is enquiring if anyone has news of his School friends **Ian and Derek Woodward** . They all played for O.C. Cricket Club and Walter played for the Football Club. He has memories of Billy Wraight, Paul Yates, and Bill Blunden, Alan Cornelius amongst others.

#### **Date for the Diary**

### **Annual Dinner Friday November 27<sup>th</sup>. 2009 at Holloway School**

#### **John Castle 1942-47**

Regret to announce the death of John after a very long and protracted fight against Cancer. John will be remembered as a very enthusiastic and extremely energetic defensive player in the Old Camdenian's lower Football XI's. He seemed tireless even on the dreaded Hospital Pitch slope!

#### **Old Camdenians Secretary's Notes 2009-6**

**George Broome (1946-51)** writes from Australia to book his ticket for the Annual Dinner (November 27<sup>th</sup>). Naturally we will be delighted to see him! Any one else prompted to follow his good example. He informs us that his area did not suffer from the fires we all saw on the T.V. but his town of Coleraine, Victoria was threatened by a another fire but luckily the prevailing wind was blowing away from the Town.

**John Castle (1942-47)** The Chairman and I attended John's Funeral and I will quote from a Eulogy which was read out because it's author **Alan Burnett (1942-47)** who was a great friend of John's when they were Classmates at Holloway was ill and indisposed.

John who was extremely fond of the outdoors became on leaving School a Shipping Clerk and eventually rose to become a Freight Manager. He used to comment that in the days of London Docks they were used to pilferage but in modern times of Containers, they would lose whole Containers which they used to find abandoned on the road from Harwich. John eventually became redundant which gave him the opportunity to take up Estate Management much of which he studied from Books. He was described as chirpy, irrepressible, and with a quirky sense of humour and a sunny disposition. He had many hobbies connected with his love of the outdoors and also boxed in the Army and played Football for the Camdenians for over 20 years. Evidently he and Alan lost touch when he moved to Sussex but were brought

together again via the Camdenians. He suffered a few knocks and adversities in life and endured a great deal of illness towards the end but had a propensity for bouncing back. A man who it was a pleasure to know, a good friend, and good company.

Congratulations to **Colin Richardson (1938-42)** who we have just learnt achieved a B.A. Diploma from the University of Ottawa at the age of 74. He maintains that his contemporaries, George Robb among them would be astonished of his intellectual prowess after all this time.

### **Golf Day 26<sup>th</sup>. June 2009 Elstree Golf Club**

11-15a.m. start 18 hole Stableford Competition plus longest drive, nearest the hole competitions. Total cost including golf, dinner and wine £50. Dinner only £20. Day open to all Camdenians and guests

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**Cricket Match v School.** Friday 12<sup>th</sup>. June, at Burton Hole Ground commence 16-30

**Football Match v. School** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>. September at Burton Hole Ground K.O. 15-00

### **Annual Dinner Friday November 27<sup>th</sup>. At Holloway School**

#### **Apologies Annual Dinner / AGM 28<sup>th</sup>. November 2008**

**Allan Burnett 1943-47, Alan Cornelius 1946-53, Alan Flook, Alan Walker 1938 -42**

**Bambos Gregory 1970-79, Bernard Chibnall 1932-39, Bill Baverstock 1953-58,**

**Brian Fletcher Deputy Head 1964-77, Charles Fellows 1930-35, Chris Pocock,**

**Cliff Broad 1946-51, Colin Canham, Denis Morris 1939-47, Denis Steel 1934-39,**

**Derek Salmon 1956-59, Eleanor Schooling (Director of Education),**

**Ernie Sears 43-51, Harry Levy 1950-58, Ian Kelly 1955-60, John Bradford 57-64,**

**John Chandler 57-64, James Smith 1941-46, John Allen 1950-55,**

**John Castle 1942-47, John Fitch 1963-70, John Griffin 1954-59**

**John Hudson (Previous Head, Guest of the Evening)**

**John Sparrow 1933-38, Michael Lee 57-61, Mo Hales 1940-45,**

**Peter Pearmain 1947-52, Peter Rees (Chair of Governors), Peter Sumpter 1955-59**

**Phil Cramer 1929-32, Robert Fisher 1948-53, Terry Blackwell 1947-52, Tony Mann**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2008**

Income

Surplus on Annual Dinner (incl. Donations)	469.51	
Donations	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 31<sup>ST</sup> . AUGUST 2008**

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Accumulated Funds

Brought forward at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007  
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure

Balance of Funds at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008

Represented by:

Assets

Cash at Bank

Stock of Ties

Loan to Football Club

Creditors and Deferred Income  
50+ Club Income  
School Appeal Fund  
Other Creditor

P. E. Cowley  
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**Old Camdenians Club**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**

Holloway School, Hilldrop Road, London N7 0JG

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. November 2008 at 6.30p.m.

1 .... **Apologies for Absence as per attached**

2 .... **Minutes of 2007 A.G.M.**

Agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman

3 .... **Matters Arising**

No matters arising

4 .... **Chairman's Report**

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f) The Chairman and Secretary had attended a very enjoyable end of year School show. The Club had also been represented at the School leavers' evening and at the School Prizegiving.

g) Once again, it was the Chairman's sad duty to report the loss of several prominent Old Camdenians. These were Bill Wraight, Francis Cheaney and Roy Beckwith. He also paid tribute to John Carter, an honorary Old Camdenian, who would be greatly missed by the Cricket and Football club members alike. All would be remembered in the toast at the Dinner to "Absent Friends. "

h) The Chairman ended by thanking the Secretary, Pam Ives and the rest of the Committee for their hard work and support during the year.

5 .... **Treasurer's Report as per attached**

## Secretary's Notes 2009 -11

### Alan Spaul 1957 -64

Sad to report the demise of Alan from a heart attack on 21/9/09.  
The Funeral arrangements are

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>. October at 12-40p.m.

At Barham Crematorium, Canterbury Rd. CT4 6QU

Flowers – Family only

No black tie - the request is to celebrate Alan's life.

Reception follows at Broome Park Golf Club

## **Old Camdenians Secretary's Notes 2009-2**

We have just heard that **Gordon Clarke** has moved into Hylands House Warwick Rd. Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6YW and their Telephone number is 01789 414 184. If any Camdenian is in the area, I am sure he would be delighted to see you but please ring prior to visiting.

Gordon taught Languages mainly French, although he valiantly tried to unravel the mysteries of Latin for some of us, at the School from 1947 until 1978. He also became a Deputy Head and was elected as an Honorary Life Vice President of the Old Camdenians. Many of you will remember him being Guest of the Evening at our 2004 Annual Dinner when he was 90 and the excellent speech he made on that occasion-we wish him well in his new abode.

We have been watching the news of the terrible fires in Australia and are mindful that we have quite a few members there and we all sincerely hope they escaped the ravages and are in good health and spirits. Would be happy to hear from them.

Thanks to **Bob (Peter) Frost's** generosity we have a further supply of **CD's** "The Prefects" and **DVD's** "Through the Years" available at **£4-00** each inclusive of Postage and Packing. I will append my addresses for ordering at the conclusion of these Notes.

We have been advised by **Alan Spaul** of an "Eminent Camdenian" who was one of his contemporaries (1959-65) namely **John (now Remi) Adeferasin**. He evidently is prominent in Cinematography and, indeed, won a **Bafta** and was nominated for an **Oscar** for his work on the film "Elizabeth" **Bob Hartley** is now including him in the Eminent Camdenians lists in our Website.

News of the Website We are truly indebted to **Peter Joseph** who has taken on the role of Curator so brilliantly, and has completely transformed the site which is now "up and running" and I really think you should visit it and, of course if you have any relevant information such

as that above for inclusion, please let us know. The Website address is [www.oldcamdenians.info](http://www.oldcamdenians.info)

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