

CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER – 2011

As I write, the strong winds and blustery showers sweeping across the garden give a sharp reminder that the weather pattern has returned to normal and that the glorious, late September, indian summer is now but a fond memory – except perhaps for the farmers! Indeed, the profusion of berries on our pyrocanthus, not to mention those on the hawthorn and the holly along the lanes, all suggest that another long, hard winter could be on the cards. So, perhaps we should, for once, take heed of the dire predictions in the newspapers and begin to dust down the long johns, the thermal socks and the balaclava helmet in readiness for the worst. Hopefully though, the weather on Friday 25th November will not deter you from turning up in your droves to the Annual Dinner and AGM at the School – see the Secretary's Report for further details.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Louis Batey (1975-82) a notable composer, lyricist and solo music artist has written to express his appreciation at being included on the Eminent Old Camdenians list maintained by Dr Bob Hartley and Peter Joseph. If you have not already done so, do please let the Secretary know if you have attained a position of eminence in your profession so that your name can be added to the list.
- Cliff Lowndes (1945-50) has emailed the Secretary thanking him for all the news and information circulated during the year. Cliff regrets not being able to attend the Annual Dinner but sends his best wishes to all, and especially to those of his vintage.
- John Sparrow (1933-38) is grateful for his copy of the Jubilee Retrospect which, he says, recalled those 'happy highways which sadly cannot come again'. He mentions, in particular, two great teachers, R. J. King and J. H. Price, and has provided the following snippets which might prompt echoes from surviving pupils of the 1933-38 period:

R. J. King taught us History. He set us to write an essay every other week. His class were so enthusiastic that he had to stop them writing more than 8 pages. When they didn't stop, he refused to read beyond page 8. The class responded by using much smaller handwriting. I think we really wore him out, and I have always regretted that we never openly showed our exceptional appreciation. Some of his descriptive phrases stick in my mind after 73 years: "those palmy days" ... "those stormy days".

J. H. Price was a very different person, quiet, reassuring, understanding, the sort of teacher from whom you learned effortlessly. He taught us English in the first year, when I absorbed English grammar without noticing. In his lessons we used to sing songs, mostly old folk songs (it was the time of Cecil Sharp's revival of old English songs and dances). In the class was a great friend of mine, Jack Crook (who did a lot to keep the Old Camdenians going). Crook was tone deaf. He literally could not tell which of two notes was higher than the other. Mr Price once strolled round the class listening to us singing. When the lesson finished and the class filed out, he quietly ask Jack to stay behind. When the others had gone, he said in his sympathetic, fatherly voice, "Crook, you need not sing any more". If Mr Price were here now, he would be pleased to know that Jack Crook, the indomitable student, did not drop singing entirely, but was prepared until his dying day to render "Ali Baba's Camel" to anyone who consented to hear it.

Such memories of former teachers, contemporaries and events are always most welcome for these columns. Let's have many more please.

IN MEMORIAM

Alan Mitchell (1963- 68): aged 59

It was with shock and great sadness that we learnt that Alan had passed away suddenly in his sleep after a short illness. Alan was a prominent member of both the cricket and football clubs in the 1970s and 1980s. He made a significant contribution in a variety of ways both on and off the field, not least by introducing a number of talented players into the O.C.F.C. He worked as a groundsman at Bow Lane, Chase Lodge and, more recently, at Wingate Finchley F.C. in the Ryman League where he was twice awarded 'Groundsman of the Year' by the Football Association. Moreover, his passion for, and knowledge of, football earned him much respect at many levels of the game. His forthright, yet essentially friendly, nature will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Many Old Camdenians were among the large gathering at St. Pancras Burial chapel on 26th September and afterwards at Wingate Finchley F.C. Our deepest sympathies go to Denise, Stewart, Robert and the family on their sad loss.

The Mid-Year Newsletter included tributes to **Tom Rolf, John Mulrennan** and **Dick Nuttall**. Their names, along with Alan Mitchell's, will be especially remembered in the toast to 'Absent Friends' at 9:00pm on 25th November.

SUPPORT FOR, AND LIAISON WITH, THE SCHOOL

During the summer, the Liaison Sub Committee met with the Deputy Head, Martin Hodgson, who has kindly agreed to act as Liaison Officer between the School and the Old Camdenians. This was, hopefully, the first of a series of such meetings to discuss matters of mutual interest and co-operation, and proved very productive. Two particular suggestions made by Martin Hodgson are worth mentioning.

First, he put us in touch with an organisation called 'Fortune First', which aims to raise aspirations amongst state school students and to improve social mobility. They do this by engaging former students with their old schools in numerous ways. The following extract from their reply to our Secretary's enquiry gives further details:

"Thanks very much for your email. I've heard great things about Old Camdenians from Bob Hamlyn through Alex Smith. He talks highly of the importance the organisation plays in the culture of the school. As a former teacher myself, it sounds like a superb resource for the pupils of the school, past and present.

I'm sure we could support the work your group is doing. For example, one of the services we could offer is a website that the pupils would access that would feature detailed profiles of alumni in various careers and how they got to where they are today. We also facilitate events in-school of various sorts, including using alumni to help develop students' employability skills. We also have links with corporate partners to arrange what we call 'Insight Days'; to find out more about working in law, banking or at Google, for example."

Clearly, this is a contact well worth pursuing. We have, of course, organised career talks ourselves with Old Camdenians speaking to the pupils on Law, Accountancy, etc. We hope to arrange a meeting with 'Future First' soon and will report back on the outcome in a future bulletin.

Martin Hodgson also drew our attention to a new way in which the Old Camdenians could offer support to the School and individual students. The School had arranged two trips abroad during the October half-term: one to Berlin for history students (cost £330pp) and the other to Madrid for modern language students (cost £390 pp). However, there were two pupils in each group who had been identified as likely to benefit greatly from the experience but who were having difficulty in finding the necessary finance. It was recommended to the full Committee, who readily agreed, that funding should be provided for half the cost of two of these students (i.e. £360), the monies to come mainly from the 50+ Club. It is hoped that the Snelling Trust will cover half the cost of the other two students. However, we did require the students to submit an application, via a pre-prepared form, to ensure that the funding was not allocated as a matter of course. We have since heard from the Head that our gesture has been much appreciated by the School, the students and their families.

OTHER NEWS

- Unfortunately, the annual cricket and football fixtures with the School did not take place this year. The football match fell foul of an F.A. ruling which prevents youngsters under sixteen from playing against adults. However, we hope to re-arrange the fixture at the end of the season when, presumably, the School team will all be over sixteen.

- For once, good news from Burtonhole Lane. With the help of a generous private sponsor, a major refurbishment of the clubhouse is under way. This includes removing the false ceiling, re-positioning the bar, the kitchen and the front entrance, and enlarging the dressing rooms. The ground will remain in use during this work which is expected to take up to two years to complete. A grand re-opening event is envisaged, details of which will be announced nearer the time.

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THE AGM/ANNUAL DINNER – FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER

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The Secretary's Report gives further details, which have also been circulated. These explain why it has been necessary to raise the ticket price to £30 this year (the first rise for eighteen years). It remains, nevertheless, excellent value for a night out in London and I do hope that as many of you as possible will attend. If not, please remember to join us, in spirit, at 9:00pm, wherever you are, for the traditional toasts to 'Absent Friends' and the 'Old Camdenians Club'.

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That's more than enough from me. Hope to see you in great numbers at the end of November. My thanks, as ever, to George and Pam Ives, and the Committee for their support and encouragement. Also, to the Head Gardener for letting me have time off, as well as to my, still unpaid, Secretary for producing the above.

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Alan Meyer Chairman

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE AGM – 25th NOVEMBER 2011

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.

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	

O.C. Secretary's Notes 2011 -Annual

Annual Dinner

As the Chairman has stated we have had to raise the price of the Dinner ticket to £30 inclusive of wines, beers etc. We have for some years having to face increased costs and these are now becoming significant. Also as the School has been redeveloped under BSF initiative which is virtually the same as PFI, we are now charged for the services of the Premises Staff who have to be on duty. This amounts to £450 which is quite a drain on the finances. I understand that even the School has to pay these charges when they wish to use the facilities for such as the Student Leavers Ball. On the other hand we must not forget those who give voluntarily and semi-voluntary services to the event. One of these is Peter Andes who made a trip to France in order to procure the Wine. There are others who help with the "setting-up" and service and dispense. Nevertheless it is as the Chairman has stated a good night still at a reasonable price. There is a form for ticket application for the Dinner attached. There is off road car parking at the School which can be accessed via the first gate approaching from Camden Rd. which used to lead down the side of the Hall towards where the Old Caretakers House used to be. Also please bear in mind "tickets" as such are not issued so please take note of the details at the bottom of the "Order Form"

Book Presentation

Last year we presented to the School 6 books whose authors are O.C.'s and this year we are collecting further Books for presentation. This will take place at AGM.

We have the following already and would be grateful for others.

"Camden Town Murders". John Barber

"The Little Brown Encyclopaedia of Animals". Maurice Burton

"William Fletcher & Peggy" Dr. Raymond Rowe

"History of the LVNH" George Ives

We are trying to find a copy of George Robb's Book "Soccer 1964" and Keith Fletcher's Book "Arsenal Greats" amongst others. If you have or know of further Books please let us know. Also why not look at the Old Camdenians Website www.oldcamdenians.info

50+ Club

Attached is a Finance Estimate of the 50+ Club. Although this shows no donations made the Committee were able to award subsidies for 2 Students to go on educational trips to Berlin and Madrid.

If you have not renewed your membership this year or want to acquire Numbers please note

The Annual Sub. is £60 or £5 per month Standing Order. There are still numbers available.

Prizes are Monthly, First £65 (**November £200**) and Second £20 (**November £50**)

Volunteer Required

The Head has kindly allocated one of the Display Cases which are on the Walls of the School corridors. We wish to naturally feature the Club, its aims, achievements etc. The cases are about 6' by 4'. We need someone to organise the displays. Any **VOLUNTEERS** please?

Old Camdenians 50+ Club

Projected Financial Return 10/11

As at 25/4/2011

Income		Totals
16 Numbers Annual Sub. £60	£960-00	
1 Number Annual Sub 8 months	40-00	
23 Numbers Standing Orders	1380-00	
40 Numbers issued		£2380-00
Prizes Awarded		
1 x £200	£200-00	
12 @ £65) (1 No Winner)	780-00	
1 @ £50	50-00	
13@ £20	260-00	£1290-00
	Possible Surplus	£1090-00
Expenses		
Stationary, Postage etc.	£25-00	£25-00
Probable Excess Income over Expenditure		£1065-00
Winnings Donated to the Club		
2 @ £20, 1 @65, 1 @25	£120-00	£120-00
Donations to Sports and Social Club etc.		
Brought F/wd to 2009/2010		£776.35

	Total`	£2741-35

O.C. Secretary's Notes 2011 -1

New Members

Dr. Raymond Rowe 1965-72

Louis Batey 1975 – 82

All the following played Football for the School v. The Old Camdenians in September 2010

Andrew Lewis	Martyn Jarman	Edward Skowronck
Akif Kays	Gridi Skula	Alfie Chappell
Jason Kayila	Thomas White	Sebastian Baptiste
Iz\i\h James	Luke Belshaw	Kerchieve Forde
Thomas Rawlings	Fabio Casimilo	

Tom Rolf Obituary

Tom Rolf was deputy headmaster at the school from 1961 to 1965. He was a good teacher and quickly became a keen member and supporter of the Old Camdenians – in particular as a robust playing member of the O.C.'s cricket club. He was a big man physically with a loud booming voice and an exuberant character. He lived life to the full and was fun to be with. He preferred a pint of beer to half a pint. He was a family man and brought his family with him on tour. He contributed enormously to the spirit and enjoyment of being a member of a team. His rich sense of humour and friendly, happy disposition made him a favourite with everyone. He was not a man to call for a quick single, he would rather clobber the ball to any boundary line –irrespective of where his bat may be facing at the time. He will be remembered with happy memories by all those who have shared in his company. Tom had one great after dinner story, which has helped me out on many an occasion. He was a good man. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Janet and the girls.

Richard Brown

Annual Dinner Friday November 26th. 2010 (Next Year's date Friday 25th. November 2011)

An excellent occasion especially because of the School's new facilities. The Assembly Hall which the Head Bob Hamlyn so kindly allowed us to use, was superior in every respect with adequate room and all had uninterrupted views and also the acoustics were excellent. Ann Tennant the caterer had use of the brand new kitchens and provided her usual excellent repast.

Before the Dinner many toured the School's new and old original buildings and were quite astounded with the massive improvements that had been undertaken.

At the AGM the **Chairman. Alan Meyer**, had the pleasure of presenting to the School a series of Books for the Library which had been selected by the Librarian **Mrs. Kellie Hodgson**. These were received by the **Martin Hodgson, Deputy Head** deputising for the Head, who, unfortunately, could not be present. The Chairman also presented to the **Chair of Governors Rob Hull** the following

“Centenary Retrospect” by **John Hudson & Martin Hodgson** which is the History of the School and the Camdenians. “Jubilee Retrospect” by **R..J. King**. He also presented 2 books on the History of the Royal Academy by **Sydney Hutchison**.

Albert Irvin R.A. presented his book “Three Score and Ten”

Peter Clayton FCLIP FSA presented “Chronicles of the Pharaohs” “The Valley of Kings” and “Archaeological Sites of Britain “ plus 3 others he has written.

Professor Bob Pinker presented 4 of his Books including “Social Theory and Policy” and “The Idea of Welfare”

Dr. Bob Hartley donated “Helen Duncan, The Mystery Show Trial” with a further 2 to be forthcoming.

P.S. One of you kindly answered my query about any O.C.s who had died in conflicts since the Second World War. He gave details of one who was thought to have died in the troubles in Kenya.

Unfortunately it was “wiped” before I had taken note. Could you please send the details again as I am anxious to follow up with research at the Imperial War Museum

OLD CAMDENIANS CLUB

MID-YEAR NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2011

All too quickly, it's time once more for the Mid-Year Newsletter which, as usual, reproduces, in hard copy, the information circulated previously this year by email. It was good to hear again from Bill Glover in Australia, which prompts me to encourage all those O.C.s living abroad to continue to keep in regular contact. Your accounts of life in foreign climes always make enjoyable reading, not least when they include reports of chance encounters with other O.C.s either residing in, or visiting your country. The same message, of course, goes out to all O.C.s wherever you are based because it is, essentially, your input which helps to keep these columns interesting and informative – and our Secretary fully occupied! For example, reminiscences about your time at the School, and anecdotes about contemporaries and teachers are all the sort of contributions which will be gratefully received.

To end on a personal note, your truly has recently been made a Life Vice President of the Amateur Football Alliance (AFA), thus joining John Maskell and Alan Robinson in that capacity. Apart from being a very great honour, this probably also creates a unique precedent in that the AFA now has three Life Vice Presidents from the same club, all serving at the same time. A welcome feather in the O.C.F.C.'s cap!

I wish you all an enjoyable summer and do please make every effort to join us at the Dinner/AGM on Friday 25th November.

Alan Meyer – Chairman.

O.C. Secretary's Notes Half Year 2011

Being Secretary of the O.C.'s certainly is extremely interesting, informative and varied. Just to review the background to some of the recent new members illustrates this point.

Dr. Raymond Rowe M.Sc., PHD., FCMI 1965-72 has been placed on the Eminent O.C.'s list but also it transpires he owns and maintains a 100 year old Steam Engine and, furthermore, entertains disabled children with the Engine which I believe is named Jenny.

Louis Batey 1975-82 it transpires is a Composer, Lyricist, and Solo Music Artist. Louis began his musical studies at Holloway and has also now been recorded on the Eminent List.

Clyde Holmes 1952-57 We are indebted to Bill Glover and David Blake for bringing Clyde to our attention. Clyde is deceased but he was a very distinguished Artist and Poet with several volumes of his work published. Naturally, he has also been recorded on the Eminent list.

Eric Heliczer 1950-54 Eric is another musician but, at the moment, he is busy producing concerts and recitals by talented young musicians who have just finished their studies and are starting out on their professional careers. Eric is hoping that, in the near future, he might be able to stage one at our old School. Why not check on his work by accessing his Website, www.ericeliczer.com

Out of the blue I was contacted by a journalist researching the early career of a **Rachel Yankey**. Rachel, who plays for Arsenal has 102 caps for England Women's Football XI and is a member selected for the forthcoming World Cup. Why contact me. Well, it transpires that she started her Football playing for Mill Hill Ladies at our ground at Mill Hill. I put them in touch with **Alan Robinson 1947-54** who, at that time was responsible for the Ground and also was, for a time, Chairman of Mill Hill Ladies. He arranged for the party to visit the Ground with **John Maskell 1959-66** where they took many pictures of the Club House and Pitches and of Rachel who had brought along some of her England Caps. Rachel actually remembered John "reffing" some of the matches she played at Burtonhole.

This naturally reminds me that the Annual Football Match against the School is fixed, for **Saturday 24th.September 2011**. All welcome!

I can thoroughly recommend you access our Website which is www.camdenians.info which is full of fascinating facts and histories about the Club and its members. I should also point out that we owe a debt of gratitude to **Bob Hartley 1960-68** and **Peter Joseph 1968-74** who research and maintain the site.

Congratulations to our Chairman on his Life Vice Presidency of the AFA. I know Alan has served the League and the AFA very diligently over many years and this is a fitting honour.

We are now assembling more Books written by Old Camdenians for presentation to the School at the next Dinner in November. If you can assist with other volumes please contact us.

We have been promised the following

Peter Joseph, one of his titles

Dr. Bob Hartley, one of his titles

John Barber "Camden Town "Murder"

George Ives "History of the Licensed Victuallers National Homes"

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Football Match v School Saturday September 24th. 2011 @ Burton Hole Lane Mil Hill

Annual Dinner Friday November 25th. 2011 @ Holloway School

Old Camdenians Club

Annual General Meeting

Holloway School, Hilldrop Road, London, N7 0JG.

On Friday 26th November, 2010

at 6:00p.m.

11. Apologies for Absence as per attached

12. Minutes of 2009 AGM

The minutes, having been distributed, were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

13. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

14. Chairman's Report

- 4.1 The Chairman extended a warm welcome to everyone present, and especially to the encouragingly high number of first time attendees. He hoped that all those who had taken a tour of the School had been suitably impressed with the new facilities and the refurbishment of the old building. He was sure all would agree that the School was now, even more, a place to be proud of.
- 4.2 The Chairman reported that the President, Bob Hamlyn, was, unfortunately, unable to attend but had sent his good wishes. However, the Chairman was very pleased to welcome Martin Hodgson as his deputy as well as the principal guest of the evening, Dave Dennis, other members of staff and the Head Boy and Head Girl.
- 4.3 The Chairman had heard from Peg Larner, Nora Wraight and Val Castle, all of whom wished to be remembered to old friends. Peter Andes, John Bradford, Alan Cornelius, Keith Doherty, Mo Hales and Reg Pritchett also sent their best wishes.
- 4.4 The Chairman thanked all those who had given so generously in donations, not least those unable to attend the Dinner.
- 4.5 The Chairman reported that the official opening of the new buildings by Lord Kinnock had been a splendid occasion. The presentation to George Ives, marking his retirement as a school governor and Vice Chair of governors, had been a particularly proud moment for the Old Camdenians present.
- 4.6 The Chairman congratulated the School and Staff on another year of high achievement both academically and on the sporting scene despite the distractions of the building work.
- 4.7 The Chairman reported the sad loss, during the year, of two notable Old Camdenians namely Dave Bowen and Cliff Broad. The Club's representation at their funerals had been greatly appreciated by the families and friends. He asked that both Dave and Cliff be remembered in the toast to Absent Friends.
- 4.8 The Chairman expressed his thanks to George and Pam Ives and the whole Committee for their continuing support and hard work during another busy year.

15. Treasurer's Report

On behalf of the Treasurer (temporarily delayed), the Auditor (Alan Robinson) reported on the financial situation as per the attached accounts for the year ending 31st August 2010.

16. O.C. 50+ Club

The Secretary reported on the financial situation of the 50+ Club as per attached.

17. Annual Dinner Ticket Cost

The Chairman explained that, due to the rising costs of staging the Annual Dinner at the School, it was likely that the ticket price would need to be increased next year. A recommendation would be made by the Committee in due course.

18. O.C. Sports and Social Club (inc. the Cricket and Football Clubs)

No reports had been received. The Chairman understood that:

- Only £2,000 was owed to Barnet Council
- The Cricket Club continues to field two Saturday sides and one Sunday side.
- The Football Club is now running just two elevens this season.

19. Golf Report

Due to lack of support the Golf Day did not take place. Phil Cowley was, nevertheless, hopeful that a suitable date could be found in 2011.

20. Hon. Vice Presidents

The Committee recommended:

2nd Year – Jim Brown

3rd Year – Reg Pritchett

Both duly accepted.

The Chairman explained that attempts to full the 1st Year vacancy had been unsuccessful. He asked that the Secretary be advised of any recommendations for suitable candidates.

21. Officers

Chairman – Alan Meyer

Vice Chairman – Ken Ranson

Treasurer – Philip Cowley

Secretary – George Ives

Auditor – Alan Robinson

Hon. Legal Advisor – Mike Duffy

There were no other nominations. Agreed en bloc.

Committee Recommendations

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

There were no other nominations. Agreed en bloc.

22. Any Other Business

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 6:55p.m.

O.C. Secretary's Notes 2011 -2

John Mulrennan 1959-66

John attended Holloway from 1958 until 1966, taking an extra year to improve his A Levels. To distinguish him from the other eight Johns in the Sixth Form he was often referred to as 'Jet' owing to the initials of his forenames – John Edward Thomas. He was a senior prefect and then Deputy Head Boy in his final year.

He was an enthusiastic sportsman and represented London Schoolboys at football at right back; then went on to captain them.

He represented Newcastle University as a medium fast bowler and played for the Old Camdenians Cricket Club during the summer breaks. He continued for many years as a useful swing bowler for both the first and second elevens and was also considered handy with the bat.

Always quick to see another's empty glass he was an intelligent and humorous friend to have around, whether in a group or just to meet for a catch up. He was a fervent West Ham supporter, travelling on push bike from Holloway Road to the Boleyn Ground from his early teens until adult employment afforded him the luxury of a tube ticket.

He had a huge collection of books and music albums which represented what teachers might call 'a wide catholic choice'. He attended concerts by artists and groups unheard of by the rest of us but many a boring motorway journey to one of England's football grounds was enlivened by his collection of 'Round the Home' tapes.

He worked at Islington Council until in his later years he suffered from MS and passed away on November 25th 2010.

John Barber

Centenary Retrospect

Please note that this book tracing the history of the School and eh Old Camdenians is now available at a cost of **£5-50 inc. p.p.**

Also Photos taken at the Centennial Dinner together with a special Poem about the School written and narrated by Bob Pinker. **£5-50 inc. p.p.**

50+ Club

There are numbers available for the current year at a cost of £60 for the full year or £5 monthly Standing Order. Monthly Draw Prizes are

First Prize £65 (£200 in November.)

Second Prize £20 (£50 in November)

Money raised is donated towards the Mill Hill Ground and other "good causes" associated with the School and the Camdenians. Please contact me if you are interested.

George Ives

**32 Amersham Hill Gardens
High Wycombe HP13 6QR**

Edwin (Ted) (Ed) Warrick 1946-51

Ted became School Captain in 1950, and during that year was accepted for a place at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. Also he won a Rhodes Scholarship which meant he was selected with others to go on a six week tour of Canada. Unfortunately the Canadian tour meant he would not arrive back in London until the morning of the day he was due to report to Dartmouth. The Head appealed to the College to allow him to report on the following day but they refused and said if he was not there, his placement would be withdrawn. Ted decided to go on the Canada Tour and gave up his ambition to become a Naval Officer.

He elected to do his National Service in the Army and subsequently was commissioned into the "Sherwood Foresters". After his service, he was accepted into Birmingham University where he studied "Civil Engineering" and eventually obtained a First class Degree. He worked for a time in England as a Civil Engineer but eventually, after marrying Anne Davies, emigrated to Canada, originally settling in Vancouver. He worked for the Canadian Government (Transport Canada) in areas of airport Quality Control, Ground Transportation, Research and Development etc before becoming the Airport General Manager at Lester B. Pearson International Airport, Toronto and the General Manager of that airport's Terminal 3 Project. This of course necessitated moving many times throughout a country Ted loved.

One amusing incident we finally found out when we were in the V1th. Form that Ted had actually, at the age of 11, attended the Camden School for **Girls**. Evidently he had been accepted for Holloway but there was not a place ready for him, so he was sent for a time to the Girls School and was the only Boy in the whole School. We found out because he was the instigator of Monthly Dances which were hosted in turn by Camden School for Girls, Parliament Hill Girls School, William Ellis and Holloway. During the arrangements this fact was discovered.

Ted was my Best man at our Wedding and we always regretted that we lost touch over the years I think mainly due to Ted's many changes of address. However, we were delighted to renew our friendship through the Old Camdenians and we were so pleased that we could meet up again. We knew that in the V1th. Form he and Frank Drewitt had worked the Summer Vacation as crew on the Thames Cruise Boats, so we arranged to have Dinner on Board a modern Cruise Boat to remind him of "Old Times"

I have referred to "Ted" in this obituary as Ted, but for all of his time in Canada which of course was the greatest part of his life, he was known as Ed

George Ives.

Len Nuttall or Richard Nuttall

You may recall that I asked if anyone has any information regarding any O.C.'s who was killed in other conflicts than the two World Wars. I am indebted to Bill Glover (1951-55) and Dave Comer who believe that about the 1950's there was a "Len Nuttall" who they think joined the Army, was Commissioned and subsequently was killed during the "Mau Mau" uprising in Kenya. However David Baker (1946-52) informs me that a good friend of his, Richard Nuttall?, whilst serving in the army (National Service) died from a disease he contacted whilst serving in Malaysia. Are they the same person? Any other information would be gratefully received.

The long winter evenings offer an ideal opportunity for catching up with outstanding reading matter. In my case, this involved a 'cover to cover' read of the **Centenary Retrospect** which, I confess, had received, hitherto, only the occasional cursory glance. What emerged was an entertaining and informative account covering the history of the School, linked with that of the Old Camdenians Club. This attractively produced document has an easy to read narrative, enhanced by a fascinating selection of photographs and a well designed layout. In short, it amounts to a valuable piece of local history, for which all those involved in its production deserve great credit. How sad that the main architect, Dr John Hudson, was not able to see the finished article.

The Centenary retrospect is available from the Secretary (£5-50 incl. p & p), as are the following DVDs which also provide some enjoyable evening entertainment – all at very reasonable prices:

'The Prefects' – made in July 1960; (£4-00)

'Through the Years' – a collection of nostalgic school photographs; (£4-00)

'The Old Camdenians Centenary Dinner 2009'. (£4-00)

Alan Meyer

Chairman

Richard Frederick Nuttall 1947 - 54

You may recall that I appealed for information re the above and I am grateful to **Peter Andes** who confirmed his year's at the School, but most sincerely to **Bill Glover** who did a great deal of research to finally confirm that his full name was Richard (Dickie) Frederick Nuttall. His research also confirmed that "Dickie" doing his National Service was commissioned into the East Surrey Regiment. Subsequently he was seconded to the 2nd Battalion the Nigerian Regiment and the unfortunately died in the Lagos Military Hospital Nigeria on the 10th. September 1955. I was "thumbing" through the Centenary Retrospect and lo and behold there is a picture of "Dickie" as a Prefect in 1954. Also in the picture is Alan Meyer our Chairman and he has confirmed that "Dickie" was School Captain that year and that his ambition was to take "Holy Orders". Bill Glover has found out about other "archives" of material and I hope to ask the Committee if we can further research into "Dickie's" records which unfortunately will incur expenses. Incidentally Bill Glover is now in Australia and this just shows the power of the Web!

You may recall also that we collecting for the School Library as many books written by O.C.'s as possible. Below is an article that appeared in the Camden new Journal on this subject.

Imagine a School Library filled by Past Pupils.

I COULDN'T quite believe it when I read the modestly-written letter that dropped onto my desk out of the blue this week.

It was headed "The Old Camdenians Club" – a club of old boys from Holloway School – and it relates how the club has begun collecting books written by former pupils: a total of more than 240 published books altogether!

They range from the popular, written by the ex-Arsenal star, Charlie George and TV writer Laurence Marks, to heavier tomes from economists like Bob Pinker, a senior figure at the London School of Economics.

What a pool of talent spawned since the school was founded 102 years ago!

The letter was penned by club secretary George Ives, a pupil at the school in the post-war years when he lived above the New Copenhagen pub in York Way, Camden Town. He joined the school after being evacuated to Loughborough at the start of the Blitz.

Once a Holloway boy always a Holloway boy, it seems, and George just cannot get it out of his blood.

I looked up one of the alumni who attended a recent evening do at the school: the eminent artist Albert Irvin, who has become one of our leading abstract painters. The more I look into who went to the school the more amazed I become!

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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.

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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