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Old Camdenian News

June 2019

On June 13 we were invited to the launch event at the school at which Beacon High and the Islington Futures Federation of community schools were introduced.

We were represented there during which a cheque was handed over for £1500 towards the costs associated with the School Choir that will perform at the Cricket World Cup Final at Lords.

The funds came from the [Twink Martin legacy](#) and this letter to Beryl covers the matter so well.

Dear Beryl

I am no longer the Secretary of the OC's but I did have the opportunity to perform a very pleasant duty on behalf of the Club on Thursday 13th. June and we were invited to the School to launch the new name of the School which is now Beacon High.

We had been asked if the Club could make a donation to help the School start a Choir. Bearing in mind Twink's great interest in the Performing Arts we thought it appropriate to make a Donation of £1,500 from the Legacy you so kindly gave us in memory of Twink.

I had the honour of presenting the Cheque and I did so with the following words.

“When the School asked us if we could contribute towards the creation of the Choir the Committee decided to make a contribution. Some years ago, a Member “Twink Martin died and his widow donated a sum of money in his memory to the Club. Knowing Twink’s great interest in the Performing Arts we thought it appropriate if the money could be given from the Twink Martin Legacy. I therefore would like other Old Camdenians Alan Meyer and George Panayi to present the Cheque”. Alan and George duly unfurled the very large Presentation Cheque and there was an audible gasp from the Audience and it was greeted with a prolonged applause.

Afterwards we were thanked many times and even Jeremy Corbyn the local MP and Leader of the Labour Party extended his congratulations and appreciation.

The nicest moment was when a lady introduced herself as a Grandmother whose Grandchildren were at the School and said how wonderful the donation was and offered her sincere thanks for all that the Club does for the School. I know Alan, George and I really appreciated her remarks.

Finally, something for you to look out for is that the new School Choir has been selected to perform at the Cricket World Cup Final at Lords and hopefully you may watch it and I know we all will be joining you and thinking of Twink and you.

Yours Sincerely

George Ives

Do take time to look at the Beacon High web site to see the new group of 4 schools being Beacon High, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson together with Vittoria and Copenhagen Primary.

Schools.<https://www.beaconhigh.org/>

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Obituaries

Tony Mann



We were aware that Tony was in a nursing home following a major and disabling stroke. Indeed, Peter Sumpter, Bob Pearson and Chris Pocock were able to visit him there. However, it was with great sadness that we learnt only recently that he died of heart failure in February aged 76.

Although Tony was not an Old Camdenian, his contribution to the Club, as an honorary member, was considerable in many ways. He began playing for the lower elevens of the OCFC during the 1970s and what he may have lacked in finesse he more than made up for in enthusiasm and encouragement for his team mates. The highpoint of his playing career probably came in the 1980/81 season, when he captained and inspired the 7th XI into winning Division 4 (North) of the OBFL – their only ever trophy!

With his natural bonhomie, Tony was completely in his element with all the post-match banter and backchat in the clubhouse at Burtonhole Lane. It was there, also, that he could frequently be found offering good quality sports clothing and equipment (via his business contacts) at a significant discount, for the benefit of his club members. There were many takers, or in his words 'punters'!

Subsequently, and after persuasion from Ron Nutkins, Tony took up refereeing. He rose rapidly up the ladder and achieved the distinction of running the line at a Wembley Cup Final – an honour of which he was rightly proud.

He was, in short, a great supporter of the Club, not least as a very generous contributor to the 50+ Club. More recently, Tony was a regular attendee at our luncheons, where his ever cheerful presence and 'bear hug' greetings will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts are very much with his family at this difficult time.

Compiled by Alan Meyer with help from Peter Sumpter.

Tom Jacobs (1945 -1947)



Tom was born in Berlin in 1928. He escaped to the UK in 1938 and, after wartime evacuation to Dorset, returned to London in 1945 to join the Science Sixth form at Holloway School. He left in 1947 with five excellent Higher School Certificates, which he put down to the tuition and encouragement he received from 'Bump' Brown (physics), 'Doc' Atkinson (chemistry) and 'Bunny' Griffiths (pure and applied maths), all of whom he regarded with great respect and affection.

After becoming a British citizen he was called up into the army. Having completed his army service, he entered London University in 1949 and graduated in physics. A long and varied career followed, first as a physicist at the Mullard Research Laboratories then as a Divisional Director with Phillips, which took him to various parts of the world. He then became a Management Consultant. Ultimately, leaving business behind, at the age of 50 he took a teaching and became a teacher of physics.

In retirement, Tom continued to travel widely with his second wife, Joyce, and to pursue a diversity of interests including sailing, water colour painting and making stained glass windows. Tom came late to the Old Camdenians and thoroughly enjoyed those reunions he was able to attend, particularly the two occasions when he was the oldest member present. Typically, he attributed his longevity, in part, to the 'occasional' glass of whisky and/or red wine – taken strictly for medicinal purposes!

He had a fertile and inquisitive mind and was never happier than when tackling an apparently insolvable problem and finding a solution. The tributes from family and friends at his funeral reflected his warm friendship, kindly nature and endless fund of stories told with an impish sense of humour, all of which will be greatly missed by those privileged to have known him.

Tom's remarkably full life ended peacefully in hospital on 26th April, two weeks after a sudden, and major, stroke. Our sincere condolences have gone to Joyce and his devoted family at their very sad loss.

Alan Meyer.

Reunion Lunch

We know the date. We know the time. We know the cost

All that is left is for you to book.

Some are faster off the mark than others but if you live in Australia then I guess one does need to start early.

George Broome has set the ball in motion and is due to arrive in time for the October 25 event.

If you are out of town then why not link the Reunion Lunch up with an overnight stop to see the lights and take in the many incredible offerings of this global city.

We attach the Booking Form for 2019.

Also take note of the limited number of special priced tickets.



You all know it but George Ives is your person to talk to. Contact him now.

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We have been presented with an [Old Camdenian blazer plus cap and tie](#). This donation to our archives was made by Richard Brown when I was up in Yorkshire and was able to pop in to see Jo and Richard.

An unprepared Richard (would never have worn that shirt with it) was speedily made to “model” the outfit and thus caught on camera.



Alan Shearn

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