

# Trinity Old Scholars Association Newsletter December 1994

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Dear Friends,

## TRINITY REUNION

When I drafted the first letter many months ago I miscalculated the amount of paper that would be generated, and, without a secretary, how long it took to shuffle correspondence ! However, our bungalow is almost back to normal, my consumption of coffee is reducing and Yvonne's composure is returning.

We are resuming Bridge evenings, more contacts with the grandchildren, indoor bowls and even regular badminton sessions ! No more high mountains but another ANTIPODEAN TRIP must be arranged. I miss the boat a lot !

What an occasion ! The REUNION on October 28th was held at the Comet Hotel, Hatfield, 235 attended, 90 stayed for one or two nights. It is unlikely that we could better the superb meal, the ambience, the ease of access or the value for money, i.e. Dinner for £20; one night DBB £40; two nights DBB £70.

I am grateful to those who helped me especially to Jean who set out the magazine and to Thelma who arranged the cornucopia of exhibits so beautifully. It was a very 'lump-in-the-throat' event for me. I was delighted to learn that so many old friendships had been renewed. It made all the hard work worthwhile. Old scholars came from all over, Vancouver, Seattle, Spain, Wales, Cornwall, Sussex by the Sea and even the Fens. The oldest was 85 ! We were delighted to see Max Penny and Mrs Bonney (Miss Martin).

Thank you to the many friends who have written who I hope will forgive me if I plead inability to reply - but thanks again to one:-

"My memories of the evening will rank in my memory and be comparable to my visit to Buckingham Palace to meet the Queen over 20 years ago ! They were both very special occasions and that is praise indeed ! I thought you would like to know."

and another:-

"..... a unique and wonderful experience. How many of us thought we would ever have the opportunity of meeting so many old school friends ? The memories flowed !"

Many photo albums were brought to the Reunion and there were even old war-time diaries together with sports teams and school camps (even one 1917). The only untraced item unclaimed is a photo of the whole school, 1955.

We sent greetings cards and souvenir magazines to Miss Phyllis Jobson and Mrs Amy Dean, the former is now very frail, but they were both delighted and astonished that they could remember so many who signed the cards. Stan Brigg, now 78, 'phoned - he remembers well last-minute turn-out to play cricket for the staff against the school.

Incidentally, the raffle (prize - a weekend at a Jarvis Hotel) was won by John Weston and his wife.

Sending out mail shots is a costly and time-consuming business. I am under pressure to organise another reunion in two years, I have been promised some help from those nearby and on this I shall rely. 'Big John' Snellgrove, who I had not seen for nearly fifty years, is helping me transfer my primitive records on to Data-Base. If there are any mistakes in your title, address, etc. tell me now !

Those who attended this last reunion are already registered and will receive another mail-shot free, but any others who wish to register should send a £1 coin NOW together with the following details recorded on a postcard in BLOCK CAPITALS:

TITLE SURNAME FIRST NAME ADDRESS TEL. NO. WHEN JOINED TRINITY  
(Plus the £1 coin - no pound - no registration !)

IMPORTANT While stocks last (I have 150+) they will receive a souvenir magazine plus a list of names of those who attended. If you should wish to write to any on the list, write

c/o TRINITY  
THE MANOR HOUSE  
STANTON  
BROADWAY  
WR12 7NQ

OLD RECORDS Bruce Castle Museum when I visited had no old records of TRINITY. However, after a lot of prodding I now have a few old photos, magazines, scrap books (some of Glendale's) which were traced to "a cupboard under the stairs" at White Hart Lane. I have promised eventually to give them to the Museum. Of honours boards from either the school or the pavilion there is no trace. Neither is there any trace of the numerous trophies (silver cups etc). It was suggested they had been sold by Haringey Council ! Has anybody any precise knowledge ?

TRACING OTHER OLD TRINITY SCHOLARS I have made use of SAGA Magazine, Sunday Express, other organs such as Civic Trust, even the radio, but there must be many friends who belong to R.A.F.A., Staff Associations, British Legion, Law Society, Golf Clubs, etc. Get a card in or on their Notice Boards ! Who can help - TELL ME ! What happened to the Old Students Club (Trinity - Glendale) formed about 1965 (Messrs Downing, Dickinson and Mrs Phipps) who has members' details ? Who remembers Mayne, The Wallers, Chinn, Roberts, Hutchinson - Where are they now ?

There are many amongst us I am sure who could contribute to the next magazine. How about it ! Why I became a --- The Silk Road The Jungle and I. Who would like to research ?? OFFERS, PLEASE !!

AND NOW There are probably many in North London who would like to meet perhaps for a lunch, a cup of tea or a convivial drink.

Contacts for lunch time at the Cuffley Hotel, 100 yards from the station. Private room will hold 30 - 40. 3-course lunch £6. Lunch at 1 pm. or you can have a beer and a sandwich. The room has been booked for Jan. 23rd.

Reg. Rogers 440 2646 Keith Lillywhite 888 4438 (Daytime only)  
Possible evening at Green Dragon, Winchmore Hill 7 - pm

Margaret Wilson (nee Dinmore) Ron/Joan Bates (nee Martin)  
368 4835 Coffee or tea 368 3055 Coffee or tea

Peter Nixon  
360 4458 Anything

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR.

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