



## The School Song

I wonder how many of us, do not, in fact, recall the School Song. When did we sing it – and who wrote the music?

The words are glorious and appear (together with the music) as the first and last page in the book “Trinity, a School with a Past”

However, what many of us will remember, as I am reminded by Kemal Ghafur (1951) who still retains his Trinity Hymn Book, is that the hymns we sang at the beginning and end of term were

“Lord behold us with Thy blessing” and  
“Lord dismiss us with Thy blessing”

After 50 or so years, Kemal and I actually remembered the music, and managed to la.. la.. a couple of verses over the telephone. Does anyone remember what the music was?

Both were written by Henry James Buckoll 1803-1871 for Rugby School chapel. He was educated at Rugby and Queen’s College, Oxford, obtaining his BA in 1826. and becoming an assistant master at Rugby.. He took Holy Orders in 1827.

His works include:

- *Collection of Hymns* for Rugby Parish Church, 1839

### AT BEGINNING OF TERM

Lord, behold us with Thy blessing  
Once again assembled here;  
Onward be our footsteps pressing  
In Thy love, and faith, and fear;  
Still protect us (repeat)  
By Thy presence ever near.

For Thy mercy we adore Thee,  
For this rest upon our way;  
Lord, again we bow before Thee,  
Speed our labours day by day;  
Mind and spirit (repeat)  
With Thy choicest gifts array.

### AT END OF TERM

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,  
Thanks for mercies past receive;  
Pardon all, their faults confessing;  
Time that’s lost may all retrieve;  
May Thy children (repeat)  
Ne’er again Thy Spirit grieve.

Bless Thou all our days of leisure;  
Help us selfish lures to flee;  
Sanctify our every pleasure;  
Pure and blameless may it be;  
May our gladness (repeat)  
Draw us evermore to Thee.

I have only included the first couple of verses but hope this stirs some happy memories of assembly be it leaving or returning. (Full versions are on the website.)

## People News

I don’t think I will ever cease to be amazed at the wealth of memory there is out there with Old Scholars, and just how many of us retain snippets of information that may, at the time, appear to be of little use except to those who retain it for one reason or the other.

Such a piece has surfaced from **Frank Hulford** (39) in response to a message in the Guest Book on our website from **John Cattermole** (49) last August. John was enquiring about the conversion from DC to AC supply, in Bounds Green Road. Frank’s father wrote an article for the Eastern Electricity Magazine in 1951 on just that subject, and it is fascinating reading. I hope you will enjoy this little bit of history as much as I did. (See page 3).

**Ms Emel Rochat (French Teacher 1950-57) has accepted our invitation to the October reunion.**

**CONGRATULATIONS to**

**Cherry Kann (Fizz Briers) 45 and Derek Hale 43** who recently tied the knot. We wish them every happiness and long life together.

**Since** our last newsletter, the following have joined, never been on the database, and were told about us by Old Scholars living abroad. !  
Welcome to:

**Cheryl Robertson (Beryl Ford) 51**  
**Yvette Parsons (Burrill) 44**

**Barbara Foot (Smith) 46** is our 200th Member. Should she or we be congratulated ? Her husband **Donald 33** is a joint member.

Your committee has invited **Miss Chopin**, a teacher of music and english during the 50’s, and now 90 odd years young, to be an Honorary member of the Association. She is now lives in Devon and would be pleased to hear from any pupil who remembers her. Contact me for address.

Take time to laugh.  
Take time to love.  
Take time to believe in  
the promise of your dreams  
It is never too late.

### A story from Gambia—Joy Riley (Thompson ) 1944

Eric and I first went to The Gambia in 1983, then in 1989 and subsequently every year from 2001. As you may realise we quite like the country and the people!

Education is not compulsory and although the Gambian Government will provide the teachers, parents and the village usually have to provide the building and other equipment. We have always been most impressed by the dedication of the teachers who work under very difficult conditions, so whenever we have been, we have taken plenty of pens and pencils to give to local schools.

When we were there in 2005 we asked Lamin, a friend of ours, to take us to his local school and he took us to a school in Serekunda - Kaala -Bantang Nursery School. This school was originally just a couple of classes held under a large mango tree. Then, a few years ago a Dutch woman named Nel Bus saw it and was so impressed by the way they were trying so hard to educate the children that she decided to try to do something about it. This was the start of the June Foundation and, by fund raising in The Netherlands, she managed to raise enough money to build a four-classroom single storey building for the children.

It was so lovely to go into the classrooms and see all the smiling (and often runny-nosed!) faces. They all sang welcoming songs to us. Afterwards we met the headmaster and gave him the 'goodies' that we had taken. He was very appreciative. He then told us about Nel and her work and invited us to sponsor a child at the school. We were a little apprehensive at first but when he explained that it would all be done through Nel in The Netherlands we asked for more details. The cost to sponsor a child for a year is the magnificent sum of 30 euros, approximately £21.00). (I think this increases to 40 euros when they get to the Junior level.)

This comprises 5.95 for the uniform, 4.17 for shoes, 2.98 for a schoolbag and the school fees of 16.90 euros.

We contacted Nel as soon as we returned to the UK and are now sponsoring a six-year-old boy called Abdoulie Saïdy.

When we returned in February 2006 we went to meet him. He was so shy that we didn't get a word out of him but he did understand who we were and that we were paying for his schooling. I was also told he was very wary of our white skin!

We have already booked our holiday for next January and hope that by then he might pluck up enough courage to speak to us! However when the children are all together they vie with each other to hold your hand and touch you. I suppose they feel there is safety in numbers!

Nel was also in The Gambia for the last part of our stay and we were lucky enough to meet her. She had many sponsors in The Netherlands but we are only the second English people to help her. She is a very feisty lady and has already gathered funds for a second, slightly larger, school that has been built up country. She first had to organise the rebuilding of a bridge over a river as many of the villagers were being drowned and hippos and crocodiles also inhabited the river!

If any of you are interested in helping with this work why not visit the website at [www.june-gambia.nl](http://www.june-gambia.nl). Nel's English is first class so there are no problems if you want to speak to her.

Note—Costs prohibit the inclusion of photos in the Newsletter. However, there are some wonderful ones on the Website that go with Joy's story.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Reunion for Anne Pilling—27th July 2006, New Venue—Goffs Oak PH Newgate Street, Goffs Oak, Herts, Reserved area for Trinity. Ring Kemal Ghafur 01992 462471.**

**North London Group—Christmas Lunch** at the Bush Hill Park Golf Club on 11th December. Ring Reg Rogers to book 0208 440 2646

**46'ers 2007 reunion** 28th April 2007

**NEW— 47's 60th Anniversary reunion proposed For 2007.** Watch this space for further details.

**48'ers 2007 reunion** 10th March 2007

**Bournemouth 2007—** Saturday 21st April 2007

## WOOD GREEN ELECTRICITY

By L. J. HULFORD

THE merger with Southgate District on 2nd April 1951, starts the Wood Green District on its third phase. The earliest public supply in the district was afforded by the gas engine-driven generating plant of Edmonds Bros., a large store in the High Road. This 100-volt D.C. supply was commenced in 1909 and besides lighting

the store was made available to the row of shops called Cheapside and to the Wood Green Empire.

In 1914 the District Council gave the option to supply electricity in the town to the then Tottenham District Light, Heat and Power Co. A generating station was built on the site of an orchard at Ringslade Road, and a 240/480 volt DC supply went out via three feeders in December of that year. Current was generated by tandem dynamos driven by high-speed gas engines. Total capacity 150 kW one 100 kW and one 50 kW set. The engines were specially designed for direct coupling to generators, being of the five cylinder vertical type. This direct coupling obviated the flick on the lights usual in those days when belt driven sets were used. A 480 volt 840 ampere hour battery was also installed, together with cooling plant for the engines and a 40-foot gas storage holder. For many years it was the practice to change over to the battery at 11 p.m., shut down the engine, lock up and go home, the day shift starting at 8 a.m. when the battery was recharged and the engines took over the load...

The 1914-1918 War held back development and when peace came, only about 120 consumers were connected to the mains. Electricity was the coming thing, however, and the early 1920's found more and more consumers changing over to this. source of light and power. A third 100kW gas driven set was installed in 1920 and a fourth in 1921. Still the load increased and in 1922 the building was extended and a bulk supply at 11kV taken from the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Co.

The district supply remained DC, 11 kV bulk being converted to 240/480 volts DC by two 500 kW Bruce Peebles Motor Converters, later increased by a 1000 kW and a 300 kW set, the latter to take the night load. These converters were run in parallel with the engine-driven machines and did so until the end of 1932

when the gas engines were removed.

The three large converters are still in use supplying current to the 1500 D.C. consumers left in Wood Green but are now controlled from Wood Green Sub-Station by Centrovisory equipment. The 300 kW set was uprooted in a hurry one evening before the war and rushed to the Harrow District where a plant breakdown had occurred. Alternating current distribution was commenced in 1928 as it was found impracticable to maintain a battery of fans running behind the D.C. board at

In 1930 supply was made available at four points in the District for the use of the contractors boring under the town for the tube extension to Cockfosters.

The North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company had, by Act of Parliament, certain rights to supply power in the Wood Green District, and Wood Green Substation (which is No.1 on the Northmet records) was built in 1904 to afford supply to the Metropolitan Electric Tramways. Four rotary converters still operate in this sub-station feeding trolley-bus networks, and it is the main 11 kV sub-station in the District. The large demand required by the Cockfosters tube extension was met by the erection in 1931 of Watsons Road Substation, adjacent to, and remotely operated from Wood Green Sub-station. Two 15000-kVA 33/11 kV transformers were installed after the Watsons Road carriageway had been rebuilt to take the weight of the instruments in transit. Supply was later required for the High Barnet tube extension and a third 15000 kVA transformer was installed with the necessary feeders to East Finchley. The railway load on Watsons road is now 22000 kVA with an annual consumption of 90 million units.

The second phase of Wood Green's electricity supply started on the 1st of January 1933 when the Northmet Power Co. took on the option to supply the district and 5,300 consumers from its predecessors.

A large programme of D.C. to A.C. change over started and the Northmet's "Contract" Rate...now the "All-in" Rate with its 1/2d unit follow-on charge brought a great rush of gas conversions and the consequent building of new substations and the laying of miles of A.C. distributors and feeders. What a harvest the "Sales Reps' working from Southgate Office, had in those early days.

There were no Showrooms in Wood Green in 1933 and the office work was carried on in the small offices at Ringslade Road. A part of the booking hall at Wood Green Underground Station, was opened as a small Showroom and a wooden hut on the site of the existing Service Centre in Station Road housed the cashiers. A branch showroom was opened in March 1933 at Alexandra Park and in September 1934 the new Showroom and Office building was ready and the staff from Ringslade Road spent a weekend moving in, and after the cramped quarters of the previous months found themselves working in wide-open spaces.

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Wood Green Electricity continued.....

Progress was good, and although another war halted things again, Wood Green brings to 'the merger pool' over 15,000 consumers. During the war Wood Green had its share of large lumps from above, but after the next morning's clean up, managed to keep most of its shape. Both the showrooms lost their windows but carried on with the usual small window in a boarded up framework. One of the first bombs to fall in the district, however, shook up Wood Green and Watsons Road Sub-stations, being so near to the latter that the shock operated the circuit breaker trips, putting the district in the dark and the sub-station attendants in a puzzle to know what had really happened. Great was the relief of the engineering staff when it was found that the breakers had only tripped on "shock".

The spirit of the Wood Green District has always been happy and co-operative and with the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1951 may this spirit continue to give those cheerful working conditions and service to consumers for which Wood Green is famous.

*Mr.L.J.Hulford (First Assistant Engineer, Wood Green) the author of this article , might well be called the Father of the District. He has been at Wood Green for 36 years, starting as a Switchboard attendant at Ringslade Road in 1914 with a break from 1917—1920 spent in the Royal Flying Corps. He is proud of his tall family, two boys both topping six feet, one following in his father's footsteps as a Engineer in the Enfield district, the younger having obtained a B.A London and daughter doing what her father has been unable to do—farming in Kent.*

Editors note : The previous article is published almost in it entirety—the three children mentioned above are all Old Scholars—namely

- John Hulford (36)
- Frank Hulford (39)
- Joyce Hulford (39)

**MORE PEOPLE NEWS**

**Ken Harris 43 writes**

Whilst I didn't shine in any particular subject at Trinity, especially sport, the education I received saw me through a Civil Engineering course at Northampton Polytechnic in London and a subsequent career in Civil Engineering with British Gas. Although that career was interesting it was not earth shattering but they do say that everyone has fifteen minutes of fame. Mine was actually only a thirty second slot on ITV news in **January 1986**. This was to announce that I had become the first person in Britain to have been kept alive on an Artificial Heart after quadruple heart bypass surgery had failed for the second time. Very fortunately for me a donor heart became available and I had a transplant after only twelve hours on the machine. I consider myself to be very, very lucky.

**What a lovely story—congratulation, Ken.**

**Elaine Delmar (Hutchinson) 51** followed in her father's musical footsteps and became a professional Singer. She is one of three nominees in the BBC's Jazz artist of the year (2006) competing against Jools Holland and Georgie Fame. The result will be announced at the Awards event in July. Elaine's musical path has taken her in many directions. She has made numerous radio and television broadcasts and concerts singing with small groups, big bands and symphony orchestras around the world, starring with Michel Legrand, Stephane Grappelli, Andy Williams, Benny Carter and Herb Ellis to mention but a few. One of the high points of Elaine's working year is her annual engagement at Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in London. Having worked there once a year for the past sixteen years, Elaine still finds it one of the most challenging and stimulating of all the venues to work.

*Happy Birthdays to the following who are 80 years young this year:-*  
*Don Grammar (37)*  
*Ernest Harrison (37)*  
*John Snellgrove (37)*  
*Of these I am certain because a little bird told me . Any more ? Let me know for the next newsletter—0118 9730589 or email Trinity22@waitrose.com*

**President and Founder Member, Don Grammar** tells me that he and Yvonne regularly “baby-sit” his daughter's tortoise, and has suggested a family trust-fund for the little beastie that will probably outlive all of them ! Don continues to play and “referee” bowls. From the number of members who enjoy this sport, there must be room for a TOSA team somewhere ! We would be unbeatable !!! I am sure that you do not need to be reminded that if it were not for Don, none of you would be reading this Newsletter now. The acorn he planted over a decade ago has gone from strength to strength, and I am reminded of this every time we all meet somewhere.

**PEOPLE NEWS cont.**

**Frederick Arnold Thorpe 1927 (Deceased). Killed in 1942 and named on the Trinity War Memorial.**

As most of you will know, our War Memorial suffered the fate of most of Trinity's treasures, as did many artefacts and buildings in the 60's. An enquiry from Frederick's nephew (**Peter O'Brian**) as to its whereabouts has prompted me to mention this now. Peter has scanned the Memorial booklet that contains details of the dedication service and a picture and description of the actual memorial. These will appear on the website.—Does anyone have the original Memorial Booklet please? It was used to produce the In Memoriam in the book—Trinity A School with a Past.

Peter's mother Winifred Hilda Thorpe met his dad Patrick Michael O'Brien when they were both at Trinity during the early 20's. They left in 1930 and three years after they left, they received a letter from Mr Brandon together with a book that contained a poem written by Patrick.

*Trinity County School,  
N. 22.  
Sept. 19, 1933.*

*Dear O'Brien,  
I have pleasure in sending you a copy of The Wood Green Book of Verse. You will see it contains a poem of yours  
Yours sincerely,  
E. F. Brandon*

May

Oh! Have you seen the violet  
A-hiding in the hedge?  
Spied the small forget-me-knot  
By the waters edge?  
Have you seen the pearly dew  
On the bright green grass  
Or stumbled on a lark's nest  
As you swiftly pass?

Oh! Have you smelt the lilac  
Budding on trees,  
Or lain in fields of bluebells? -  
What lovelier sights than these!  
Plucked the dainty cowslip  
That adorns the woodland way?  
If not; haste, go forth and meet them  
For only once in May!

P.N. O'Brian (Form II a)  
Trinity County School, Summer 1926

**Note that even three years after he had left, Patrick was still addressed by his surname only, and would not have considered it strange.**

**Reunion News**

Since the last newsletter, Reg Rogers (our Vice-President) and myself were delighted to be invited to attend the 1st 48'ers class reunion held at the Enfield Town Club organised by Roger Pye. 23 ex 48's together with 7 partners gathered for a buffet lunch, renewed old friendships and made some new. The smiling faces, laughter and good-humoured chatter said it all.

In the group, more Trinity couples – John and Jean Daniels, who met and married long after they had been pupils and also Barbara and Jack Sharman. There was disappointment that Rogers Wyles (From Canada) was unable to join everyone due to a recent cataract operation which prevented him from flying, and also Beryl Callow, Hilary Paul (Owen) Janet Ward (Bond) who had previous commitments.

The Attendees

- Jean Austin
- Michela (Hollands) Cece with husband Paul
- Gwen (Chester) Lee
- Jean (Dingle) Daniels
- Janet (Evans) Deller
- Ena (Gerken) Phillips
- Barbara (Huttly) Sharman
- Marion (Paul) Manktelow
- Marcia (Penfold) West
- Diana (Phillips) Vernon
- Margaret (Stretham) McGinn
- Joan Ward
- Pauline (Wickens) Kane with husband Paul
- Jackie (Windsor) Buckland
- Dorothy (Wraight) Norris
- Audrey Wright
- Dennis Croughton
- John Hill with wife Maureen
- John Daniels
- Jack Sharman
- Keith Lillywhite
- Les Martindale with wife Pam
- Roger Pye with wife Pat
- Peter Tuck and wife Zelia

29th April saw the 7th annual reunion of the 46'ers. More importantly it was the Diamond Jubilee celebration of joining Trinity. This event is organised by John Glyn and Margaret Driscoll. From photographs received, one can only imagine the good time that was had by all, they will shortly be published on the Website.

Attendees:-

- Mavis Baker (Beckingham)
- Shirley Barber (Caiger)
- Ron Bishop

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| Bridget Barling               | George Brett               |
| Pat Beckingham (Connock)      | John Glyn                  |
| Ray Blunt (Harris)            | Derrick Hart               |
| Sheila Dinnis (Ashton)        | Clive Higgens              |
| Margaret Driscoll (Bridgman ) |                            |
| John Jackson                  | Barbara Foot (Brown )      |
| Stan Leveridge                | Diane Gordon (Willet )     |
| Charles Massini               | Jean Luftig (Leslie)       |
| Colin Moor                    | Peggy Pickering (Denton )  |
| Alan Rutter                   | Anne Rossi (Wright )       |
| Peter Seager                  | Doreen Stoddart (Dunstan ) |
| Dennis Stevens                | Sylvia Turnham (Boyes )    |
| Dickie Stroud                 | Sylvia Stroud (Atkinson )  |

On the same day in Bournemouth, was the 12th gathering of Old Scholars together with husbands, wives, friends and a Mum and Dad ! This was the first I had been able to attend, and I can recommend it for good food, accommodation, and needless to say.. great company. The event is organised by Jill Deamer with Vic Manning acting as “Master of Ceremonies”. Lots of Trinity memorabilia available to browse, and reminiscences by Nobby Clark and David Deamer. A thoroughly good time for everyone.

Attendees

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| Audrey and Roy Augood           | Reg Rogers             |
| Margaret McGinn and John Thomas |                        |
| Mr and Mrs Phil Glyn            | Judith Neville         |
| Mary Davies                     | David Deamer           |
| Jackie Moody with Mum           | Anne Flanagan with Dad |
| Reg Hanks                       | Pat Driver             |
| Mr and Mrs Les Waugh            | Les Grafton            |

**School Reunion—October 14th 2006**  
**Have you lost your booking form ?**  
**A reminder, please, please let us know if you are coming—20 of our reserved bedrooms are already taken, but we need 60 commitments for the dinner if we are to have the restaurant to ourselves.**  
**A decision must be made by 31st July.**  
**Thank you to the 48’ers who are coming en-block and to everyone who has returned their form early. We will not bank your cheques until after 31st July.**

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**Celebrating Trinity Marriages, just how many are there ? Here are a few -**



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| Don and Yvonne Grammar (Horn)     |
| Roy and Audrey Augood (Latter)    |
| Ron and Joan Bates (Martin)       |
| Ken and Ena Harris (Dinnage)      |
| Donald and Brenda Poole (Hillier) |



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| Tony and Val Churchman (Ebbs)     |
| John and Jean Daniels (Dingle)    |
| Alan and Anna Lindfield (Osborne) |
| Jack and Barbara Sharman (Huttly) |
| Richard and Judy Simmons (Banks)  |
| Tony and Carol Smith (Smith)      |
| Nobby and Valerie Taylor (Port)   |
| Donald and Barbara Foot (Brown)   |
| Peter and Jeanne Zimmerman (Webb) |
| Derek and Cherry Hale (Briers)    |

**Do you know of others ?**

**And MORE PEOPLE NEWS**

**From Kemal** we have news of **James Steele** Trinity 1954-57 Prefect ; Victor Ludorum; Queen's Scout; and now Queen's Messenger. Retired army Major. Among his achievements— he parachuted in the Arctic. Whilst at Trinity cycled to New Forest from Wood Green for camping holiday with Kemal . Has flown all over the world as Queen's Messenger including Mongolia & Jordan . A keen golfer.

You will have noticed the name of Kemal Ghafur repeating in these newsletters—we bounce information and have bridged the “year-gap” successfully. Kemal (a retired solicitor and barrister) helped us put together the constitution. He is a very keen TOSA member.. Joined Trinity in 1951—was School Captain 1957-58; played cricket and football; appeared in numerous dramatic productions; read “let us now praise famous men” at Dr.Jones Memorial service; writes poetry; swims 50 lengths of an open air pool near his home every morning ... the list is endless, he is also an avid Collector, and recently found a School Prefects badge, at a local Flea Market.

We are sorry to learn the passing of 46’er Maureen Cruft in December last year.

Continuing **how to stay young** :

- Enjoy the simple things.
- laugh often, long and loud.
- Laugh until you gasp for breath.
- The tears happen.
- Endure, grieve, and move on.
- The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves.

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*Friends are quiet Angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to Fly.*

**More Reunion News**— The following arrived from Vic Manning just as we were about to put pages into envelopes— too good to miss out !

**Newsletter June 2006**

The Bournemouth Group do it in April! Yes - this was our 12<sup>th</sup> reunion, and once again it was held at the Woodcroft Tower Hotel. Good weather, good food (although you can't always please everybody!), good service and renewed friendships - what more can you ask for? I must start by mentioning Beryl Ivatt (1938), who made a stunning entrance at . breakfast by wearing a tailored white blouse, navy trousers, and the ladies' Trinity cravat - good on you Beryl! !

At the dinner on the Saturday evening (29<sup>th</sup> April), Vic Manning opened by welcoming those present, with a special welcome to Beryl Skinner (Hayter 1942), Judith Neville (Crook 1952), and Jose Gillard (Payne 1947) - first time timers to the Bournemouth Reunion. Can we boast the oldest old scholar? Reg Hanks was 90 in January 2006 - well done Reg!

2006 is an important milestone in the future of TO SA. However, we must not be complacent. We still need more members for the Association to survive. It was pleasing to have with us Reg Rogers (Vice President) and Roy and Audrey Augood (Life Members) - all have put in so much work over the years and have duly earned their titles.

Our new, enthusiastic Treasurer, Beryl Skinner, gave a brief resume of developments over the past twelve months. We are now legal and solvent, with a healthy bank balance!

The after-dinner formalities completed, the evening was then thrown open for TRINITY REALITY. We had nostalgia, coupled with fun and serious comments.

Geraldine Manning set the ball rolling by reading a monologue entitled 'We are survivors' - just one extract, 'going all the way' meant staying on the double decker bus all the way to the bus depot! How the world has changed in 50 years!!

Les Grafton made a welcome return this year and was on top form ,stories flowed involving a hungry Canadian black bear, doodle bugs, Scout park, and Dad's Army featured again (Croft & Perry have a lot to answer for!). The black bear story put a whole new meaning to 'saying grace' as it stood over its victim (I haven't enough space for the whole joke!). During the latter part of the second World War, the South of England was bombarded by doodle bugs (6725 half-aircraft, half-missiles, were sent over Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Essex and London. When the doodle bug's fuel supply ran out, the engine would stop - this was the time to run for cover because you had just 10 seconds before the big

BOOM. Les and another scholar both

dived under a table at this point, and met head-to-head! This was Les's only war wound!

Nobby Clark gave a very moving account of his 'Heroes Return to Italy' last year with visits to some Italian battlefields, including Casino. During his service in Italy, at one point he was the only surviving officer responsible for over 600 men. This was a mile away from the Home Guard defence of Enfield waterworks reported in a previous newsletter!

David Deamer's passionate and critical view of this country's current education system was widely shared by those present i.e. the apparent wish by both main political parties to abolish Grammar schools. It was agreed that there is something very special about a Grammar school education and the bonds formed between pupils and teachers. Today, however, this loyalty towards schools and teachers from pupils appears lacking, and we all felt that today's pupils are not likely to be interested in attending reunions like Hatfield and Bournemouth in the years to come! .

Thespian: Phil Glyn, of the Old Scholars' Dramatic Society, described a family scene in one production where the son was supposed to spear a large pickled onion. However, the onion flew out over the footlights into the audience, who were very amused and appreciative. Unfortunately, this trick failed to be repeated for the remaining performances, despite their best efforts!

Beryl Skinner had received some anonymous mail showing 3 girls painting a wall no, not graffiti! The photo is on the website and Beryl would be interested if you can identify the culprits!

Wood Green railway station had a terrific idea to boost morale during the war. A small engine would tow a large naval gun out of the tunnel - it would fire off some shells (at nothing in particular!), but the BOOM BOOM would keep the locals happy! The engine would then shunt the gun back into the tunnel. This would be repeated on a regular basis - Until the shells ran out!

Once again, Trinity is the bond and thanks to you all for supporting this year's reunion - see you in 2007 - weekend 20/21/22 April (St. George's Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> April) - what an opportunity! - please bring along your memorabilia (and your stories!).

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