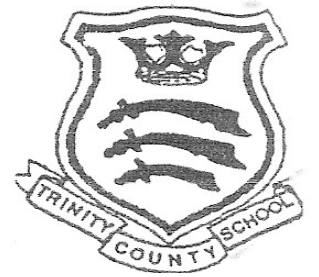


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No—I haven't gone completely bonkers..but just thought you would be interested.. However, I wonder if they (Cambridge University) have considered that you should first know how to spell the word correctly, before your brain recognises it and all the letters in it. The rest of this newsletter will be written, to the best of my ability, as taught !

MEMORIES

Cheryl Robertson (Beryl Ford 51) writes:

I joined TOSA this year and have been both delighted and amazed to discover many old friends with things in common after 50 years. I have lots of good Trinity memories but a few rather mixed such as:

PE & Games: Standing around on the freezing hockey field being accidentally? hit across the legs with the sticks. The humiliation of being the last to be chosen for the teams.

Tying bandages round our legs and forging notes from our mothers with my 2 partners in crime in the hopes of getting let off. Several relentless but hopeless attempts to take a run & jump onto the "Buck" like a beached whale with much giggling from the more agile girls no mercy from Miss Laurence but Miss Law was more easygoing. I remember she left to get married, as women teachers had to in those days, and also her telling the girls about the "birds & bees" as it was called then, but that we would have to bring a note from our parents if they wanted her to tell us the full "facts of life" - how things have changed. (I hope this isn't too racy for TOSA readers) .

Domestic Science: Miss Munro and the Apron we all had to make—the boys went off to wood-work. All these years, I have never

ventured into sewing more than hems & buttons. The other girls had all gone on to make something much more interesting but I was still on that thick cambric? apron. If we hadn't gone on to cooking, I would still have been making in the 6th form, I'm sure. I remember that the apron was actually covered in blood (from my pricked fingers), sweat & tears .

School dinners: We had to eat everything. I've never eaten sago since (frog spawn) but my problem was the FAT MEAT. Our regulation school knickers had a pocket in the leg with a button on that went with the liberty bodice over our vests - I remember them clearly & how I used to smuggle the fat meat into that pocket & out of the dinner hall wrapped in my hanky. (Someone else at a recent get-together remembers taking a collapsible container into the canteen for the same purpose).I'd actually forgotten about this one until the '70's when I was teaching Primary school and on the dreaded Dinner Duty. We had to have our meal with the children, allegedly to encourage them to eat what they chose to take, good table manners & polite conversation. In a distracted moment I had taken Tongue onto my plate and was frozen with horror when I returned to my seat & realised. I tried to push it out of sight but a sort of rustle went round and I saw ten pairs of accusatory eyes fixed on me. However, the children were loyal to me & didn't split, but the memory of Trinity school dinners came flashing back .

PHILIP GLYN (32) solves the mystery surrounding the Trees on the School Playing field with the following report but, as a prefix to this, writes:

Can I recount how Dr. Jones did his best to ensure a weed-free field. I joined Trinity in 1932 when the school was approaching ownership of the White Hart Lane field. In early 1933, we, as the lowest of the low, viz. first formers, were instructed to attend school on Wednesdays and Thursdays, armed with a potato peeler. Those two days were our early finishes at 3 pm, when we were all called to attend the field, spread out across the area and crawl along, digging out weeds with those peelers. During the same term there were various schemes to raise money for the trees including the Farthing Fund when we were asked to put our 'spare' farthings in the box labelled with our House Names and in 1933 St Andrew's raised 1825; St David's 2185; St George's 2215; St Patrick's 1150; and New 1585. All of this also helped to raise money to furnish the interior of the Pavilion. (See Pavilion appeal)

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EDITORIAL.

An extraordinary interest has been taken in the planting of trees round our new Sports field. A scheme, believed to be unique, was adopted with the support of Mr G. W. Pyeman, the Middlesex County horticultural expert, by which specimens of every British tree were to be planted, and in addition specimens of trees so thoroughly naturalised that they have come to be regarded as British.

The plan adds a botanic interest, but the main purpose is to beautify the field, into the fun possession of which we are to enter next term. The trees were provided by contributions from Governors, Staff, parents, old scholars, and present scholars, and each tree has been labelled with the name of its donor or donors. The ceremony of planting took place on February 22; when the first tree was planted by Alderman G. Marlow-Reed, J.P., Chairman of the Middlesex County Council and Chairman of the Governors of the School. That such a scheme should arouse great interest in the School was to be expected, for we have been looking forward with great eagerness for many years to the possession of our own field, and everything which concerns our field is very near our hearts. That the scheme should have received praise in the columns of our local newspapers, which always treat us generously, is a cause of pleasure but not of surprise. But we were amazed when "The Daily Mirror," "The Evening Standard," and "The Evening News" published photographs of the planting, and when even the Times gave us a paragraph. And this is not the end of the story. An old scholar sends us a cutting from the Exeter "Express and Echo," and papers as different as "The Horticultural Advertiser," "The Children's

Newspaper," and "The Western Mail" give our scheme their blessing. We have shown in striking fashion that, we intend our ground to be, as we said many years ago, "worthy of the school". The pavilion is now under construction, and the date fixed for its normal opening is Saturday, July 8, our Sports Day.

TREE PLANTING SCHEME

The following trees were planted on the Sports Field on the 22nd February 1933.

Front Row. Siberian Crab, by Form III d; Almond, by Mrs. I.O.T, Rhys; Scotch Laburnum by S.Blurt, P.Howard, and H.Wadham; Catalpa, by Alderman Marlow Reed; Aspen Poplar by H.M.Walton Esq.; Silver Birch, by G. W. Pyman Esq.; Almond, by Lt -Col. R. H.Elliot; Acacia, by Form II d; Silver Maple by Miss Macrae; Double Pink May, by Mr Taunt; Red Oak, by Form I d; Double White Cherry, by Miss Aldridge; Scotch Laburnum by Joan Bartholomew; Mountain Ash, by Miss Sproxton; Red Chestnut, by three girls in Form I1 c; Scarlet Oak by Form I c; Almond, by Miss Andrews; Crab, by Dorothy Cobley; Silver Maple, by Hilda Bolton; Silver Birch, by Miss Andrews; Double Pink Cherry, by Form V b; Copper Plum by Miss Griffin; Bird Cherry, by Eileen McCarthy.

East Row. Horse Chestnut, by Dr Jones; White Twiggd Lime, by Betty Kent and Joan Anderson; Black Poplar, by N. Gregory; Hornbeam, by Irene Noble; Copper Beech, by Miss Andrews; Sycamore, by Mrs. Robert Henshall; Maple, by A. Bell; Spruce, by Mr Jones; Crack Willow by Form II c Girls; Balsam Poplar, by Mr Taylor; Bat Willow by II c Boys; Ash, by Mr and Mrs Tudor Rhys; Golden Elm by B. Harrison; Golden Poplar by OTS members; Larch, by Kathleen Boisson; Cypress, by Mr I.O.T.Rhys; Oak, by Mr Brandon; Wych Elm, by S. Osborne; 3 Scotch Pines, by Miss Stewart, Miss Munday, and Form V a.

Back Row. Silver Birch, by Miss I.R.Jones; Silver Birch, by Cr. J. Burr; Silver Birch, by Mr Edmunds; Silver Birch, by Miss Garden; Silver Birch, by St Andrew's Girls; Silver Birch, by Margaret Noble; Silver Birch, by Sellwood Family; 3 Weeping Willows by St David's House (Boys and Girls); Silver Birch, by Thorpe Family; Silver Birch, by Form I a; Silver Birch, by Form III c; Silver Birch by Upper IV; Golden Ash, by St George's House (Boys and Girls); Silver Birch, by Form II a; Silver Birch, by New House (Boys); Silver Birch, by New House (Girls); Silver Birch, by Form IV b; 4 Silver Birches, by Form IV a.

West Row. Cedar, by Form I b; Alder, by Mr Ellison; Wild Service, by St Patrick's Girls; Gean by Marjorie Shaw; Walnut, by A. Simons; Silver Birch, by Freda Ree; Holm Oak, by Form II b; Copper Plum, by Miss Jobson; Mulberry, by Doris Goodger; Double Pink May, by Miss Leidce; Almond, by Form III a; Mountain Ash, by Flora McInnes; Silver Birch, by Miss Towler; Copper Beech, by Margaret Clarke; Red Twiggd Lime, by Miss Dunkerley; Service, by Doris and Margaret Anderson; Double Peach, by Muriel and Bertha Barker; Silver Birch, by Mr Swindon; Beech by the Medworth family.

PAVILION APPEAL.

The pavilion on our playing field, as we said in the Editorial, is now under construction and will be formally opened on Sports Day on July 8. What is being provided for us at the present time is the mere shell of the building. The whole of the interior it will be our concern to supply. We intend to make that pavilion, as we said many years ago, "worthy of the School," but to do that need a large sum of money and we have no resources. As this magazine shows we have made some attempt in the School this term to raise money, and we have issued an appeal to our scholars. Will all our readers-scholars, parents, and friends of the School--- accept this as an invitation to them to make a contribution to the Pavilion Fund. There is a Latin proverb, *Bis dat qui cito dat*, which means, "He gives twice who gives quickly." Our need of money is a present need. It is now that we wish to raise a sum of money, so that when our pavilion is declared open on July 8 what is entrusted to our use will be something more than a mere shell.

The School Song

Dorothy Gulliver (Newling 33) has the answer and writes:

Thank you for a fascinating newsletter, but I was horrified to read that the authorship of the School Song is in doubt. Surely it was written by the Old Man himself, Dr Emrys E.Jones, Headmaster from the beginning and for many years.

I understand it was first sung to a hymn tune, but the official music was composed by Mr Leslie (Tubby) Taylor, head of music department before Mr Henry Saunders. When I was a first-former, in 1933, Mr Taylor told us the hymn tune was so mournful and unassertive that he produced his version.

When he conducted, we were always encouraged to punch out the words: "A foremost place we claim" and

"The Trinity County shall prevail!"

I could sing it for you now, but you wouldn't enjoy the experience!

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October Reunion—2006

66 members of the Association together with 14 guests sat down to dinner and Oh! what fun we had. My ears are still ringing from the sound of laughter, conversations and such an atmosphere. The whole evening was buzzing.


We were particularly happy to welcome Ms Emel Rochat-teacher with Mr Dean in the 1950's and of course our oldest member of the Association—Dinah Ireland (Kain). At the earlier AGM she was made a Life Member of the Association. Photographs of the event appear on the website.

Winner of the Weekend for Two gifted by Ramada Hotel was Ron Bates.

Attendees were

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Just a last note on the October Reunion. It was such a pleasure to see some of the 50's era joining us—if the Association is to continue through into the next decade, we need some of the younger old scholars to come forward and support our efforts. Please spread the word. I particularly need some expert help on **MICROSOFT ACCESS** database.... Anyone out there ?
Beryl Skinner



More Trinity Marriages
 Robert Reed and Velma (Buckle)
 Bruce Rimmer and Sue (Binning)
 John Dickson and Valerie (Keary)
 Raymond Conner and Elaine (Stubblings)
 Brian and Hilary Owen (Paul)
 Frances and Margaret Barford (Harris)
 Richard and Sylvia Stroud (Atkinson)
 John and Pat Parker (Hastings)

Thoughts People come into your life for a reason, a season or a lifetime. When you know which one it is, you will know what to do for that person. When someone is in your life for a **REASON**, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally or spiritually. (or for you to offer the same FOR or to THEM). They may seem like a godsend and they are... They are there for the reason you need them to be. Then, without any wrong doing on your part or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end. Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand. What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled, their work is done. The prayer you sent up has been answered and now it is time to move on. Some people come into your life for a **SEASON**, because your turn has come to share, grow or learn. They bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it, it is real. But only for a season. **LIFETIME** relationships teach you lifetime lessons, things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant. Thank you for being a part of my life, whether you were a reason, a season or a lifetime.

The above was sent to me by a very dear friend, and I thought it very relevant to what we had with Trinity County Grammar School—I hope you all enjoy reading it.

IMPORTANT MAIL SCAM ALERT
 If you receive a card through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) saying that they have a parcel awaiting delivery instructions and asking you to contact them on 09066611911, **do not** call the number as this is a mail scam originating from Belize! If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message, you will already have been billed **£15** for the phone call. If you do receive a card with these details, please contact ICTIS on 0800 500212 or your local trading standards office.

We have recently lost the following friends
 Jean Meenwissen (Anderson) 55
 Sheila Taylor (Rogers) 41
 Ron Hounsell 33
 Frank Pritchard 33

A gentle reminder—subscriptions are due 1st January—the following are already paid for 2007. No subscription for Life Members; Honorary/ Associate; or the Joint member at the same address. Please make cheques payable to **TOSA and send to Beryl Skinner**

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| Irene Holland | Barry Wilkinson |
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| Alan Linfield | |

Above correct at 14th November 2007

The following article (Page 5) was written by Colin Marr (51) for Hornsey Historical Society, and I felt that it is so interesting and part of "our" history that it is worth publishing here. Photos can be found on the TOSA website.

Gasholder No 1 at Hornsey Gasworks: A structure at risk!

Imagine it is 1929 and you are on a train steaming north out of Kings Cross. There is a man in his mid 30s sitting opposite you – he is Barnes Wallace, later to design the Wellington bomber and be knighted and famed for his ‘bouncing bombs’. As you pass through Hornsey station he looks out of the window. If he had looked to the left he would have seen Alexandra Palace (still without its TV mast, which was installed nearly ten years later). But he looks to the right and sees the smaller of the two gasholders at Hornsey Gasworks - he smiles at its spiral structure with repeating triangular shapes. Barnes Wallace is travelling to Cardington for a test flight of the airship R100, which he and his team had designed the previous year. One of the innovative things about R100 was surprise, surprise, its structure of repeating triangular shapes! And the Hornsey gasholder, which uses this same structural concept, was built when the great man was only five years old. Perhaps this is fanciful, but B W would certainly have made that journey and with his engineer’s sense of curiosity would have taken note of that gasholder.

The truth is Gasholder No 1 at Hornsey Gasworks is a remarkable, innovative and historic architectural structure and it is astonishing that it has remained neglected and unsung for so long. It was constructed in 1892 and is the oldest surviving example of ‘Cutler’s Patent Guide Framing’, which enables a structure using a lattice of vertical guides and helical girders to provide the necessary rigidity with a relatively lightweight and strikingly elegant appearance. Samuel Cutler & Sons of Millwall patented this helical shell concept in 1888. This is not to be confused with conventional rectangular frames with cross-bracing – it is a truly geodesic cylinder. Significantly, it was thirty years in advance of Barnes Wallis coining the term ‘geodesic’ for these light-weight structures for airships and aircraft - and fifty years ahead of Buckminster Fuller’s trendy geodesic domes.

In Norman Foster’s much admired London ‘Gherkin’ which was finished in 2004, over 110 years after the Hornsey design, parallels can be seen in the same helical theme with triangulated lattice patterns. This is a theme again repeated to recent acclaim in the new Hearst Tower in New York, due for completion in 2006. How extraordinary that 21st Century international leading-edge architecture has its unacknowledged precursor in an industrial structure from the 19th Century!

Also, there are significant historical aspects related to the social and economic development of Hornsey and Wood Green. In 1881 the population of Hornsey was 11,082 and in the 20 years up to 1901 it grew by an additional 61,000 new inhabitants. An area that had been characterised by green fields became covered with terraced houses, each requiring gas. London had the world’s first public gas service and the supply companies were well established to meet this huge increase in demand, and were at the forefront in gas production, storage and distribution. Gasworks and gasholders became common features in Britain’s urban landscape. However, with the introduction of North Sea gas and technological developments gasholders are fast disappearing. We are now at a point in time when almost all evidence of what was once an important industry, which provided significant local employment, will be lost without trace. Retention of Gasholder No 1 at Hornsey will be an appropriate reference point to register the historic significance of this industry and its local socio-economic importance.

An additional factor of historic significance is to do with Cutler’s location at Millwall, where it would have been associated with the shipbuilding industry that once flourished there on the south bank of the Thames - an industry that was in terminal decline after 1859 when Brunel’s last ship, the SS Great Eastern was launched there. Diversification using the same skills and manufacturing technology would have been a natural thing for Cutlers to have done. Preserving the Millwall name of the company at Hornsey would be a fitting reference to London’s rich but mostly lost history as an industrial city.

Haringey has lost much of its heritage buildings and every opportunity should be taken to make the most of the high quality historic assets that remain. Sensitive conservation of Gasholder No 1 could provide a powerful and striking landmark building with historic reference in the proposed Haringey Heartlands scheme. The vision here is that the guide frame could form the outer structure of a glass curtain-walled building, as has been done with good effect in Dublin with conversion into luxury apartments.

Why and what’s the risk? Well, Haringey Council has deleted Gasholder No 1 from its local list of industrial heritage site with a view to it being demolished to make way for Heartlands. At the same time English Heritage is assessing it with a view to it being listed! It’s in the balance and could be lost.

You will recall **Dinah Ireland's** fantasy of **Jack Hawkins**, which started a ripple from **Bob Good** who reminded me of brother Jack's involvement and his reminiscence of Jack Hawkins which we had published on the website some time (years) ago. Many of you I know, do not have access to our website—so here it is:

I first met **Jack Hawkins** in 1952 at the RAF station in Kenley.

He was starring in a film about the Battle of Britain called '**Angels One Five**'. Kenley had been an important RA.F fighter station during WW2. I was coming to the end of my 2 years National Service in the RAF as an AC2 - Aircraftsman Second Class - the lowest of the low. My 'trade' was teleprinter mechanic, but I had been posted to a station where the teleprinters belonged to the Post Office. The Post Office wisely insisted that their machines be serviced by Post Office personnel. So I had no job at Kenley.

The sergeant at the signals section gave me various tasks - window cleaning, making coffee, cleaning urinals, etc. One day, a notice went up asking for someone to act as interpreter to the Portuguese Air Force which was providing for the film the world's only remaining active squadron of Hawker Hurricanes. I immediately applied for the job although I knew not a word of Portuguese. I thought of Portuguese as a mixture of Spanish and French and I was fairly fluent in those tongues

Fortunately, I was interviewed by the Warrant Officer who also knew no Portuguese. I persuaded him that he was lucky to have on the station, the best Portuguese interpreter he could hope to find. I was to start the following Monday. On Saturday I went to Foyles and bought a phrase book. I concentrated on the bare essentials.

'Would you like a beer?' was high on the list!

During the filming, I was co-opted to be an extra. The Portuguese all spoke English so that was all right. One day I plucked up courage and approached Jack Hawkins. I told him that not only had we been to the same school, Trinity, but we had both been inspired by that wonderful teacher and actress, Miss Ellen Munday, to follow an acting career.

We reminisced and Jack was persuaded to pay Trinity a visit.

It was nearly twenty years later in Hollywood that I came into contact with Jack again.

It so happened that I was cast in a Columbia Screen Gems picture called '**Mr Paracelus**' in which I was to play a character named Cleghorn, who was a Dr Watson to Jack Hawkins' Sherlock Holmes-type character. We got on very well but Jack's voice was giving up. He had to quit the film and go home to have an operation. His part was taken by Michael Rennie who was a very nice man, but we had little in common. He was interested in collecting butterflies, and I was interested in getting out of Hollywood and into Broadway.

I succeeded in the former, failed in the latter.

Jack Good

Famous last words.....

"It will become the standard practice for every artist to make a film of themselves performing their record. These short films will be sent to TV producers for their programmes...it would not be a disc at all but a videotape. You would play it on your television, which would have a recorder-like attachment, which would also allow you to record your favourite TV programmes." - **Jack Good, January 1959.**

More People News: Keverne Weston (1954)

organised a successful class reunion in September at the Olde Cherry Tree Southgate attended by Malcolm Sell; Jean Frances (Meeuwissen); David Crease; Tony Heaton; Valerie Dickson (Keary) Dorothy Peters; Alan Willett; Peter Haines and Robert Bowes . Photos of the event can be found on our website.

Thank you to **Jackie Goodwin (56)** who works for Haringey Council, and went to investigate "our trees". Sadly, they seem to be no more.

We received a very big Thank You from **Emel Rochat** for her invitation to the October Reunion, and who writes "It was out of this world—words fail me. It was so moving to meet all the people I'd known so long ago *and those*. I didn't know, as they are all in the Trinity spirit. Everyone was so generous of themselves—so easy to take up again. So much for the Trinity ethos. Please thank everyone for the lovely flowers."

Similarly, a card from **Dinah Ireland**, who also loved the flowers, and tells me they lasted for over two weeks !

People News : Eric Fry (49) now living in Australia sends the following poem and also writes—Alas I was a student that appeared to lack the ability to study.

Unfortunately my sense of humour got in the way. Due to a bicycle accident I missed the revision required for GCE exams. My elder brother found me a job and it was decided that I leave before the dreaded GCE proved my teachers right !

TRINITY

(MY PROSPECTIVE)..

.(LOOKING BACK !!)

By E. Fry

MATHS.

The teacher walked into the room,
His presence made me baulk,
“Today we’ve Trigonometry”,
His hand went for the chalk.

“Get out your books and tables too.
Now pay attention boy.
It’s tangents sines and cosines time,
The subject you enjoy”.

“Now draw the graph and show me”.
I made the master frown,
The only way that mine looked right,
Was to hold it upside down!

With quadratic equations now,
To calculate the roots,
My mind went into spasms,
My heart sank to my boots.

Without mastering mathematics,
What would my future hold ?
Would I ever get a job?
Would I be left out in the cold?

GEOGRAPHY

When studying Geography,
I don’t think I was alone,
Confusing lat. and longitudes,
Or some country’s temperate zone.

Bill Bowen did his best I’m sure,
To make us understand,
That while we sat in winter’s cold,
The sun shone in some land.

Prime products, annual rainfall,
Population, minerals, ore,
Please don’t turn the pages Sir
I can’t recall much more!

FRENCH.

When Kurt strode into the room,
He did so like a winner.
He let you know, he was the boss,
Like an early day Yul Brynner.

Ma Francais pour tres ans,
In Paris took its toll,
I know that “ham” could be
“jambon”,
But what’s the French for “roll ?”

HISTORY.

In History an “Aussie” teacher Sir,
Surely shocked us all,
When he prophesied in future years,
The British Empires fall.

It’s possible that he was right,
It certainly makes you think
When looking at the atlas now,
How much is left bright pink!

WOODWORK.

“Don’t put your hand in front of the
chisel boy”.
Old Mr. Chick would often say,
“I had a boy who wouldn’t listen,
Lost his finger yesterday.”

But most of us woodworkers,
Have four fingers on each hand,
Remembering Chicky’s warnings
And our oak stained tea pot stand.

EPILOGUE.

Those school time years are long ago,
My working life is through,
But I guess it’s fair to say,
I owe a lot to you.

Editor’s note : I cannot believe it true that Eric would not have passed his GCE... he should certainly have attained a Distinction in poetry and as a tale-end to this—here is his latest in response to an apology from me for the delay in publishing the above : he writes “here is a little something just for you”

A COMMITTEE MEMBER CALLED BERYL

HAS SO MANY HATS , SHE'S IN PERIL,

IS IT THIS HAT OR THAT ??

"GET OUT THE WAY YOU DAMN CAT".

MAY SHE FIND IT BEFORE SHE GOES FERAL

And finally—at the end of our first year with a committee—a big thank you all for your support in attending reunions, lunches and general gatherings organised by enthusiastic volunteers. Thank you to those stalwarts who fold and post, and particularly to those who have supplied me with the stories for the newsletters. Please do keep them coming. They really are enjoyed by all, and are a huge factor in keeping the Association alive and well. And a **very** big thank you to Reg Rogers who organised the tables at the October reunion—I tried—what a job !

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Remember :
Friends are quiet Angels who lift our
wings when we have forgotten how to fly

MINUTES OF TOSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT RAMADA COMET HOTEL HATFIELD
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Derek Ball	Janet Parsons	Mary Davies	John Glyn
Derek Jones	Judith Neville	Ron Linsell	Beryl Skinner
Peter Zimmerman	Jeanne Zimmerman	Audrey Augood	Roy Augood
Doris Chennells	Reg Rogers	Dorothy Peters	Grace Brown
Vic Manning	Geraldine Manning	Derek Ball	John Snellgrove
Keith Lillywhite	Brian Owen	Josephine Gillard	

Apologies for absence:

Don and Yvonne Grammar; Ron Bates; Joy Riley; Derek Jones

1. The meeting started at 4 o'clock and was chaired by Beryl Skinner
2. Financial report by the Treasurer Beryl Skinner. Beryl said we were financially secure and with over 200 members. There was no need to increase the subscription. **The accounts were accepted without dissent.**
3. It was proposed that new members joining after August in any year will have a starting membership of 16 months e.g. joining after August 2006 expires December 2007.

Proposed by Beryl Skinner Seconded by John Snellgrove There were no dissents

4. It was proposed that the financial year would go from October 1st to September 30th but with membership year to stay January to December .

Proposed by Brian Owen Seconded by Peter Zimmerman There were no dissents

5. **Change of rule to :** TOSA shall be governed by an executive committee of at least six full members all of whom shall be elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting .The executive committee may appoint a Chairperson Secretary and Treasurer from within its members.

Proposed by Beryl Skinner Seconded by Judith Neville There were no dissents

6. It was proposed that there would be a new type of membership of Honorary membership who will not pay a subscription and will be made a member by invitation only.

Proposed by Beryl Skinner Seconded by Mary Davies There were no dissents

7. Other Proposals

1. That Mrs Dinah Ireland our oldest member who joined Trinity in 1927 be made a Life Member .
2. That Mrs Jill Deamer (Widow of Lee Deamer) be made an Honorary member of the association. This is in recognition of her commitment in organising the Annual Bournemouth reunion after the passing of Lee .
3. That Miss Emel Rochat former Teacher joined Trinity 1950 be made an Honorary member

Proposed by Beryl Skinner Seconded by Mary Davies There were no dissents.

8. Appointment of Committee

The following are prepared to remain and were duly appointed

John Snelgrove 1937	Beryl Skinner 1942	Derek Jones 1942	John Glyn 1946
Peter Zimmerman 1947	Vic Manning 1949	Jeanne Zimmerman 1950	Fred Brailey 1950
Judith Neville 1952	Mary Davies 1951		

Colin Marr is willing to continue to examine the accounts.

9. Any other Business

1. **Appointment of Archivist.** There followed a discussion regarding Trinity memorabilia and archives, and Vic Manning volunteered to become the archivist for the Association. No formal decision was made, but it was generally agreed that at this time, we would not deposit anything further with Bruce Castle Park unless specifically requested to do so.

2. **Memorial Plaque.** With the loss of the Trinity War Memorial Plaque, members discussed the possibility of using the £500 donated by Sir Ernest Harrison for a similar plaque to be placed in the Trinity building. The meeting was generally divided on the subject, but nevertheless agreed that further investigations should be made firstly whether the present incumbents of the school would agree to such a plaque and then with the cost. It was also agreed that this proposal should be put to all members together with a further suggestion that the Association make a "Living Memorial" in the form of the schooling of a child similar to that being done by Joy Riley. It was also agreed that Sir Ernest be approached to confirm his wishes in the matter.

Reg Rogers volunteered to contact the Headmistress at "Nightingale" School.

3. **Future AGM's.** It was agreed that future AGM's continue to be linked to the Reunion Dinner at Hatfield, but with the later start time of 4.30 pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 5.30 pm

