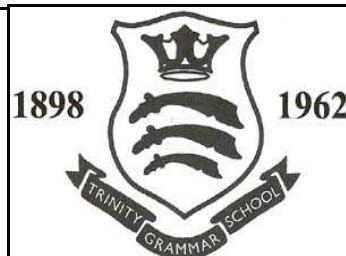


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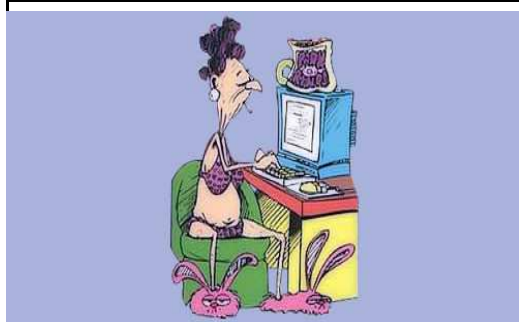
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Newsletter 20 September 2010



Here I am again with our 20th Newsletter since 2006, and coming up to our 18th Annual School Reunion since our Life President, Don Grammer resurrected the Association following a BBQ one summer in the last century !!!! A great deal of water has passed under the bridge since then, with active class reunions taking place, and over 300 paid up members continuing to support us with their membership. However, the organisation of the annual dinner at the Comet hotel remains a problem and as I write

this on the 4th August, there are only 52 booking forms received and we needed 60 by the end of JULY to commit to Ramada and to guarantee our use of the Comet Suite. However, Ramada are continuing to hold the Comet Suite for us, but we need more

“bums on seats” !

It may be that the way forward in the future is to continue with the smaller class/area meetings that have become so popular and successful, thanks to their co-ordinators—John Glyn for the 46’s; Kim Ghafur for the 51’s; Tarik Ghafur for the 53’s; Peter Turner for the 54’s and the North London and Reading Groups and the Bournemouth reunion* which are open to any year. Unfortunately the 48’s and 58’s seem to have fallen by the wayside despite the best efforts of Roger Pye and Anne Flanagan.

*The Bournemouth reunion demands a **£25 non-returnable** deposit, **six months in advance if you stay**, and Jill Deamer juggles the numbers for that .

We jiggle our numbers almost until the day, taking up a lot of administration time by Reg (who does the seating plan) and myself. We don’t even bank your money until September 1st. However, we do need to have a venue where we can hold our AGM as set out in our Constitution and where any member of the Association can attend.

We are particularly pleased to welcome Old Scholars and their partners who may not have attended before, and will enjoy meeting you all on the 16th October.

LATE BOOKINGS We may only accept **bookings** up until 30th September, and in any case, we cannot guarantee Hotel rooms if you are booking late. **After 15th September, please contact Ramada direct to book your accommodation, phone –01707 252403—and quote TRINITY.**

You will still need to send a booking form with your cheque for dinner to me whether you are Dinner only or with accommodation (we need this for our records).

Please mark accommodation section “booked” when you have done this.

Rogers Reg	34
Grammer Don	37
Ivatt (Cole) Beryl and Geoff	38
Brown (Wardell) Grace	39
Grammer (Horn) Yvonne	39
Augood Roy	41
Gray Frank with Audrey	41
Burke Jeff with Angelina	41
Judkins Tony with Joyce	41
Brooks Les	42
Coleman Derek with Ann	42
Skinner (Hayter) Beryl	42
Wells Stuart	42
De Rossi (Willson) Rosemary	43
Hale Derek	43
Augood (Latter) Audrey	44
Churchman Tony	44
Lines (Green) Betty	44
Lines Derek	44
Hale (Briers) Cherry	45
Moor Colin	45
Dinnis (Ashton) Sheila	46
Beckingham (Connock) Pat	46
Driscoll (Bridgman) Margaret	46
Glyn John with Ann	46
Rutter Alan	46
Seager Peter	46
Churchman (Ebbs) Valerie	47
Hollis Les	47
Sinfield Peter	47
Smith (Willson) Janet	47
McGinn (Stretton) Margaret with John	48
Johnson Alan	50
Rout John	50
Davies (Parker-Smith) Mary	51
Tomkins (Cotsford) Pam with Bob	51
Neville (Crook) Judith	52
Jones John	53
Bowes Robert	54
Turner (Creasy) Janet	54
Turner Peter	54
Johnson (Rust) Pauline	55



Dinah Ireland 17.08.1916—04.6. 2010

We said goodbye to our oldest Scholar on 4th June. She joined Trinity in 1927 and will be remembered with much affection by those who met her at our annual Reunions which she attended regularly.

My Inspiration

When I was a little girl it never occurred to me,
 How lucky I was to have a mum and dad
 who loved and cared for me
 When I was eleven it never occurred to me
 what Grammar school would mean,
 Learning from good teachers, being
 inspired by things I'd never seen
 In those days I was rather vain and thought
 I looked the best,
 In that school uniform of mine so clean and
 neatly pressed.
 When I was sixteen it never occurred to me,
 I'd got to get inspiration on leaving school,
 to be
 A working girl and earn some dough,
 To help the family.
 It never occurred to me between sixteen and
 twenty four,
 That all the days of happiness would be
 spoiled by a horrid war
 But at twenty four I married so there were
 some lovely days,
 In spite of all the trauma, the bombings and
 the raids.
 At twenty seven I was so inspired by the
 sight of my beautiful babe,
 First a girl, then a boy, nothing else could
 give such joy
 What can I say of the years ahead?
 Happy times, more ups than downs,
 Laughter and love and sadness and frowns
 Now at eighty three it does occur to me,
 What a marvellous life I've had,
 Thanks, of course, to my wonderful mum
 and dad.
 They were the ones that inspired me to
 think good thoughts and pray,
 That every day I should try to do my best in
 every way.

by Dinah Ireland 1999

We also said farewell to the following

Tony Chaston 43 who passed away in July. Tony (a Member of the Magic Circle) will be well remembered for his skill at our reunions.

Our sympathies go to his family at this sad time.

John Hulcoop writes " I should have let you know sooner (but life intruded) of the death of my sister,

Doreen (Peggy) Harper, née Hulcoop, who entered Trinity in 1936. She died in November of 2009 at the age of 84. I know of at least one person who will be touched by the news: Reg Rogers who was one of Peggy's best friends at school. We managed to get to a Hatfield reunion, the two of us, some years ago (can't remember which year but Mrs Penney was still alive in attendance, Jack Good and James Grout were also present). Peggy and Reg had a chat on that occasion and I believe she spoke to him on the phone after that. She emigrated to Canada in 2004 to be closer to her children and to me. She was one of dear old Doccer's favourites. He tried to persuade her to take shorthand and typing and to stay on at the school as a secretary."

Roy Close

Wartime soldier with the SAS who later became a pioneer of modern management techniques

Roy Edwin Close was born on March 11 1920 in North London. His father had a small business supplying typewriter parts until his partner absconded with the company funds. Roy was educated at Trinity County School, Wood Green, where he did well at sport but not in the classroom.* He found his first job in a stockjobbing firm in the City, and enlisted as a driver in a territorial unit of the Royal Army Service Corps.

Roy who died on April 18 aged 90, was director-general of the British Institute of Management after a career which encompassed wartime service in the SAS, journalism, academia and the running of colonial sugar estates.

Founded in 1947, the BIM (now the Chartered Management Institute) was the first body in Britain to offer diploma courses in management studies. Under Roy Close's leadership from 1976 to 1985, the Institute developed a campaigning role on behalf of its fast- growing business membership, in addition to its established position as a beacon of management education.

Editor's note. Here is another Old Scholar who made good ! I cannot find any sports mention in any of the magazines during the period when he would have attended. However, it does appear that he was a member of a party of pupils who went to Denmark during 1933.

The full obituary and interesting obituary can be found on the Daily Telegraph website for the 1st June 2010.

Thanks to those who drew this to my attention.

Jack Hawkins CBE



Celebrating the Centenary of one of Trinity's Favourite Sons

14th September 1910 -18th July 1973 (1911 CENSUS shows family living at 45 Lyndhurst Road Wood Green*)

Possibly Britain's most popular actor of the post-war period, Jack Hawkins died on 18 July 1973, at the age of 62. Although theatre was his first love, Jack became a household name playing military men in epic films during the 1950s and 1960s.

His deep voice and emotionally-reserved yet strong-willed on-screen persona typified the middle-class English gentleman of his era and kept him securely in work until the end of his career, despite having his voicebox removed after suffering from cancer.

Born on 14 September 1910, in Wood Green, John Edward Hawkins was the son of a builder, and joined what was to become Trinity County School in 1921/22.

The school magazine of 1924 states "The school possesses histrionic talent that has received recognition in professional circles. J Hawkins (Form IIA) is regularly playing a short speaking part in Mr George Bernard Shaw's "Saint Joan" now being produced at the New Theatre."

Broadway came calling in his late teens with a role in Journey's End but at 21 he was back in London starring as a young lover in Autumn Crocus, where he met his future wife Jessica Tandy (Driving Miss Daisy) and the two married a year later and had a daughter Susan. They divorced in 1942.

In 1931, he had secured his first film role in Alfred Hitchcock's The Lodger, which was followed by several minor roles on the big screen. During the Second World War he enlisted in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers and spent time in India as part of the Entertainments National Service Association producing shows for British armed service personnel where he met his second wife, Doreen Lawrence. He was demobbed in 1946 with the rank of Colonel. The 1950s ushered in more success with the critically-acclaimed Mandy in 1952 and the success of The Cruel Sea in 1953 making him one of Britain's top stars of the post-war era.

His character roles as military men increased his popularity further, playing the intrepid Major Warden in The Bridge On The River Kwai 1957, the criminal mastermind in The League Of Gentlemen in 1960 and General Allenby in Lawrence Of Arabia in 1962.

He was diagnosed with throat cancer in 1966 and had to have his larynx removed. Although he continued to act, either Charles Gray or Robert Rietti dubbed his performances until his death in 1973 following an operation to implant an artificial voice-box.

Though he mainly enjoyed success in Britain, he also made an impression in the US, starring in Hollywood blockbusters The Land Of The Pharaohs and Ben-Hur, and was thought to be the obvious choice for the Best Supporting Actor Oscar that ultimately went to Hugh Griffen.

His acting abilities were however, recognised by four BAFTA Best British Actor nominations for Mandy in 1952, The Cruel Sea in 1953, The Prisoner in 1955 and The Long Arm in 1956 with an Emmy nod for Outstanding Single Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Comedy or Drama Special for his final on-screen appearance in QB VII in 1973.

But in his penultimate film Theatre Of Blood in 1973, Jack had a large part even though he did not speak a word — he only used his mechanical voice-box in private.

His autobiography, which was somewhat ironically titled Anything For A Quiet Life, was published posthumously in 1973.

He was a Past Vice President of The Actors Charitable Trust in the company of : Dame Gladys Cooper, Constance Cummings, Dame Edith Evans, Sir John Gielgud, Ivor Novello, Sir Alec Guinness, Jill Esmond, Lord Grade, Sir Emile Littler, Sir Michael Redgrave, Gertrude Lawrence, Frank Lawton, and Wendy Toye to name but a few.

Editor's note

- * When I lived at 74 Lyndhurst Road during the early 60's, his brother Tom lived in the maisonette above and Jack regularly visited – leaving his Silver Rolls Royce parked outside and next to my Vespa scooter!
- His visit to the school in 1952 will be remembered by many .
- Does anyone remember his nephew John Hawkins who was also at Trinity in 1942 but left to join the Royal Navy, and later obtained a commission?

Information National Archives. and from the original obituary published on Thisisannouncements.co.uk website on 18th July 1973

Congratulations to and Celebrating Golden Wedding Anniversaries-
John Glyn (46) and Anne on 20th August
Ron Bishop (46) and Sheila on 18th June

53 Vintage Trinity Reunion at Felixstowe
Tarik Ghafur reports:

The reunion on 27th June at the Orwell Hotel was well attended despite the time of year and cluster of sporting activities (World Cup, Wimbledon and International Athletics) which could have conspired to reduce support.

19 sat down to 3 course Sunday lunch. Old scholars had come from as far away as Dorset, Devon, Wales and even the South of France. Having been afforded the exclusive use of "The Buttery" we were able to — and did make it our own with mini school banners and photo displays of previous gatherings (not forgetting a mini display in the hotel lobby featuring school mementos.

The subsequent cream tea gathering was as lively as the lunch and further mini gatherings took place at a sea-side brasserie and at the hotel breakfast the next morning. All agreed the hotel food was excellent and the rooms comfortable. The result of the England/Germany match (watched on the hotel big screen) was not allowed to mar the success of the weekend gathering and all agreed that the hotel service was fantastic. The manager personally repaired Roger Palmano's burst suitcase and even drove Roger and Richard (McDermott) to Ipswich when they missed their train.

Tarik Ghafur ('53 organiser)

News of the 51's

Kim Ghafur reports:

A highly successful mini-reunion organised by Roger Smedley) was held at The Arnos Arms on 24th March for some of those that could not make the 3 June:- John & Sue Andrews; Les & Jan Cook; Richard Suffield; Roger and Mary Smedley; Colin Marr; Cheryl Robertson ; Kim& Sandy Ghafur.

At Dobbs Weir on the 3rd June.

There were 22 of us this year. A lovely day by the river again with Emel Rochat as our guest of honour.

The others were Peter and Jeanne (Webb) Zimmerman ('47 and '50); Lennie and Jean (Glendale) Norman; Roger and Mary Smedley; Janet Jackson; Colin Marr ;Colin Hale; Terry Burn ;Pam Tompkins(Cotsford) and husband; Anita Wilman (Phillips) and husband ; Betty Brannan; Mike Martin; Cheryl Robertson (Ford); Andrew and Summer Kadlec; Kim and Sandy Ghafur.

Apologies from John & Sue Andrews; Hilary Cole; Les & Jan Cook ; Mary (Parker-Smith (Davies); Elaine Delmar (Hutchinson) ;Loretta Gevell (Krasner) & husband ; Peter Hamblin (Switzerland); Linda McNicol & party; Tony Pugh; Beryl Skinner (TOSA & party); Richard Suffield; Leslie Jennings and Alan Nowell.

Nightingale Awards

20th July saw yet another successful visit to Nightingale School, where I was joined by Derek Coleman (42), Beryl Ivatt (Cole) 39 and Geoff., Jean Daniels (Dingle) 48; John Dingle 43; Rosemary De Rossi (Willson) 43; Janet Smith (Willson) 47 and Eileen Brooks (Bristow) 42—who I had not met since 1947 when we left Trinity for what we thought would be the last time ! Once again, the children were delightful, and we were entertained 2010 style by year 6. Quite different from our end of term. However, it was a very happy occasion, and we were made to feel most welcome by both the staff and the children.

The October reunion is definitely on

However we will discuss its future at the AGM

Apologies to those who sent photographs for the Website. Unfortunately, I have not been able to process these due to unforeseen circumstances in the past couple of months.