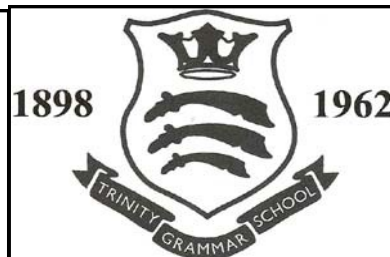


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Memories are made of this -The 1948 Olympics

In July 1948, I was in the RAF and had just returned from a goodwill tour of Rhodesia with a squadron of Lincoln bombers, the updated version of the Lancaster. The tour was in appreciation of the support given by the Rhodesians to the war effort.

From my diary for the year I note that my father had managed to buy me a ticket for only 8/6d to go to the opening ceremony of the games at Wembley on the 29th July. I remember the event clearly- the parade of 59 nations before King George VI, the lighting of the torch carrying the Olympic flame, and speeches delivered by the Archbishop of York and Lord Burghley who was the chairman of the games organising committee. (Lord Burghley himself had been a gold medallist in the 1928 Games).

Again on the 31st July, I went to the Wembley Stadium and managed to get, for only 6/6d, a seat in the fourth from front row. I mentioned in my diary that there were many foreigners in the audience chanting feverishly for their compatriots. The winners were presented by the President of the Games with their gold, silver and bronze medals. In particular, I noted that Howard Dillard from Cleveland Ohio, won the 100 metres in 10.3 seconds, followed by Barney Ewell in 10.4, both in the team from the USA. Howard also won a gold medal as a member of the 4 x 100 metres relay. He is now 88 and intends to come to this year's Games in London! Barney Ewell, his team mate, was in the 1936 Olympic Games and won a silver medal at this event.

I also saw on the day the 5000 metres race which was won by Emil Zatopek who represented Czechoslovakia. He won 3 medals in the Games. All in all, it was a wonderful experience!

Bob Good 1941-1946

I do remember Mr. Mackey standing in the hall offering tickets but as I was not interested I walked away. I wonder if he managed to sell any—certainly not like today when tickets appear like gold dust—hard to come by!

Rosemary Ellicott (Sprague 43)

In the Summer term of 1946, a cross-country run (boys only) was arranged. Each competitor was awarded a point for his House so I reluctantly agreed to enter. My friend David Blades told me that his neighbour did a lot of running and would be happy to help us train. On the night before the event this neighbour took us for an 'easy pace' run over the course. After a while I dropped out having found the pace anything but easy. The neighbour's name was STAN COX and he subsequently competed in both the 1948 and the 1952 (Helsinki) Olympic marathons. He retired to Suffolk and four years back, made a brief appearance on the 'Look East' TV programme.

All I saw in 1948 was some Basket Ball at Harringay Arena and a Football match at Highbury. All the GB players were amateurs and the Captain was Bob Hardisty of Bishop Auckland, the leading amateur side of the era.

Jeff Burke (41)

Editor's note -Each country was allowed to enter one team of 14 players and they all were eligible for participation. A total of 298 basketball players from 23 nations competed.

More Memories are made of this—Harringay Stadium/Arena prompted by memories of the 48 Olympics. Did anyone go to any of the events ?

Harringay Stadium was the third greyhound racing stadium to open in Britain. It was owned by the Greyhound Racing Association Ltd . After great success with their first track at Belle Vue in Manchester in 1926, they opened both White City and Harringay stadiums in 1927.

The driving force behind the GRA, and its Managing Director until the 1960s, was Brigadier-General Alfred Critchley who wrote that, when he first learned of greyhound racing, "It immediately occurred to me that this might prove to be the poor man's racecourse"

Harringay Stadium was constructed by Messrs T.G. Simpson of Victoria Street, London, at a cost of £35,000. The 23-acre (93,000 m²) site had been the Williamson's Pottery Works from the late 18th century through to the early 1900s. It was then used as a dumping ground for the spoil from the construction of the Piccadilly line to Finsbury Park.

On completion, it had a capacity of 50,000. The main stand running along the north of the site seated 3,000. The remaining 47,000 spectators were accommodated on terracing constructed on earth banking. When it opened the stadium was originally called Harringay Park. One of the most renowned additions was the *Julius totalisator*. This electro-mechanical computer, installed in 1930 and extended and upgraded in 1948, saw continuous service until the stadium was closed in 1987.

Not to be forgotten were the **Harringay Racers** who were a motorcycle speedway team who raced at the **Harringay Stadium** from 1947 until 1954 in the National League Division One.

Australian Vic Duggan was the top man in the league for a few years. His brother Ray raced with him until his death in a track accident in Australia. Split Waterman, signed from Wembley, took on the mantle of top scorer. Jack Biggs had a couple of spells with Racers sandwiching a time at Bradford.

The track was used for one-off meetings in 1958, 1960 and 1961.

In 1929 a new company, **Harringay Arena Limited**, whose directors were also directors of the GRA, was incorporated to build and manage the new venue -Harringay Arena.

It had a seating capacity of almost 10,000 for ice hockey and slightly more for boxing. The actual arena was 198 feet (60 m) long by 88 feet (27 m) wide. A removable maple floor could be laid over the ice for non-sporting events. This arrangement clearly proved troublesome. At an event shortly after its opening the *Daily Herald* reported that "claims that Harringay had solved its cold-feet problem were not quite substantiated. Cold air from the ice below the boards filtered through". Specifically designed as an ice hockey venue, it quickly became famous as a venue for both ice hockey and boxing.

Up to the Second World War, ice hockey enjoyed its most popular era in the UK until a revival in the 1990s. Two local teams were formed for the Arena's opening, Harringay Racers and Harringay Greyhounds. On October 26, 1938, the first ice hockey game to be televised anywhere in the world was played at Harringay between the Racers and Streatham. A year later, WWII started and ice hockey matches were suspended. This interruption proved very damaging to the sport's popularity and post-war audiences remained thin for the remainder of the Arena's life.

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There were, however, ice skating shows including the huge production of *Rose Marie on Ice* in **July 1950** starring the **1948 Olympic Champion Barbara Ann Scott**. **John Glyn 46** confirms from a programme that there were not enough male skaters available to take the part of the Mounties and they were played by members of the Harringay Racers and the Harringay Greyhounds Ice Hockey teams.

Boxing became firmly established at the Arena prior to the war. On April 7, 1938 Harringay was the venue for the first boxing match to be televised live when the full 15 rounds between Len Harvey v Jock McAvoy were broadcast. Following the war Harringay was a very successful boxing venue. During its 22 year life, it was home to five world title fights, a record for any British venue by the time the Arena ceased operating as a venue in 1958. However famous the Arena became for boxing, commercial necessity led to a diversification into a wider range of events including the **basketball and wrestling** events for the **1948 Summer Olympics**.

Harringay was the venue for the first *National Colliery Music Festival* in 1948. The festival included eight brass bands, three pipe bands and nine male voice choirs, all from collieries around the UK. There were also displays of clog dancing and sword dancing by colliery groups. The finale was a performance by a 700-strong choir accompanied by a massed brass band and conducted by Sir Adrian Boult

The '48 festival included the hugely popular London debut of Pierino Gamba when 10,000 people watched this ten year old boy conduct the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra playing Beethoven and Dvořák. The festival also featured the world-famous Manuel Rosenthal, who brought his Orchestre National de France to join Sir Thomas Beecham and the Royal Philharmonic in a concert that filled the Harringay Arena with 13,500 listeners. Classical music events also figured large in the 1949 calendar.

In April, famed singer Paul Robeson appeared at Harringay as part of his European concert tour. Sell-out audiences, including one of 10,000 at the Arena, led him to describe the tour as "the most successful concert tour of my career". He returned the following year to sing at the 20th Daily Worker rally.

In June, there was a short season of classical music events including a two-week stay by the Philadelphia Orchestra. The event was part of their hyped European tour. They were the first American orchestra to visit the UK since 1929. Financed by British theatrical impresario Harold Fielding, the tour was a critical success, but high ticket prices kept the post-war audiences away. From August 27 to September 1, along with Empress Hall, Earl's Court, Harringay Arena was the venue for a series of five gala performances by Alicia Markova, Anton Dolin and the Ballet Rambert. The success of these performances led to the formation of the English National Ballet.

The Arena was well known as a venue for circuses. It was home to Tom Arnold's annual Harringay Circus for 10 seasons from Christmas 1947 to Christmas 1957. For the first circus show in 1947 Arnold hired 20 baby elephants specially imported from Ceylon by the Chipperfield family. They arrived at the George V Dock in London's Docklands in October 1947 on SS Arbratus.

Billy Smart occasionally appeared in these shows. At one of the *Mammoth Christmas Circus*, he spray-painted five of his elephants white, yellow, blue, cream and pink. Cont. page 4.....

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The 1952 circus included an elephant act with Sabu, the young Indian actor made famous by his appearance in films such as *The Jungle Book*, *The Thief of Baghdad* and *Black Narcissus*.

The 'resident band' for the circuses was led by Charles Shadwell and the signature tune *Down with the Curtain* always introduced the proceedings.

The Arena also hosted a number of other circus shows. In 1956 the Moscow State Circus came to Harringay, the first occasion on which a state circus from the Soviet had visited Western Europe. Other events included a handful of western cowboy shows in the Fifties, including the 1952 *Texas Western Spectacle*, starring the famous cowboy singer/actor Tex Ritter.

American evangelist Billy Graham held his first 'Crusade' in the UK at the Arena from 1 March - 12 May 1954. Audiences could hear Graham every Sunday during the three month crusade. It was the first of 23 'crusades' and 'missions' that he held in the UK between 1954 and 1991. His visit was started off with a gala event at the stadium which included a visit by Roy Rogers and his famous horse Trigger.

The Daily Worker used Harringay as a venue for its rallies in 1954 and 1950.

The Ford Motor Company used the venue to launch the 1957 range of Ford cars namely the Consul, Zephyr and Zodiac.

In the early summer of 1958, a music event was held at the Arena when people flocked to see the top artists of the day including Vera Lynn, James Kenny, Matt Monro, Petula Clark, Dennis Lotis, Marion Ryan and Laurie London. The concert was called the *Starlight Dance* and it has been referred to as the start of what is thought of today as the full-scale arena concert.

Despite running an impressive and broad ranging calendar of events from 1947 to 1958, the change in the fortunes of ice hockey in the UK and the straitened post-war circumstances meant limited commercial success for the Arena after WWII. The **Arena** hosted its final event on Tuesday, 28 October 1958. It was a sentimental occasion and promoter Jack Solomons headlined with a world class lightweight fight between Dave Charnley and Carlos Ortiz (who was to go on to become world champion).



Editor's Note— research for this article is courtesy of the online Wikipedia free encyclopaedia which many of you may not be able to access because you do not have a computer. I hope everyone enjoyed the read.

NEWS FROM ABROAD

Dear Beryl, thanks again for the newsletter. The article about the Olympics was so interesting. As you know we live in Cyprus and before we moved here I thought each day would be wall to wall sunshine. But that is certainly not the case. Each day is different in cloud colour and cover, temperature, humidity level and wind speed or direction. As we face west we see the sunset each evening which is always exciting and never the same. Sometimes quite spectacular. This winter has been the coldest and wettest any of us and our Cypriot friends can remember. Our dams are 93% full and 11 of them 100% and have been overflowing for weeks. That is quite a sight and has become a tourist attraction! We all breathe a sigh of relief that we shall have no water cuts this year. After all, Cyprus is a designated desert country. But we have had to have workmen in to eradicate the damp in the walls. I am sorry it has not been possible for me to join any of the reunions. The ash cloud ruined the only opportunity I had! Thanks for your continued efforts with the web site. Best wishes, **Doris Willis (Redding 46)**

From an email to **Peter Turner (54)**

Dear Peter

Please pass on my best wishes to everyone at the Reunion*. I'm sure you will have a wonderful time and I regret I cannot be there to share a pint or two with you. I still have sisters living in Enfield and Buntingford that we visit occasionally but most of my wife's relatives live in various parts of Ireland so we have to go there too. Maybe one year we can schedule a visit to coincide with the Reunion but most of them have been determined by the health of ageing parents.

We spent December and January in New Zealand with our 3 children and 7 grandchildren. The weather there was very good but our friends here were suffering from above average rainfall. We live in an area with a sub-tropical climate and summer is the wet season with big storms and high humidity. When we got back it got worse and many of our neighbours on our small development were flooded. Some of them are still waiting for their homes to be repaired. Luckily, we were unaffected. We are going back to NZ next Sunday for a month for some family birthdays and our 44th wedding anniversary.

I had a big surprise some months ago when I got a phone call from Vic Deeble who I had not spoken to since we left school and now lives in Sydney. Apparently, Vic's mother used to live in Tewantin and he used to visit here regularly. On his later visits he used to stay in accommodation at the end of my road, some 2kms away. and neither of us knew how close we were!

I remember reading some time ago about the sad passing of Vic Ware of Hatfield Peverell-I think in Beryl's Newsletter. I did not know Vic at school but spent a great deal of time with him when I started work with the Post Office Test Section in Arnos Grove. (this later became the QA Division of BT) Vic was a little older than me and spent a lot of his time training me and giving me good advice. He had a great sense of humour and nothing was too serious. I visited his home and was amazed at his collection of music cylinders and many old valve TV's and radios.

I cannot sign off without apologising for not responding to your emails sooner. I could offer excuses but I should make more effort really.

Once again, I hope you all have a great time at the Reunion. *

Kind Regards

David Sanders (1954)

.....News from Abroad cont.

Patricia Meiller (Cole 51) writes from Canada

Hi Beryl...Have responded of late, but with the new Apple I'm not sure if all the eating is good :) Still finding my way around the cyber orchard. Anyway, so sorry to hear of your health troubles..Trust all is proceeding well at this time. My British sense of Bean humour kicked in reading about your boutonniere disability * (sounds like a meat dish) :)

More to the point (excuse the pun)....I'm sure people on this continent suffer chronically from some form of this affliction. The old one finger salute (referred to as 'flipping the bird') is equivalent to the good ole V sign when angered. One mostly encounters 'the middle finger' action when driving, (I have been known to use such motion as you will no doubt have suspected)....and am prone to tell anyone who will listen that when I first came to Canada I was driving along a Calgary street and happily did a thumbs up to a guy who gave me the opportunity to pass him. He, in turn, gave me the old one finger salute and I remarked to my Canadian passenger on what a pleasant chap he was....It was promptly pointed out to me that the other driver had thought I was giving him the bird and responded in kind!!!!

So,Beryl, I hope you are now laughing and I've lightened your day somewhat Lotza love and thanx for the newsletter. Always well done....Yours, etc

*Editor's note—you will read all about it later in the newsletter !!

The next item is really not NEWS FROM ABROAD—or is it ?? A cross between the TOSA family Etc

Mini Trinity 1951ers Reunion Friday 4 May 2012 at The Baker's Arms pub restaurant Sewardstone nr .Waltham Abbey Essex organised by Kim Ghafur who writes:

An impromptu lunch reunion was held to welcome Peter Brown and his wife Linley on a short stay from New Zealand (en route for a Mediterranean cruise). Peter gave us an amusing resume of his life since Trinity which included life in the Merchant Navy; and helping as a navigator to lay a Round-the-World cable for the Post Office. He served several years as a member of the New Zealand Parliament and rose to deputy leader of his party. He twice represented New Zealand at inter-Governmental conferences in the UK.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the occasion with sentimental nostalgia assisted by a small display of 1940s and 50s memorabilia and a display of Trinity memorabilia.

Those attending were Peter and Linley Brown ; Tony and Ann Clarke; Colin Hale ;Colin Marr (who cycled from Ally Pally!) Ken and Sue Perkins ;Roger and Mary Smedley and Kim and Sandy Ghafur.

Amazing how it works—this was prompted by a message left on our website from Peter Brown. Peter Turner picked it up and immediately put Kim the 1951 co-ordinator in the picture, who then got in touch with Peter Brown in New Zealand and again the marvel of the Tosa family kicked into action and within a few days—this had all been organised. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Belatedly introducing Catherine Condon (Brown 60) who may be our youngest member and now lives in Belgium. (see website for B & B in Brussels) www.josaphatpark-bb.be

Hello Beryl

Have just been turning out a drawer & have come across an old Trinity magazine & 2 "Contact" magazines-coincidence ! I also found all my old school reports. Academically I went down & down all the way (must hide them from my children!) I was one of the two girls NOT to have been made a prefect (wicked wasn't it?) at that time only prefects were allowed in the prefects' room, so we two,I remember clearly, were left with nowhere to go. AAH ! you can see how this experience has stayed with me all my life- I believe most strongly in equality!! When I went to Trinity I lived in Grange Park-took the 244 bus and then the trolley bus ' 269 " to school.

REUNIONS 2012

John Glyn and Margaret Driscoll (Bridgeman) Write::

1946'S Reunion 21st April at the Ramada Hotel

Our reunion was one of the best and it was so good to see everyone, especially Barry Gutteridge (after 60 years). Margaret has made a provisional booking next year for April 20th 2013, so please put the date in your diaries. Wishing you an enjoyable Summer and as some of us will be attending the main School reunion on the 20th October 2012 you may be interested in joining us. If so, please contact me or Beryl Skinner (0118 9730589)...**John Glyn**

Email to our Co-ordinator at the Ramada Hotel from Margaret Driscoll

Dear Christine

Congratulations and thanks to you and all your staff --

thank you for the organisation and your patience with the changing numbers;

thank you to the chef for the best tasting food we have had since we started having reunions about 12 years ago, every dish was excellent;

thank you to Zussanna and her ladies for such pleasant service; and thank you to the reception team who made us feel welcome.

We shall be in touch with the hotel at the end of the year to book another reunion on 20 April 2013.
Margaret

Bournemouth calling! Vic Manning reports: Hello fellow TOSA's.

Let's hear it for Lee Deamer - who would have been 90 on 22nd April 2012. You may be asking 'who was Lee Deamer?' Well, 18 years ago Lee decided that there should be a TOSA reunion in Bournemouth, as well as at Hatfield. That is how it started and we are still going strong (perhaps not quite as strong!!) Jill Deamer (Lee's wife), a Honorary member, has made the hotel arrangements for the past 18 years, which I regard as sterling service to TOSA. Many thanks, Jill.

Numbers were down to 15 this year - which was to be expected. Nevertheless, this hotel has a very friendly atmosphere and it was nice to be welcomed back by the owners and staff, who were always there to help.

The camaraderie at Bournemouth remains strong, but the usual rogues had to wait whilst Vivienne Jones took centre stage. Vivienne had discovered a school letter dating back to December 1958. The subject was 'standard of dress'. Headmaster A. H. Dalrymple's eloquent wording states 'some aspects which seem at present to cause confusion' and goes on to list the full list of uniform components - most of which had to be purchased at Briggs. No bright stockings or jewellery to be worn. No duffle coats (now hoodies) - that takes me back! Guilty, m'lud!! Quote: 'Our uniform is serviceable, sensible and moderate in cost'. No doubt Mr. Briggs departed this world as a millionaire! Thanks Vivienne.

Thanks also to David Deamer and Les Grafton for their usual contributions - I am still working on one of Les's jokes (getting a bit slow with age!). However, a very pleasant and successful reunion was spent once more in Bournemouth and I look forward to seeing everyone next year, when the reunion will be over the weekend **19th-21st April 2013**

Those attending this year included:-Jill Deamer, David Deamer, Reg Rogers, Les and Margaret Grafton, Beryl and Geoff Ivatt, Pat Driver, Vic and Geraldine Manning, Jean and Peter Zimmerman, Vivienne Jones and Valerie, Anne Flanagan.

Thanks for your continued support. Vic Manning 47

I cannot continue this newsletter without acknowledging all the cards and good wishes from TOSA'S far and wide after my accident on the 22nd March when I fractured my hip and dislocated my pinky damaging a tendon! At the moment my finger remains in the dislocated position—Hand specialist here I come ! David Cameron talks about THE BIG SOCIETY, but there is no doubt in my mind that our Association is THE BIG FAMILY.

I had been working on the April newsletter and prepared the labels for postage and sent the proofed copy for printing, bought the stamps etc. etc. when this happened. Everything in mid-air and a quick phone call by Barry to Peter Turner in Staffordshire put everything into fast move mode (the intention had been to "push and shove" into 250+ envelopes at our annual committee meeting on the 28th March which had to be cancelled - 50% of the committee need to make over a 100 mile round trip including Peter who logs up over 200 !).

Anyway - to continue - before you could say Jack Robinson - Barry had collected the printed newsletters, John Glyn - visiting his daughter nearby as luck would have it - collected them plus everything else - sat up with wife Ann - and within 24 hours they had all been posted!!!! I must also mention two new members Sue Seymour (Wright 56) and Meg Langtry (Brown 47) who were with me on the day of the accident - both very supportive, **and I hasten to add** - we were going **IN** to lunch not **COMING OUT** of our local hostelry!

Here is one of my treasured get well cards - with a note that reads:

If you were still in Albert Road and I was still in Princes Avenue, I would pop in to Eves the greengrocer and get you a 'penorth' of apples or in to Franks the grocer on the corner for a 'penorth' of broken biscuits. Pocket money went a long way then and sweets were rationed! Take care of yourself - **Cecil Webb 45**

Editors Note I am sure that many of you who lived in that area will remember the shops at the corner of Albert Road with Crescent Road which also included Patterson's the newsagent where I had my paper round. With that in mind , I would like to share a letter that I received from Sheila Williams a year ago and which I am sure will prompt some other memories.

Sheila writes:

It was very interesting and nostalgic to learn that you too had memories of Albert Road and the corner shops and the piano factory.

I went to Rhodes Avenue School in the Easter of 1931 and into the first Infants class with Miss Yates who I feared mightily. Miss Lorraine and Miss Day were Head Mistress and Deputy and I also remember a Miss Cox.

Little Freda Penfect(?) was a school mate and I was often in their flat in Victoria Road. I remember this little girl with her hair done up in ringlets and she always had very nice birthday parties !

I was in the congregation at Freda's wedding, sitting next to Miss Yates. Freda later became the Headmistress of Rhodes Avenue School.

Having married my lovely Welshman in 1946, we moved into my father's house in Clyde Road and lived with him for the next nine years (my mother had died in a flu epidemic in 1933 and he needed a housekeeper.) The situation worked fine for us all.

We knew the Otleys very well, David and Connie who lived with their three children at the top of Princes Avenue. They had a "through" room and a grand piano and had a "open house" most evenings when the "young things" danced and partied.

I look back on these memories with great pleasure and can say that I had a happy and secure Childhood. Crescent Road was something special with its two butchers—Treble and ?

Together with its two greengrocers and two bakers Pegrums and Strawbridge's. Because of the age gap between us, all **that** may be meaningless to you.

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.....8 Re the 11+. I strove for Glendale and passed for Trinity and then came the war. I was in 1c and 2c and in St. David's with a proud little orange badge on my gymslip.

At Trinity I was in mortal fear of Mr Saunders—he seemed to dislike me intensely and I used to hide in the cloakroom or not go to school on that day in order to avoid his lessons. I really liked our form master Mr R A Jones, a little dark Welshman, and Mr Dickinson who taught French and German. (Possibly a translator in WW1).

I am quite enjoying being a Londoner again after so many years of being Welsh (Sheila was evacuated during the war to stay with her grandparents, and remained until grown-up and married). It is great to be with our "Twin sons" and three teenage grandchildren.

I still haven't found the courage to go to Trent Park possibly because I would be the oldest there except for Reg.

All the best

Sheila Williams (Payne 37)

Editor's note—far from being meaningless—oh what memories this stirred. Memories of Rhodes Avenue with that lovely lady Miss Lorraine— rushing home from Trinity during the war to stop off at Pegrum's to buy a Chelsea Bun to eat on the way home. Getting up at 6 o'clock to do my paper round from Patterson's. Going to Eve's to buy potatoes for my Mum with a "bob" in my pocket. Taking the Accumulator to the hardware shop to get it re-charged for the wireless. All as clear as yesterday—but what did I actually DO yesterday >>>>????? Ask me another.

LATER FROM ABROAD

Dear Beryl, I much enjoy reading the Newsletter and thank you for sending it to me.

I was in 6 Commercial when Cecil Webb was also in that Tower Room. We were quite upset when we heard we had to have Greek Literature, and the first time Mr. Eustace turned up to give the lesson, we hid in the typewriter room, not very kind of us when I think of it now. I also, like Cecil, regret not having paid more attention to this subject. I can remember Miss Aldridge was very strict, and ringed each shorthand mistake in red ink.

I came to Switzerland when I was 20 and worked at Rieter, a textile factory. I came over here with another English girl, June Freedman, who had been to Grey Coats in Westminster and had learned German for 8 years, so she was fluent, unlike myself, who got away with English for the first 3 months. I can remember the first Sunday we had arranged to meet to go for a walk. I wore a pair of check slacks. My landlady, a single mum (very uncommon in those days, 1955) made a comment about my appearance, which sounded like 'fussball', but June corrected it to 'furchtbar', meaning dreadful. That was one of many cultural shocks I experienced for several years before I became 'acclimatized'. Even now I am usually the one to contact a Swiss friend, as they are rather withdrawn.. The language spoken in this part of the world is, of course, Schwyzerdeutsch, a dialect and not a written language. However, my daughter sends me mobile messages in dialect, which even now I have difficulty translating!

Ann and Derek kindly pick me up at London City Airport when I come over and have me to stay with them. Ken, my elder brother, also a Trinity old scholar, who went to Hatfield Peveral with the school at the beginning of the war and was very interested in TOSA, died several years ago.

I always thought what a pity that the Wood Green Library was destroyed; my brothers and I spent many happy times there browsing over the books; no TV in those days.

I did attend a re-union some years back and had an interesting talk with Derek Bishop, who kindly once escorted me to a dance. I hope make it again in the future, the re-union I mean, think my dancing days are more or less over!

I look forward to the next Newsletter, Kind regards Jean Christen (Coleman 45)

**I MAKE NO APOLOGIES FOR THE FOLLOWING PAGES
MEMORIES REALLY ARE MADE OF THIS 50 years on.**

The Magazine of
Trinity Grammar School, Wood Green, N.22

JULY, 1962

FOREWORD by THE HEADMASTER

It is always a sad thing to have to write the last foreword in the last magazine of a school, particularly of a school which has made such a significant contribution to the community and has contained within its walls so many distinguished and devoted members of staff, who have in turn passed on to their pupils their ideals of learning and of service. Trinity has learned over the years to take the rough with the smooth and to wrest from unpromising situations the best advantages for its pupils. This it has done magnificently well and its reputation and its pupils are all the better for it.

It would take a volume to recount the successes and triumphs of the past, but suffice it to say that they are established with respect in the hearts and minds of all who know the name of Trinity.

Let us speak of present achievements, which are fresh in public memory. Trinity's academic record over the years has been a proud one, and it has been pleasing to see its willingness to publish it regularly for public interest and inspection. It has fallen to our lot to have had a particularly successful period academically and one which has carried the Borough on to the crest of the wave, so to speak, where we hope it will remain.

Trinity's contribution does not end there, for it is expected, other things equal, that our present Lower Sixth Science will give a very distinguished account of itself in the Advanced Level GCE of 1963. Indeed, it is hoped that it may even exceed the achievements of its most successful predecessors, a blessing which, we pray, may befall all our pupils.

But academic success is one thing. How it is achieved is another. It is not merely the well-ordered timetable nor the comprehensive Careers Service, both carefully tailored to individual requirements, which alone bring about these things, neither is it the system of P.E. and Games catering for the individual welfare in a wide variety of activity. Nor is it the large number of teams, enthusiastically coached and supervised by members of staff, and representing the school successfully every week not merely in games but as ambassadors of their school and district, displaying goodwill and good-manners to all that they meet. Neither is it the many activities, nor the hospitality shown to our guests at functions or games. Nor is it merely the kindly personal interest shown in the children by the staff. It is rather the combination of all of these things, woven into a system of values which exist not as an external force but as something built up within the experience, joint association and mutual respect of staff and pupils. Some people call it 'goody discipline' we call it self-discipline, and it does not go without recognition amongst worthy people.

Here is a letter received from the Superintendent of Parks in Southgate after our recent Sports Meeting there : "It is my pleasure to write and inform you that my staff at Broomfield Park have expressed their admiration for the tidy state of the Park after your School Sports. We look forward to your visit next year, and if I can assist you in any way, please let me know."

The important thing is that, once gained, this sense of values is never lost. Its influence spreads out over the whole life and work of the individual. It is this which lies at the bottom of the academic and personal success of a whole college of people, and not merely of a few gifted individuals. Membership entails sacrifice, but the rewards are great. Of such stuff are people made who must lead us in the future.

Many valued staff are leaving both Trinity and Wood Green at the end of term and I should like to thank them for all that they have done for the School and for me. The place of honour belongs to Miss Stewart who has served Trinity well for forty years and who symbolises the ideal of service in the school by her valued work in every sphere. The school is indeed proud to have had her as its last Senior Mistress. May she enjoy a long and happy retirement. I should also like to pay tribute to all the Staff past and present, both teaching and non-teaching, to old scholars and to the young ones, who have made Trinity the splendid school that it is.

It is not often that a school has conferred upon it the distinction of being closed during the most successful period in its own and in its Borough's history.

Nos Morituri

EDITORIAL

That this final issue of the Trinity Grammar School Magazine should be number one hundred and thirty eight is a token of the strength of the School throughout many decades of its history and we hope that this number will be worthy of its predecessors.

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The 33rd Annual Prize Distribution was held in the School Hall on March 8th, 1962. After an introductory speech by the Chair of the Governors, Mr. C. W. Ware, the Headmaster presented his report, a summary of which appears below.

The Senior Choir sang settings of two poems by Gerard Manley Hopkins and ancient prayer, Non nohis, Domine. Dame Janet Vaughan, Guest of Honour, presented the prizes and after her address they sang three excerpts from 'Judas Maccabaeus' by Handel. Votes of thanks to Dame Janet were proposed by the Head Girl and the Head Boy and the concluding speech of the evening was by Dr. D. G. Neighbour, Chairman of the Trinity Parents Association. Finally, everyone joined in singing 'Jerusalem' and the National Anthem.

THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT

The Headmaster welcomed the guests and parents and thanked Dame Janet Vaughan, the Guest of Honour, for coming to Trinity for this year's prize-giving ceremony. He went on to say that it was stimulating to be able to present two annual reports in succession which contained such memorable records of successes and he gave details of the 1961 GC.E. results, which had eclipsed those of 1960. One pupil, Robert Harder, had obtained a State Scholarship in mathematics and chemistry. At advanced level there had been a 90 per cent. Pass mark—an outstanding performance that must rank amongst the highest in the country this year.. There were eighteen instances where pupils had gained grades of 1, 2 or 3 in subjects. At ordinary level there were 157 instances of pupils obtaining grades of 1st 2nd or 3rd, as compared with 126 last year. The Headmaster presented a complete analysis of the results and said that they both reflected great credit on the School and brought honour to the Borough.

These achievements, however, were not the outcome of the 'cram-slog' method of teaching. On the contrary, they were the consequence of an organisation that aimed at the maximum development of the pupils, mentally, physically and morally. The confidence bred by a sense of achievement was something that must never be lost sight of, as well as the knowledge that anything worth while had to be striven for. Children had to learn to take disappointments and frustrations in their stride as an essential part of their education; and they were fortunate in that their errors need not necessarily lead to serious consequences, as happened in the adult world..

"Everything that we do at Trinity," he continued, "is related as closely as possible to the requirements of the individual in courses, careers and guidance. In addition, we try to encourage everyone to make some contribution to the life and work of the school in some way, no matter how small it may appear to the individual. In this way pupils come to develop a sense of belonging, which enables them to derive the strength and sustenance necessary for personal fulfilment.

Trinity has the respect for academic tradition that it behoves a good grammar school to have, and has the will and the know-how to maintain it ; it has, however, something more. It has a forward- looking interest in current developments most appropriate to a grammar school, and has incorporated them within its curriculum which is one reason why it has been so successful."

Mr. Dalrymple concluded this part of his speech by paying tribute to all who had served Trinity so well over the years and paid special tribute to Miss Stewart, the Senior Mistress, who will be retiring in July after 40 years' valuable teaching in the school.

He also paid tribute to all who had helped and served Trinity during its life time, whether they be members of the County Council, Divisional Executive or of the Governors: of staff, both teaching and non-teaching ; to parents and to all pupils, past and present, and to any other well-wisher or friend.

DAME JANET VAUGHAN'S SPEECH.

Dame Janet prefaced her remarks by welcoming the opportunity to talk to everyone, but especially to the boys and girls themselves.

She said that many people were sorry for the younger generation, but she felt this was quite unwarranted, for if ever there was a world of challenging opportunity, this was it. We today, she continued, live in a world very considerably free from want and free from outmoded traditions, and especially a world of equality.. However, she had one fear—that equality of opportunity and the existence of education for all would mean a slackening of ambition. She hoped sincerely that the young men and women of the future, like those in front of her at Trinity, would not lack ambition or a sense of determination, and even sometimes a healthy feeling of rebellion.

Here Dame Janet remembered how she had once been told by her headmistress that she was too stupid to be educated properly. To put it mildly, this had been discouraging, but obstinacy and great determination had made her at once fight to prove the headmistress wrong; and this willingness to attack difficulties and setbacks was what she wanted the youth of today to foster.

Knowing that obtaining jobs was reasonably easy for boys, Dame Janet went on to give good advice to the girls, She strongly emphasised that they should obtain some good training before being married. After all, they took a great deal from society these days, and it was only a fair duty to repay this debt by being not only an efficient wife but also an efficient. trained citizen. Especially was there endless opportunity in backward countries abroad.

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She gave instances of girls who had gained great satisfaction from unusual jobs in remote places. She concluded her speech by naming four important qualities needed by the young of today. They were : determination, the power to search and find, a sense of opportunity, and a feeling for the excitement and challenge of modern life. She hoped that the challenge that was the essence of existence for young and old would make people look hard for what Walter Savage , Landor called " the fire of life."

Editors Note: in 1962 pupils would probably not have been aware who Dame Janet Vaughan was—so for your information:

Janet Maria Vaughan, haematologist, pathologist and college administrator, born 18 October 1899, OBE 1944, **Principal Somerville College Oxford 1945-67**, Honorary Fellow 1967-93, DBE 1957, FRS 1979

OLD TRINITY SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION

The President of the Association asked me whether I would like to contribute to the final edition of the School Magazine and, without the first idea of what I should say, I accepted this privilege. As an emigrant from London, I have missed much of the detail of the complex arrangements for the sad liquidation of Trinity Grammar School—that Trinity which has been such an important part of the life of Wood Green for these many, many years. However, my links with those associated more closely with events have kept me informed of the major developments and it is with great sorrow that I now come to the point of writing for this, the last of the long line of familiar magazines in their distinctive blue and gold covers. I am sure that I echo the feelings of the Old Scholars of Trinity in their profound regret that the long tradition of Trinity has now been cast to the four winds.

As an old scholar of the "middle age," I can remember the halcyon days of the O.T.S.A. A host of names occurs to me but to chronicle them would indeed be a formidable task. Friday nights were really something, with bags of activity and a cross section representative of all ages of Old Scholars and members of the Staff. Not many meetings went by without a visit from Dr. Jones and, doubtless, many an old scholar will recall the last day at school and the Head's parting shot—"Have you joined Old Scholars?"--the negative answer receiving, with steely glare, the admonition to visit the secretary's office before leaving the building.

When I took over the post of Secretary some time during 1955, Friday night activities were not as overflowing as they used to be, but still the tradition of the O.T.S.A. remained and it was amazing how **old scholars rallied round for any special function.** The changing pattern of social life was having its effect upon organisations such as ours and, despite the reluctance to get together in the old way, members of the O.T.S. continued to pay their subs. and moaned 'long and loud' if the Magazine did not arrive promptly at the end of term. Shortly after I took office, I found myself working with a new team at the School end with Mr. Dalrymple at the head and we were pleased to see that the O.T.S. was immediately considered as a part of 'the new regime'. Much effort was expended both by the School and O.T.S.,A. to encourage the furtherance of the latter and, although the response was not exactly shattering the O.T.S. kept going and it was always a pleasure to see old friends turning up for the A.G.M., at which there was ever plain speaking from all sides.

There were new connections with the School with the advent of the Christmas Fair and the O.T.S.A. joined in to play its part. So the chain of events kept that link between the School and its Old Scholars' Association; a link which is only now to be severed with the disappearance of the name of Trinity, a proud name, a dignified tradition, a hallowed memory in the future. **BRIAN LANGFORD (55-61) (Where are you now?)**

A Career for young men that carries responsibility

Coal provides about 75% of the total energy requirements in Britain. Because the demand for coal will continue to be high for many years to come, great schemes of reconstruction are being undertaken by the coal mining industry, for which there must be an adequate Supply of suitably qualified and well trained men.

University Scholarships.—The National Coal Board offer up to 100 University Scholarships a year for school leavers and Board employees ; most are in Mining Engineering and some are available in Mechanical, Electrical and Chemical Engineering and in Fuel Technology. They are worth £400 to £535 and there is no parental means test.

If you join the Board's service straight from school, you can also apply for University Scholarship in Scientific and non-technical subjects.

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Management Training: When you are qualified, either through the University or through technical college while working, you are eligible for a two or three-year course under the Board's Management Training Scheme.

Scientific Careers: if you are interested in a Scientific Career, there is absorbing and rewarding work at the Board's Research establishments, and in the coalfields on operational work.

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Write for full particulars to the Director-General of Staff, **National Coal Board**, Hobart House, London, S.W.1.

Just in time for this newsletter—Peter Turner reports on another successful 54's reunion

Twenty six former Trinity pupils from Year 1954 and 13 guests assembled at the same venue used nine years ago for their first reunion at Ye Olde Cherry Tree on June 28th 2003.

This reunion turned out to be another memorable one with four overseas members attending, two for the first time, and the fourth was a welcome return of Sandra Burford (nee Rawle) who attended the first one, but now lives abroad. The other two were Elaine Snowdon (nee Dulley) from Portugal and Fred Tippet from Crest, France.

Barbara Coe (nee Dunbar) came from Alicante, Spain, for the third time, after missing last year. Allen Claxton from New York State booked a flight but his wife was taken ill, so he had to cancel.

UK based first time guests included Leila Javeri and John Purser, both much valued, and the usual lively reception style proceeded successfully. Guests from other years included Vivienne Jones (nee King, 1956), Jackie Goodwin (nee Coulson, 1956), Wendy Oag (nee Clarke, 1957), Irwin Major (1953), Robert Heddle (1953), John Labarte (1955), Philip Shelbourne (1948) and wife Sheila, and a notable feature was the increased mixing of pupils from separate years, obviously finding much more in common than just being in the same year.

Photographic displays in the Library function room included a new board of photos from past reunions, 2003-2011, and a fuller version is planned for next year's 10 year anniversary reunion (11th consecutive). The Cherry Tree inn staff showed much more interest by preparing for our established annual reunion with extra reserved tables & more tables in the Library function room.

All will pay tribute to the founding member Ken Hogan who started the group with such energy and style, but unfortunately died in 2002 before the first reunion began. Several keen supporters of the reunion are to be congratulated, both in planning the first few reunions and researching their friends' locations and building an impressive network of 60 active members, and have accounted for over 100 of the original 130 pupils. These stalwarts include Keverne Weston, organiser 2003-2007, Jean Frances (nee Meeuwissen), Sandra Burford (nee Rawle), Geraldine Warrant (nee Richards), Robert Bowes and Tony Heaton. Regular supporters throughout the nine years include Elaine Conner (nee Stubbings), Tony Heaton, Ray Conner, Barry Wilkinson, Malcolm Sell and David Crease.

GUESTS -

Sandra Bacon (nee Negus), Robert Bowes, Sandra Burford (nee Rawle) & Mike Burford, Barbara Coe (nee Dunbar), Elaine and Ray Conner, David Crease, John Dickson (1953), Valerie Dickson (nee Kearey), Jean Frances (nee Meeuwissen), Jackie Goodwin (nee Coulson, 1956), Roy Griffiths (1951), Tony Heaton, Georgina Huber (nee Hurst), Vivienne Jones (nee King, 1956), John Labarte (1955), Irwin Major (1953), Colin Marr (1951), John Mercer; Pat Nicholls (nee Brooke, 1953), Wendy Oag (nee Clarke, 1957), Clive Palmer, Eve Patten (nee Weyler), John Purser & friend Carol, Malcolm Sell, Phil Shelbourne (1948) & Sheila, Elaine Snowdon (nee Dulley), David Stevens, Leila Sutton (nee Javeri), Fred Tippet, Donald Turner, Janet Turner (nee Creasy), Peter Turner, Keverne Weston, Brian Woodhall, John Wright; Robert Heddle (1953)

A REMINDER—we need your booking form returned with your cheque by 31st July as we need at least 60 people to reserve the Comet Suite. You may post date your cheque to 1st September 2012.

IT IS 50 YEARS SINCE THE SCHOOL CLOSED . JOIN US AND MEET UP WITH OLD FRIENDS

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Saturday 20th October 2012

Noon for 12.30pm

The Ramada Hotel, Hatfield, Herts

3 Course Lunch Menu to choose on the day

A Selection of Starters served at your table

Soup of the day with fresh baked roll OR

Melon and Citrus Fruits and Raspberry Compote OR

Seafood Cocktail (contains shellfish)

Main Course

Served from the Carvery

Roast Topside of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding and Horseradish cream OR

Herb Crusted Fillet of Salmon with a seafood sauce OR

Roast Loin of Pork with Apple Sauce OR

Spinach and Ricotta Pancake

All served with potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Desserts served at your table

Choice of

Profiteroles with chocolate sauce OR

Lemon Tart served with Almond Anglaise

Coffee and Mints

£23.50 per person (NO INCREASE ON LAST YEAR)

Ramada is also offering bed and breakfast accommodation at £69.00 for double occupancy or £59 for single. You will need to contact them direct and quote Trinity Old Scholars Association. Telephone No. 01707 252400 or 01707 252403.

Choose who you sit with, and to the best of our ability we will try to fulfil your wishes as we have done for the past 19 years. Latecomers may have to take pot luck ! You can contact me if you have a query on 0118 9730589. NOTE : AGM IS AT 11.00 AM.



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