

Trinity Old Scholars Association

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Belatedly REUNION News 2012

The School Lunchtime Reunion on the 20th October 2012 was attended by a cross-section of Old Scholars with intakes ranging from 1934 to 1958. We were also delighted to welcome their guests—husbands, wives and in this instance children (albeit grown-up). The atmosphere of the whole event was “Electric” to say the least. This year will mark the 20th event at the Ramada hotel and we hope to encourage more from all intakes to join us.

Attendees 2012 (unfortunately some ladies were not able to attend* due to late ill-health problems (the dreaded cold) and we wish you well and hope you can make it this year.)

Reg	Rogers	34	Jackie	Rooke (Wood)	44
Don	Grammer	37	Ron	Bishop	45
Beryl	Ivatt (Cole)	38	Colin	Moor	45
Grace	Brown	39	Jean	Coleman	45
Patricia	Lincoln (Crevier)	39	Margaret	Driscoll (Bridgman)*	46
Chas	Stancer	39	John	Glyn	46
Yvonne	Grammer (Horn)	39	Alan	Rutter	46
Bob	Good	41	Jackie	Slater (Croxon)*	46
Reg	Judkins	41	Peter	Seager	46
Peter	Viles	41	Doreen	Stoddart (Dunstan)	46
Roy	Augood	41	Patricia	Beckingham (Connock)	46
Beryl	Skinner (Hayter)	42	Meg	Langtry (Brown)	47
Doris	Chennells (Barling)	42	Margaret	Prater (Chaplin)	47
Derek	Coleman	42	Peter	Sinfield	47
Ron	Bishop	42	Janet	Smith (Willson)	47
Bill	Kenny	42	Alan	Johnson	50
Les	Brooks	42	John	Rout	50
Stuart	Wells	42	Fred	Brailey	50
Ron	Bates	42	Mary	Davies (Parker-Smith)	51
Pauline	Beckford (Croxon)*	43	Robert	Bowes	54
Oliver	Gaggs	43	Peter	Turner	54
Jack	Good	43	Janet	Turner (Creasy)	54
Victor	Hext	43	Pauline	Johnson (Rust)	55
Rosemary	De Rossie (Willson)	44	Jackie	Goodwin (Coulson)	56
Audrey	Augood (Latter)	44	Ann	Flanagan	58

1951ers reunion 11 June 2012 Fish & Eels, Dobbs Weir ,Hoddesdon, Herts EN11 0AY

18 Trinitarians (including their wives and husbands) attended the 51ers lunchtime reunion at the river-side Fish & Eels Hoddesdon Herts on Monday 11 June at 12.00 . The group were given a lively resume of his life since Trinity by Roy Griffiths. Roger Smedley read out a list of over 50 ‘51ers that had attended since the first reunion and those with whom contact had been made . Colin Hale had his magic lap-top with hosts of Trinity photos and information . A good time was had by all. The following attended John Andrews; Terry Burn; Tony, Ann ,& Andrew Clarke; Les Cook(from Kent); Roy Griffiths(Sunbury-on-Thames) ;Colin Hale ;Colin Marr; Alan Sharpstone; Roger & Mary Smedley; Lee & Shirley Suffield(from Worcester); Pam& Bob Tompkins (recently arrived from France); Kim & Sandy Ghafur.

NEWS FROM HOME**Ken HARRIS 43 writes**

Dear Beryl,

A couple of the entries in the October edition of the newsletter brought back some very happy memories for me as they referred to the Harringay Area. I also went ice skating there with three of my very good friends on a regular weekly basis for at least a couple of years. I only wish I had the energy to do things like that now! In the very bad winter of 1946/47 we continued our skating on Broomfield Park ponds and, on one occasion, on the big lake in Hadley Woods. As it was thawing at the time this was, perhaps, not such a good idea. We also went to the Ice Hockey matches quite frequently and I supported the Harringay Racers while my late brother supported the Harringay Greyhounds. If I remember correctly ice hockey was played on a Saturday and Tuesday evening. I also went to the Roller Derby a couple of times but can't say that I really enjoyed it. Roller Skating was one of the activities that could be experienced at Alexandra Palace but I found the dust raised by the metal wheeled skates on the wooden floor not very enticing. I preferred getting a bit damp when falling on the ice. From watching 'Dancing on Ice' it would appear, from some of the shots of the practice sessions for this programme, that the Alley Pally roller rink has now been turned into an ice rink.

The circus that was held at Harringay was billed as a Three Ring Circus which was probably very good if you had a seat in the centre of the Arena but, unfortunately, our seats were at one end and consequently you missed most of what was happening in the centre and far ring. Then, for a very short period they held orchestral concerts in the arena and the one my family attended was played by the BBC Concert orchestra conducted by Charles Shadwell. I wonder who remembers him now?

Then, of course, there was the speedway racing and greyhound racing in the Stadium and I have to confess that I went to both of these although I have to say that I only attended the greyhound racing to keep my father company who, at the time, was trying to come to terms with having lost my mother who sadly died when I was in the fourth form. He only went a couple of times as I don't think it really did anything for him. It certainly didn't do anything for me.

Regards and very best wishes. Ken Harris (43)

Dear Beryl

Thanks for the news letter. I see cousin Betty is still writing. Sad loss of her husband David. Reading Jackie (Wood) Rooke list of teachers, I recalls the music man was Ernest Waine and there was a rumour of mishandling of Ration Books. I remember a master Mr Halworth who taught Geography. No one else seems to have heard of him., not even my mate from 13 yrs. old Roy Taylor.

Kindest Regards, Tony Rundle (45)

LETTERS FROM ABROAD**John Steerwood (39) writes from Switzerland**

Dear Beryl,

I hope you are finished with surgery and are now pain free. After three months...I do thank you for your Newsletter No 27 from October 2012. I have had so much on from pre-to-post Christmas here in Switzerland and abroad including of course England. There was a lot of special interest for me from your OTSA correspondents with some coincidences. I would like to mention them:-

Hallo Bernard Lacombe (39), Ontario. I started at Trinity in the same year but first at the Grammar Schools at Minchenden in Old Southgate, and then at Glendale in Wood Green, both for some months with other non-evacuee Trinitarians before we could use the home-school. I was evacuated to Hatfield Peverel in summer 1941 till the last 29 pupils left HP in Jan. 1943. Should I know you Bernhard? Sorry, I think we must have been in different classes. You lived at 22, Palace Gates Road and I was born (of course at N. Middx Hosp) at 5 Victoria Road, both 2 stone throws from our Trinity. You went to Tin Pot Primary School in Muswell Hill, so did I but only in the 5th and 6th year when we lived above a shop in Muswell Hill Broadway (entrance Queens Lane from Queen's Avenue). We must have been in the same year. Were you the boy that I gave a ha'penny to ride your bike at lunchtime in the school playground and straightaway crashed into the railings and landed in hospital to have my bitten- through lower lip stitched! THAT would be a coincidence.

Hallo Jackie (Wood 44)Rooke. Thank you for your list of Teachers and your memory is much better than mine although thank goodness I remember at least some of them. Of course no one could ever forget Head Master Dr Emrys J. Jones of the red ink "Should get Matric" fame, bless him. We learnt all the hymns by heart in no time at School Assembly every morning.

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.....cont. page 2 **News from abroad**

I remember well the History Master R.A.Jones and his bright green Harris Tweed suit. Of course we called him RAJ.

Of the long list of names of Trinity Old Scholars there are four of my year 39, of which Yvonne Horn and Grace Brown were in my class.

My sister Wendy (Trinity 1937-1942) was in the same year as Don Grammer.

Alas James (Jimmy) Grout passed away last year. I remember him very well. He was in my class both in Garfield and Trinity, although I cannot remember if all the time. I admired his amazingly pleasant demeanour, and a subtle humour talent for many things, but above all for quoting Shakespeare all the time, sometimes standing on his seat at the back of the class, as long as the teacher wasn't around of course, and I shall never forget his "Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your handkerchiefs". How we laughed.

I admired his friendliness too. He was also a member of the 43 girl- and 22 boy-strong school choir for two Christmases (1942/43) at nearby St Michael's church. He is standing next to me in the back row of the photo in the boy's playground. He was pre-destined to become a member of the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford-on-Avon and later on the London stages and TV, for example the Morse series.

Many Greetings from

John Steerwood

Reg Bisgrove writes from USA

Dear Beryl,

I apologize for being late to respond but thank you for your correspondence during the last few months. It does seem that certain renovations are necessary to the 80 year old framework and I have been somewhat engaged in that process lately. I believe that I am more interested in TOSA news than entertainment changes.

How is your health Beryl? As you might remember, Ken Harris and I correspond as much as possible and I frequently receive news from Patricia Meilleur, who I might add has so much energy, supplements/ vitamins are not necessary. I was thinking of how many days in 2012 I really thought worthwhile attending, I could have raised the same question when I was 25.

The Holidays always seem to be a time of reflection, I am so joyful that I contacted TOSA after over 60 years, I did not know it existed – just a hunch then Ken Harris contacted me and updated me with his knowledge of the lives of some of the 25 class members.

As we enter the last season of our lives it is natural to wonder and be interested in our people of interest. So if one is aware of the class of 43, I would like to know of any details of their current status.

I am still with ABC-TV, Beryl, working on such gems as Dancing with the Stars, Modern Family, Nashville and the Emmys and every other year the Oscars, occupational but not inspirational.

There are book-ends in every class, and I was easily the worst student of Miss Tippet, although Ken Harris politely forgets this. We all remember Kenneth Riddligton who lived close to me on the Noel Park Estate and was the top book-end, what happened to him?

I was once again thinking over the holidays about the happiest period of my life and I know it was after I was 70, the problem with the diagnosis is that I firmly believe you cannot love anybody until you love yourself, rather late and conflicting.

We will get to Pinewood, although the date is uncertain. I used to play the piano there at lunchtime for laughs – very good/fun days.

We all love you, dear Beryl, try to take the very best care of yourself.

Reg.

TRINITY 1958'ERS – 2012 REUNION—Ann Flanagan reports:

Despite giving almost a whole year's notice of the Reunion in September, we were a small crowd just 9 instead of the 20+ we have had before. So, instead of hiring a hall, we went to a restaurant in Enfield. As always, we chatted a lot and laughed a lot and reminisced a lot.

Di and I are not certain about the future. We normally meet every five years. In the summer, I will contact everyone and ask for their views as to whether we wait until 2017 or have one sooner.

I am always happy to hear from any 1958'ers.

Ann

We are saddened to tell you of the sudden death of Tony Heaton (Trinity School 1954-1961) after a short illness, and he died in the Royal Brompton Hospital on December 27th.

Keverne Weston writes;

I first met Tony - along with Peter Haines - at Raglan Primary School and we were the only three from there to transfer to Trinity at the age of eleven. I wasn't particularly friendly with Tony then as we were in different classes and I would, perhaps, only see him on the bus. At Trinity, Tony was one of a small group of 'trainspotters' and I'm sure they were teased about their hobby.

When our year group started meeting in Southgate every year, in 2003, Tony and I decided we had much in common and became good friends. I found him to be amusing, diffident, intelligent and cultured. We visited each others' homes from time to time as well as meeting at the Trinity reunions, only one of which Tony did not attend. Tony loved his home and was thinking of moving to the coast - somewhere that had a large garden, as, along with music, this was one of his favourite pastimes.

When we decided to abandon driving to the reunions, we would meet on the underground at Victoria and travel all the way to Southgate together. As we ascended the escalator there, I waited for Tony to exclaim anew at the architecture of this particular station, for he had retained his interest in transport and all things connected to it. I think he pointed it out every year then, on the walk to Ye Olde Cherry Tree, I would inevitably point out the blue plaque on Leigh Hunt's former abode. We were comfortable in each others' company and sometimes mentioned that it was a pity that our friendship had not been cemented much earlier. I shall miss him" - Keverne Weston (54)

Barry Wilkinson's Tribute

I knew Tony from joining Trinity in 1954. He was always rather a small lad, and like the group of which I was a member, did not like the sports that were inflicted upon us by the Games Master at Trinity, Mr Mackey. This applied particularly to boxing, which all of our group loathed. Tony was quite academic at Trinity which more than made up for his lack of interest in sports. I remember him particularly interested in chemistry.

I met up with him again a few years ago thanks to the reunions of 54 and found him to be rather a sensitive man, quiet and gentle in disposition, and like me having a deep love of classical music, which he maintained was down to my influence - although I do not really think I can take credit justifiably for this. He is a sad loss of one of our stalwart colleagues - Barry Wilkinson. (54)

We are also sorry to advise of the passing of **Philip (Pip) Glyn (32)** who was a stalwart supporter of the Bournemouth reunion. He will be sadly missed by all his many friends. Our condolences go to his family particularly his wife Jane who was always supportive of his activities with Trinity Thespians of which she was an honorary member and latterly the Bournemouth reunion, and of course his brother John (46) who is a co-ordinator for his year and a valued member of our Committee

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

1954'S REUNION –Saturday May 18th lunch time at the Cherry Tree, Southgate—same format as normal Just turn up and order your own food and meet friends. Contact Peter Turner if you need more info.

The 54 group had a busy time in January—and were unfortunate in no small way with the weather that hit us all during the week of the 16th and 18th. Peter Turner had travelled down from Staffordshire to attend both Tony Eaton's funeral and Ken Hogan's Pavilion dedication. Here is his report :

There are two accounts of important Trinity 54 group events in the that week, the first one about Tony Heaton's funeral, when the friends there from our year were all astounded at the number of mourners & the tributes to Tony's work & family life beyond Trinity. The second is by David Stevens, who made a hazardous journey to be our only Trinity pupil at the opening ceremony of Ken Hogan's sports pavilion in Ken's home village of Overton, Hants.

TONY HEATON - Wed 16th January

We were all extremely surprised to see over 80 mourners at Tony's humanist ceremony in the Basingstoke Crematorium chapel, where several tributes were made. One work colleague described how brilliant Tony was in his work, and also his many interests in music and natural history which he shared generously with his workmates to a truly inspirational extent. Most of us knew him as a gentle, quiet friend who could be relied on in everything, but these huge generous testimonies from family & colleagues were a revelation.

So we were privileged to witness this special warm hearted ceremony and later a woodland green burial, with much love shown to a wonderful man, and a great credit to Trinity. Those attending included Barry Wilkinson, whose personal tribute gave a strong portrait of Tony as a close friend, & Tony had previously credited Barry with inspiring his life long interest in classical music. Others braving the cold weather included David Stevens & his wife Ann, Jean Frances, Keverne Weston & partner Dave, Donald Turner & Peter Turner.

The weather closed in overnight into Thursday and the dire forecasts for Friday deterred several close friends of Ken Hogan from travelling to attend, but David Stevens & his wife Ann waited in Poole until late morning on the Friday, & then risked the dangers to attend as our one remaining representative at the opening ceremony. This must have pleased Karen and family, so we are greatly indebted to Ann and David Stevens

KEN HOGAN - OVERTON Friday 18th - report by David Stevens

Ann and I set off through the snowy wastes on Friday for the ceremonial opening of the Ken Hogan Sports Pavilion in Overton. We knew not if we would actually arrive, who and what we would find there if we did, and how long it might take to get home again, but arrive we did, a little before most of the other 90 or so guests, including local MP and Government Chief Whip, Sir George Young.

Numbers would have been considerably larger but for the appalling weather. Everyone was most welcoming and I think pleased that Ken's old school was represented. Ken's widow Karen was present with two of her children and two grandchildren.

After several speeches of thanks to those who had contributed much time and effort over the years, not least Ken, whose original vision it was and who played a big part in the early fund raising, Karen with Sir George, unveiled a plaque and the Ken Hogan Pavilion was officially declared open.

We were able to chat at length with Karen and her daughter and also with organiser Steve Williams and then enjoy a large buffet plus Bucks Fizz and coffee etc. The Pavilion itself is large with several separate well equipped team changing rooms and a further two for officials. The grounds were completely snow covered, but we were able to discern a cricket square and several soccer pitches.

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Overton is a village with a population of around 4,000 or so, with a high sporting participation and this fine new pavilion will serve the community well over the coming years.

It will also house a local Nursery school on weekdays in the communal area, with table tennis facilities available in the evenings.

It was clearly a proud and reflective day for Karen, her son Kevin, and Ann and we were so pleased to be able to meet them and share their day.

David (54) and Ann Stevens

FINAL WORDS—from Peter Turner (54)

Many thanks to all those who attended these events despite very cold conditions, including those from London (Keverne & Jean), Donald from Baldock, Barry from Amersham, all with difficult journeys, with a special mention of David Stevens & his wife Ann, for attending both events from their home in Poole, with David once again showing great humanity towards his old Trinity friends. Roy Griffiths of year 1951 was a possible visitor but the weather prevented his presence.

Jean had delayed going home to Hastings to attend and endured a long journey back to the coast, but she was determined to go to Tony's ceremony. Illness prevented Rob Bowes attending the Overton event - Rob was a school soccer team-mate of Ken's so wanted to be there too. Beryl Skinner intended to attend both events, but standby domestic arrangements fell through for Wednesday & the weather stopped her travelling on Friday.

I edited out my own memories of Tony from the last set of tributes, but I did know Tony fairly well in the first two years at Trinity, sitting near each other in 2A and we once played chess at the end of term. Tony said he liked Ken and they happened to live near each other, so immediately struck up another friendship in 2002.

Tony was a great supporter of the 1954 reunion, only missing one in ten, and, at the last 1954 reunion, Tony spent a lot of time assisting David Stevens support John Wright & ensure he remained calm & happy during the event.

Therefore, it is poignant that the two former class mates of 1954 to 1956 are commemorated in the same county during the same week, and adds some symmetry to the linked events.

The one word which seems to sum Tony up is Grace in all its meanings, whereas I remember Ken as boisterous, enthusiastic, energetic, but overall generous and forgiving & he expected others to forgive him for a few minor niggles as well. Both were undoubtedly wonderful Trinity personalities to be remembered affectionately as long as the group survives and in our own memories of school & the reunions.

Many thanks to all who sent best wishes & memories, and those who reluctantly missed the Overton event are considering visiting the pavilion in the spring to pay our belated respects to Ken and family. This could be in the April to June period.

Editor's Note— I think the previous three pages mark just how close a “family” we Trinitarians are and particularly when it comes to those with whom we shared our years at Trinity.

WHICH REMINDS ME ! HAS ANYONE A COPY OF THE MEMORIAL/SERVICE BOOKLET GIVEN TO ALL PUPILS COVERING THE PASSING OF JOHN PETERKIN WHICH WE WOULD LIKE FOR OUR ARCHIVES.

Kim Ghafur comments:

John Peterkin was one of the most able of Trinity pupils particularly in the arts. Sadly he suffered ill health (he was wheel -chair bound) and died whilst at Trinity. Had he lived I am sure he would have been an Oxbridge scholar. A John Peterkin Memorial Prize was established to honour his memory for pupils that showed his qualities. John Tiernan was awarded the prize in 1957 . I was privileged to be awarded the prize in 1958 and still proudly possess it. I have the Dr Jones memorial brochure but am missing the John Peterkin one which would have been in the form of a slim version of the school magazine. As with Hamlet it could be said of him “Had he lived he would have proved himself most royal” Kim

I am sure the following story will bring back memories. If anyone can add to it ...what fun that would be.

HEAD DENIES "INCIDENT" ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM (18.12.1959)

On Tuesday morning ,from his home in Beckenham, Kent, Mr A Dalrymple, headmaster of Trinity Grammer School ,Wood Green, denied that there had been a disturbance at the school on Friday afternoon , just before the break-up for the Christmas holidays.

At the weekend the Weekly Herald heard, through a reliable source, about an incident concerning money collected by senior pupils to buy presents for three teachers who were leaving. On Tuesday morning, a senior pupil told a reporter that on the Friday morning a collection was made. When he went back to the school after lunch, he found at least 200 pupils in the main assembly hall stamping their feet. He was told that the "gift" money had been confiscated by the headmaster.

The story the boy told was that after a few minutes teachers herded them out of the hall and into the playground. There they stood and waited. As more scholars returned for afternoon school, the playground filled. From time to time teachers came out and told them not to be stupid. They were booed.

At 1.40 the bell went. Only a few of the younger boys went into the school, and by this time the "strikers" ranks were swelled again by "quite a few girls"

Again teachers went into the playground and attempted to talk to a group of boys who moved away.

At about 1.55 p.m. Mr Dalrymple came into the playground and started to talk to a group of girls. The rest of the children moved away. A few minutes later there was, for no apparent reason, a general move to the doors and the scholars went to their class rooms. Later that afternoon prefects toured the classrooms with the message that the Head had no intention of confiscating any money.

When Mr Dalrymple was asked by telephone on Tuesday what he knew about the incident he said "it was nothing at all". He said that he knew of the collection and had told the girls' Captain, Maureen Spinks, that the money should be used to buy gifts for the four teachers who were leaving, and not only for the three of them.

"It will be very unfortunate if a private affair like this should be publicised" he said.

When asked if he saw the children in the playground, Mr Dalrymple said "I don't go into the playground at all. There was no difficulty at all"

The above is a copy of what appeared in the Weekly Herald of the 23rd December 1959.

Who was the whistle-blower ? And how brave of him/her to do it. I can promise that there will be no cane if we get an admission of guilt.

The Olympics of 1948

At the 46'ers reunion last year two of the 46'ers members recalled visiting the Empire Stadium and Pool ,Wembley whilst John Glyn was given tickets for the Basketball at Harringay Arena. He thinks that free tickets were sent to the School for various events and that they were balloted. He still has the official programme for Thursday August 12th 1948 priced at one shilling. The first match started at 2 pm and the last at 9 pm- a long day but well worth it.

More Memories of 1952

IN celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 Kim Ghafur (51) wrote to congratulate Her Majesty and the Queen replied with a specially signed Jubilee card showing every decade of her reign. He was also pleased to receive an accompanying letter stating HM was particularly interested in his having attended her coronation. Kim (then in Form 2c) had had his name picked out of a hat to go to the coronation (with Marion Eveleigh) in June 1953 with other lucky Trinitarians and Glendalians.

The coach left Wood Green in the early hours and they secured good seats on the Embankment to cheer the Queen; Churchill; and Queen Salote of Tonga; as well as all the other dignitaries as they went by in their resplendent coaches. Kim still has his Wood Green Coronation Programme and a QEII New Testament given by Grove Road New Southgate Baptist Church to those attending Sunday School.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th October 2012

Attendees were Fred Brailey(50); Ann Flannagan(58); Mary Davies (Parker-Smith51) Peter Turner (54) Jackie Rooke (Wood44) ; Colin MOOR (45) Peter Viles(42) Derek Coleman (42) Peter Seager(46); Doreen Stoddart (Dunstan 46) ; Alan Rutter(46); Chas Stancer(40); John Glyn (46) Jackie Goodwin (Coulson 56) Beryl Skinner (Hayter 42) Apologies for absence were received from John Snellgrove (37) Reg Rogers; Margaret McGinn and Judith Neville.

1. **Welcome address** was given by Beryl Skinner in the absence of our President. She was then appointed to chair the meeting.
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2011 were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** showed that the Association was solvent with sufficient funds to continue in the manner which we all enjoy—regular newsletters and support with awards to what is to become Trinity Academy. This is of course, always subject to the continued support of Old Scholars renewing their subscription which remains at £5 per year.
4. **Appointment of Committee**—All existing members were willing to stand and were elected unanimously. With the loss of Mick Osborne earlier in the year, Jackie Goodwin had been co-opted on to the Committee and the meeting approved her official appointment as a member of the Committee.
5. **Appointment of Examiner of the Accounts.** Colin Marr had been our examiner for the past 7 years and had expressed a wish to retire. The Association would like to record their thanks for taking on this task which is a very important part of our constitution. **Ron Bishop (46)** had been co-erced into taking on this job (He is a retired Accountant) and the meeting approved this appointment.
6. **Any Other Business.** Jackie Goodwin has volunteered to become a Governor of Trinity Academy* and gave us a brief outline of the set-up.
7. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.15.

***The appointment of Jackie has now been ratified.**

SCHOOL REUNION IN OCTOBER

The last page is the booking for this years event.

We have agreed with Ramada that all courses will be served at your table which we hope will get rid of the queue and the waiting around whilst each table chooses their food .

However, it is most important that we have a form for each member/guest attending although you can send a single cheque cover the total cost.

As normal—you can choose who you would like to sit with, and we will do our best to make sure that happens. Late comers will have to take “pot-luck” and sit where we can put you. ~We need at least 60 commitments by the 31st July to get the room to ourselves and we will juggle numbers up to a week before the actual event when we will refund your booking if you find you are unable to attend.

This will be our 20th gathering and I take the opportunity of including a copy of an article from an old school magazine and published in a national newspaper.

I hope its content will encourage some of you to join us on this occasion if you have never been before, or if you have fallen by the wayside.

SOMETHING IN “THE OLD SCHOOL TIE!”

Why Schoolfellows should “stick together”

The “old school tie” seems to be the popular butt of music-hall wits at the moment, but there is something in it after all. Quite a lot according to the editorial of Trinity County School’s Magazine for this term, which devotes itself to an appeal to old boys and girls to “stick together”

“Why join an old scholars society” the editorial enquires and proceeds to explain why.

A sentimental attachment to the place of one’s upbringing provides the first answer.

‘ Are you in sentimental mood’ asks a character in The Micado. Since we are all flesh and blood, we are all in sentimental mood sometimes.

To play games with one’s old school fellows is the second answer.

There are no companions-there never will be any– like the men who were boys when I was a boy and an Old Scholars organisation provides the easiest and most natural meeting-place for them....

None of us lives long in this world without finding a need for friendship, for companions who will believe nothing at any rate a little better than the worst, who will stand by one in trouble.

There is no place where friendship is so likely to be found as at one’s old school and among one’s old schoolfellows.

Clearly friendship must be given as well as sort

Editor’s note.

I have not yet been able to trace the magazine in question but this article says everything about our own Association as do the memories of Tony Heaton Ken Hogan earlier in this newsletter. I personally am fortunate enough to have nearly 300 friends from Trinity and count myself to be extremely lucky. 2012 was very difficult for me and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who cheered me up and gave me support when it was most needed.

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There are a few close friends and you will know who you are. My special thanks to you..

Beryl

Subscriptions –these were due at the beginning of JANUARY. By the time you receive this newsletter all those who have not paid will have been contacted by phone or email and should have sent a cheque or paid through the bank sometime during March. All other member are paid up or in advance. Members abroad do not pay, neither do Life Members or a Joint Member i.e. a husband and wife who both went to Trinity.

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and finally just for fun and to make you smile—Catherine Driscoll from California writes -

Trinity Old Scholars Association
Lunchtime Reunion on
Saturday 19th OCTOBER 2013
12 Noon for 12.30 pm at
Ramada Hotel, Hatfield

Choice of MENU
Select and tick one item from each course

Name PLEASE PRINT

STARTERS

Classic Minestrone Soup
Buffalo Mozzarella and Plum Tomato Salad with Basil Oil.....
Cognac laced Chicken Liver Terrine with melba toast and a caramelised onion jam.....

MAIN COURSE

Steamed Cod Fillet with a white wine and tarragon cream
Slow Braised Belly of Pork with a cider jus.....
Roast Chicken with a mushroom and red wine sauce.....

Main courses served with Chef's choice of potatoes and vegetables

DESSERT:

Double Chocolate Gateaux with Vanilla Cream.....
Fresh Fruit Salad.....
Apple, Raisin and Cinnamon Crumble with Custard.....

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