

Old Raineians' Association NEWSLETTER



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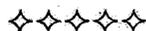
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Dear Old Raineians,

Terming this as the Spring Edition of the Newsletter seems to be a misnomer, as outside is a snow covered landscape. However I am sure that by the time this is typed, printed and posted the seasonal description will be more apt.



NEXT REUNION

FRIDAY 7.00PM

6TH MAY 1994

RAINE'S FOUNDATION SCHOOL

APPROACH ROAD



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to several new members who have joined recently.

John Rogers (65-72) living 'over the river' is a B.T. engineer.

Alan Bremerman (46-50) now retired and living in Billericay following careers in Shipping, Banking and Stockbroking. He is in contact with Cyril Shaw, Terry

Hollingsworth and knows the whereabouts of other contemporaries.

Robert Wright (86-93) at present studying Theology in Durham and hoping to be ordained.

Ruth Castle (84-93) and her younger sister Rachel Castle (87-93) who live near the present school premises.

Maurice Buzzard (49-54) is living in West London and working as a kitchen furniture salesman. A great friend is Michael Rasser, now world renowned as Michael John, Ladies Hairdresser. When they were at school Dr. Shutt was Headmaster; Nobby Clarke was their form-master; Mr Spooner taught them Geography and Miss Ringer - the only female teacher in the Boy's School - taught Biology.

At the December Reunion we 'recruited':

Adrian (Bomber) Giles (69-74) a broker living in Brentwood.

Lorraine Chappell (Sims, 70-75) Married to Geoff Chappell is living in Norfolk. She did her PGCE 3 years ago.

John Chappell (67-75) is living in Kings Lynn, teaching Latin and Sport. He has become a ski fanatic and, together with a school party, was in France last year when their travel firm went bust - they did manage to get home!

It is encouraging to see a wide spread of age groups among these new members, particularly some who only left school recently. The future of an association depends on 'young shoots' willing to carry on when the 'older branches' begin to disappear. Present members can also help by encouraging any of their school contemporaries they are in contact with to join the Association.



DECEMBER REUNION

The Reunion was a very pleasant occasion, although fewer people were present than have been in recent years. Our senior member Emily Galbraith, whose centenary we hope to celebrate in the next few years, made the effort once again to travel down from Edinburgh. Last summer she went with an American friend who was involved in an archaeological dig on Isla, staying in a hotel which had belonged to the McEachran clan 300 years ago.

Wally Spooner, happily recovered from his accident earlier this year, has acquired some of the memorabilia of Emily Parsons (former pupil, teacher, governor and ORA President) from Mary Grimes (Spriggs) who was Headgirl in 1911 and remembered by Emily Galbraith.

Michael Robinson mentioned that he phoned Wally 30 years after leaving school and, after a moment's

consideration, identified him - what a memory!!

Tony Mole is Divisional Chief Buyer for part of the BICC group. His wife Maria (Daniels) is in her final year of teacher-training.

Terry Chimes, formerly drummer member of the 'Clash' is now a registered Chiropractor and Acupuncturist working in Woodford Green.

Barry and Stuart Howson. Tony had met Keith Dylko in New Zealand, where he is Head of Sports in North Auckland. He sends regards to Humph Long.

Lynne Woolf worked in Cyprus for a period and is now a Leisure Attendant in Hackney.

Nelson McMahon remembered that Headmaster Mr Taylor used to wear a bowler hat in school.

Christine Duffy (Richardson) now lives in Bristol and has 2 sons.

Richard Sims and Anne Small have a son; he works for Nat West and Anne runs a Charity Play Scheme, "Apples & Pears", in Hackney.

Hilary Selby (Tear), now a doting mum, was a Judge at the British Ice-Dancing Championships in January (which included Torville and Dean).



Christine Crump sent a photograph of her form circa 1972. Among others I can identify are Hazell Paul, Martin Carter and Andrew Fullerton. Can anyone recognise the others?

Norman Holland was in Brisbane January 1993 and tried unsuccessfully to get in contact with Cameron McPhee. Norman's brother Alfred, former Bishop of Newcastle, New South Wales, spent last year most enjoyably as resident Chaplain of St. George's University, Jerusalem. Alfred is returning to Canberra before taking up a chaplaincy at Beverly Hills.

Tony Szulc, after his marathon cycle trip, is safely back in England and had a 'Tap' get-together with Cameron McPhee (visiting the UK), Martin Durne, John

Zippy Auerbach teaching at Watford Boys School met Steve Johnson (former Head of English at Raines) in the dining hall of Watford Girls School where he is Deputy Headmaster. She was disappointed to see so few of her contemporaries at the Reunion.

Teresa Beney (Sims) lives in Gidea Park and has 3 children.

Steven Sims works for Hackney Council.

Christine Gilby and Mary Payne both married Turkish husbands. Mary is married to a professor of agriculture and has an adopted son; Christine has 2 children and lives in Bahrain - formerly she worked for Hilton Hotels.

Phil Puttick wonders if anyone has news of Noel (Christmas) Davidson.

Helen Beeson Has a family and lives at Gatcombe Park.

Gary Woods lives In Australia.

Dr. Michael Vincent is now a GP in Surrey.

News was passed on of Paul Reynolds becoming a father of a daughter in November. It has been rumoured that Paul will come to one of the reunions (*was that a pig I saw fly past the window - Bill Richards*).

I enjoyed hearing a selection of choruses from "Pirates of Penzance" sung to me by ex-Pirates Ian Hatton, Fred Stratford and Teddy Ayres! Ian is married and lives in Bury St Edmunds.

Christine Crump (Stacy) is National President of an organisation concerned with welfare. She is also involved with Adult Education and says that Suzanne Quigley teaches English in Lewisham. Suzanne's husband Barry is on Bexley's planning and policy board.

Barry Quirk is greatly involved in Council work in Lewisham.

Gary Preston works for a computer firm and wife Candy (Sevren) is manager at Epsom's Marks and Spencer.

Maria Mole is in touch with Genieve Ali.

Susan Mole has 3 children and works part time for Bedford University.

Janet Mole is a Tax Consultant in Upminster.

Kerry José is a debt collector and Laura José is in her 2nd year at University.

Sara Cutmore (85-92) spent a year going round the world before taking up her University place.

Caroline Hughes is an office junior and her brother Peter had a part in a British episode of "Neighbours".

Peter Lyle is studying English in Edinburgh.

Richard Harris reported that there had been no response to the suggestion of forming an Old Raineians' Golf Society.

Eddie Marsan is having success in his acting career.

Diane Edwards (76-81) is working for the Bank of Switzerland, commuting between England and Switzerland.

Barbara Donovan thoroughly enjoyed meeting contemporaries she had not seen for over a decade at the Reunion.



OTHER NEWS

Sam Bentley is at present in America doing a PhD. in International Relations at Old Dominion University, Norfolk and Tom Bentley is in his final year at Oxford.

Joe Bentley is spending a year working and playing trombone before going to University.

Barry Jones young son Nicholas shows signs of becoming an artist - he draws on everything in sight!

Colin Nice is working hard, teaching and attending a constant round of long, late meetings.

Deena Osborne (Gardiner) is enjoying being at college and her children encourage (help?) her with her homework.

Viv Nicholas and his wife Ros (Berrill) went Ski-ing during Christmas. Ros is Senior Tutor at the school where she teaches and Viv manages to play Timpani in concerts about 4 times a year.

Other ski fanatics, Clive Baugh and his wife, went to Courcheval in February with their two young children.

Anita Merkel (Smith) lives in Hampshire and all her children are now at secondary school.

Alan Liddiard promises to travel from Exeter for a 275th celebration. Gerry Calvert also promises an appearance, as does Jack Lowe.

Joy Turner still plays her bassoon and does voluntary work for the National Trust, the Blood Transfusion Service, the local theatre and the "New World Tapestry" Project. She goes on study tours - confesses to not doing much studying - and on less vigorous walking

holidays with Saga. (Remember hostelling near Malvern and in the Wye Valley?)

Martin Leonard and family moved house in December.

Lesley Bell is getting married in Leeds in April - I am hoping to meet her sister Maggie soon in York.

Hazel Fosbraey (Paul), an auxiliary nurse in a local hospital, helps one morning a week in a school. She has 2 young daughters and is now studying A Level Biology, having been successful in GCSE Maths.

Elizabeth Simpson has been in Chamouix since early January and Joanne Marshall joined her in March.

Jackie and Robert Connolly were travelling to Nepal again, seeing in the New Year at high altitudes!

Charmaine Kerridge is enjoying her PGCE course at Goldsmiths and has some promising piano pupils.

Marie Crawley (Conway) plans to return to part-time work when her son starts school.

Margaret Paish is always pleased to hear news of Mrs. Weingarten.

Barbara Collins (Newton) still lives in Sidcup; her daughter is now 18.

Gerlinde Leinwetter (Bennett) still works for a recycling firm in Vienna and was briefly in London last year.

Steve Foster was pleased to read news of former classmate John Coborn, now resident in Australia, in the summer newsletter.

Tom Howgill, now (his own description) a young 85, was going to "down a noggin" on the reunion night as he no longer drives in the dark.

John Eve also no longer drives on winter nights. He still enjoys contributing a column (usually amusing) to a pensioners magazine which he launched and edited until he was 76. He was surprised to read in a previous newsletter that Richard

Tillbrook remembered him making an entertaining speech at an ORA dinner. John appreciates receiving the newsletters.

John Smith (52-59) and his wife Christine (53-60) wondered about the whereabouts of the display cabinet, containing the Book of Remembrance, which his father made. It used to be in the entrance hall in Arbour Square and is now in a similar position in Approach Road. John is commissioning a plaque to be placed on the cabinet, but does not know the date that his father donated it. Can anybody help?

John has a successful architectural practice and Christine is a "retired" applied mathematician. They are both ardent windsurfers and have 2 student sons.

John's brother Roger (54-59) is in the RAF and this year received the MBE from the Queen. He has 2 sons.

Christine also contributed news that Mrs Wagener-Koen (former biology teacher), living in Portsmouth, unfortunately suffered a stroke in 1992 - she is in touch with former English teacher Miss Yeomans.

Marjorie Robbins (53-60) works in Geneva for UNO and has a house in France.

Joan Ward (McPherson, 53-60) runs an off-licence in St Helens and has 3 successful daughters.

Jocelyn Thompson (Oatley, 55-62) lives in Canada; has 3 children and is studying for her MA

Rita Bloom (53-57), who is a neighbour of the Smith's, has a successful business and 2 children.

They have also been in contact with Gladys Norman, Anne Long and Roy Piggott.

Thanks to John and Christine for the above batch of news and information.

Beryl Wooldridge (Cadman) sent a brochure of the School circa 1959 and 2 letters sent to her mother before Beryl started at Raine's in 1933. Her father F.G. Cadman also attended Raine's 1906 to

1910. He had 2 brothers, one of whom Stanley Cadman, was entered in the Book of Remembrance mentioned previously.

In addition to the Headmistress, Miss Haugh, Beryl remembers the following members of staff:- Miss Tregear, Miss Grafton, Miss Foot, Miss Pickles, Miss Still, Miss Wheeler and Miss Rodger. She also recalls prizes being presented one year by Countess Winterton.

Derek Smith (59-64) served in the Royal Navy for 27 years and took early retirement last July in the rank of Lieutenant Commander, having served in most types of warship and seen much of the world. He is now an Inspector of Coastguards and Deputy Regional Controller of the North and East Scotland Search Rescue region based in Aberdeen. From there all coastguard, RNLI lifeboat and rescue helicopter activity between Berwick-on-Tweed and the Shetland Isles is controlled - a busy and exciting job with offshore oil rigs and hundreds of vessels in the area. He has fond memories of school, in particular Wally Spooner, Jim Shivas, Donny Lyons, Basil Dowling, George Loughborough, Dudley Herryett, John Roden and form master "Noddy" Neuf.

Derek would welcome news of Victor Knope, Barry Hurst, Brian Gifford, Ian Thurston-Moon or Michael Watson.

Geoff Gillon wrote from Tilbury and sent us some memorabilia. He says he has the reputation of being a "squirrel" and collects any and everything! Apart from plans of the School and a booklet published in 1914 sent to us, he has a 1946 school hymnal, the St Pauls Order of Service on May 1st, 1969 (250th Anniversary), press cuttings mainly concerning the amalgamation of the boys and girls schools and various issues of the "Raineian" plus Sports Day programmes.

He used to "explore" the tunnels running alongside the rooftop classrooms and has a Woodbine cigarette packet (cost - 1d) and a large unusual sea shell among his finds. He is in touch with Freda Tarling who is a teacher nearby.

I am sorry to report that Bill Richards has recently resigned from the ORA Committee, but will continue as

Membership Secretary. He was largely responsible for organising the December reunions over the last few years and is currently working in the school office.

A list of those attending the December Reunion follows, so those who were present can see who they missed! Meanwhile, please keep in touch.



ROLL OF DECEMBER REUNION

1900 - 1949

Emily Galbraith (Miller, 03-13), Nelson McMahon(36-39), Norman Holland (45-51)

1950 - 1959

Mike Robinson (51-56), J. Cole (58-63), Linda Ofield (Wright, 58-63), Christine Maddox (Carter, 58-64), Dorothea Mahoney (58-64), Lindsey Redpath (58-64), Anne Woodward (58-64), Duncan Edmonston (58-65)

1960 - 1969

Phil Puttick (60-67), Alan Johnson (60-68), Bill Richards (61-68), Tony Szulc (61-68), Richard Tillbrook (61-68), Sue Smith (Holden, 62-68), Ian Adlington (62-69), Lesley Jensen (Tear, 62-69), Tom Nunn (63-68), Gavin Adlington (64-71), David Elias (67-??), Terry Chimes (67-74), Barbara Donovan (Page, 67-74), John Chappell (67-75), Geoffrey Chappell (67-75), Christine Duffy (68-75), Anthony Mole (68-75), Maria Mole (68-75), Adrian Giles (69-74), Peter Thake (69-74), Gary Bishop (69-77)

1970 - 1979

Ronnie Bender (70-??), Lorraine Chappell (70-75), Steve Sims (71-76), John Wyatt (72-78), Ted Ayres (74-81), Ian Hatton (74-81), Fred Stratford (74-81), Ching Fun Lee (75-82), Sean Callaghan (76-81), C. Callaghan (76-81), Michael Fox (76-81), Laurence Holder (76-81), Kerry José (76-81), Pat Nagley (76-81), Lorraine Skinner (76-81), John Corbett (76-82), Paul Smith (76-82), Paul Thienal (76-82), Paul-Casali (76-83), Peter Driscoll (76-83), Jane Muncer (77-82), Linda Allen (77-84), Teresa Marsan (77-84), Elizabeth



Wells (77-84), Andrew Cappaert (82-87), Richard Harris (85-92), Laura José (85-92)

Staff

Zippy Auerbach, Christine Crump (Stacey), Tony Groves, Gwynneth Jackson, Gary Northover, Wally Spooner.

Unknown

T. Fisher, J. O'Keefe, Michael Vincent

GWYNNETH JACKSON

MEMBERSHIP

The membership is currently creeping up to the 400 mark. As the intake of the school is 150 every September this is obviously a very small percentage of the people who attended the school! I am therefore asking for members help.

Some of you have former school friends with whom you are still in touch and who are not members of the Association. Please try to persuade them to join.

I also noticed during the production of this newsletter the large amount of news mentioned about non-members. Why aren't they members? Is there a specific reason why they will not join? Once again, if you know, please try to persuade them to join.

This may help as an incentive to join promptly! The Committee has voted to increase the life membership fee from £10.00 to £15.00 as from the 1st June 1994. Although 50% is a large increase, the fee has not increased for a considerable number of years.

Please keep sending the news. The letters from John and Christine Smith, Derek Smith and Beryl Wooldridge are just what we require. Remember, in this context, any news is good news!! Why not write to us now? The addresses are at the beginning with the fax numbers of the school and Sandra Johnson. It won't take long. Will it?



100 CLUB

As promised in the last newsletter the following is a list of the prize winners:-

November Kevin Wagstaff
Bob Andrews

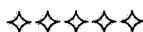
December Lesley Jensen
David Ransom

Christmas Draw Ms B Canning

January Paul Thienal
Lesley Jensen
Rick Hinds
Ron Harrison

Congratulations to the above, especially Lesley. Your round I believe?

Humph is still trying to organise a photograph of the Mini-Bus.. Watch this space.



SCHOOL NEWS

There is good and bad news to report on the sports front.

The good news is that Katy Richardson (fourth year or year 10 depending how recently you left school!) finished second in the London Schools Cross-Country Championships and was selected to represent London in the English Schools Cross-Country Championships. She also spent part of the Easter Holidays training in Portugal.

The bad news is that all the basketball teams have been eliminated from the National Championships.

In January building of a new science block commenced and should be completed by October.



YEAR REUNIONS

A couple of people are trying to arrange reunions for two different years separated by 25 years.

The first is Jack Rodin (39-44) who is trying to contact people who left in 1944. Some of the names he mentioned are:- L.H.A. Dickson, A. Feinstein, A.A. Greenspan, H. Halberstam, S. Kaminsky, S. Levy, L. Simonsohn, I. Smith, I. Weiss, A.T. Owens, M. Clark, R.C. Cater.

If you know the whereabouts or have any news on the above please contact us and we will gladly pass on the information to Jack.

The second reunion is being organised by Peter Thake (69-75) for any pupils who started in 1969. If you have not already been contacted by Peter, once again, contact us and we will pass on the details to Peter.



MEMORABILIA

Lesley Jensen has volunteered to be responsible for the memorabilia. Items keep appearing so if you have any photographs or anything of interest please send them too any of the addresses at the head of the newsletter. Photocopies can be made and the originals returned.



As you can see I have changed the format of the newsletter. In the future I hope to include more photographs, but that will of course depend on your response.

If anyone has any comments e.g. the print is too small,; two columns would be preferable etc please let me know.

Finally I have attached another copy of the application for lapel badges. If you are interested please send your money direct to Clive Baugh.

BILL RICHARDS

OLD RAINEIANS' ASSOCIATION

1994 is the 275th anniversary of the founding of Henry Raine's School.

To commemorate the event, the Old Raineians' Association has produced a lapel badge of the school blazer badge. The badge is available to all past and present pupils and staff at a cost of £2.50 each.

If you wish to purchase one or more badges, please complete the slip below and send it to:

Old Raineians' Association, c/o Clive Baugh, 53 Glendale, Swanley, Kent, BR8 8TP

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To Old Raineians' Association, c/o Clive Baugh, 53 Glendale, Swanley, Kent, BR8 8TP

I wish to purchase _____ badge(s) at £2.50 each.

I enclose a cheque/postal order for £_____p.

Cheques should be payable to "Old Raineians' Association"

Please deliver to: Name _____
Address _____

Post Code _____

