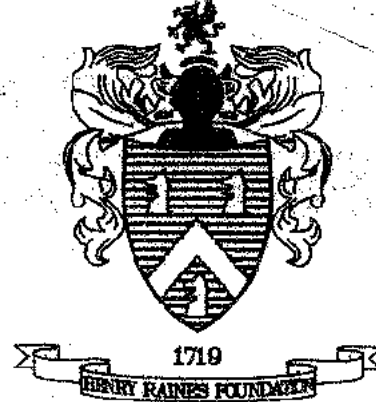


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NEWSLETTER



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When I was producing this Newsletter it occurred to me that the majority of the people who contributed their memories and news still have a great affection for Raine's Foundation School even though they left a number years ago. Working at the present school it concerns me somewhat that future leavers may not feel that same affection. Is it a touch of the 'Good Old Days'? Or am I being pessimistic? Perhaps the following may trigger some reaction, especially from the younger Old Raineians.

NEW MEMBERS

Ethel Bernstein (Korn, 20-26) wrote after hearing about the school collecting tokens from the Daily Telegraph (see page 12 - Ed.).

"Entering the school I was overawed by the size of the Great Hall, especially as I had come from Baker Street Elementary, a very old building and still gas lit! I was introduced to my 'school-mother', Tilly Sellman and made familiar with the class rooms and rules. There were about 30 girls of different shapes and sizes, all in uniform and we couldn't wait until break before becoming acquainted.

Most impressive was Assembly with Miss Grier, a most imposing figure, always beautifully dressed. Her elocution lessons were eagerly anticipated, causing some hilarity owing to the varied accents, both Cockney and Jewish, which she endeavoured to correct into the King's English.

Lessons were varied - Miss Haugh (Science); Miss Devonshire (English); Miss Foot (Geography); Miss Gilchrist (History); Miss Foxon (Music); Miss Pannet (Botany); Miss White (Cookery); Miss Montgomery (Gymnastics); Miss Tregear (French) and the Twell sisters. We had to sit up straight and pay attention, but I am eternally grateful to these ladies who helped to form the foundation of my life.

I well remember the trip to the Wembley Exhibition of 1925; our trek on Friday afternoon to Rotherhithe to play Hockey; shopping with Miss White in Watney Street Market to buy the ingredients; to Sainsburys with the green tiles and sawdust on the floor! - how things have changed. Also the production of the Mikado in which I played the piano; 1926 and the General Strike - imagine our surprise to see Miss Montgomery arrive on a motor cycle. Those

BLIND BEGGAR

A number of Old Raineians are planning to have a drink at the Blind Beggar on Thursday, 11th July from 7.00 p.m. Why not come along? Nothing has been organised with the landlord. It's just going to be an informal get-together, hopefully in the sun lounge if the weather has improved.

were very happy days and I wept bitterly when I said goodbye to my friends, some of who are still in contact.

I was encouraged by both Miss Grier and Miss Foxon to continue my Music studies and allowed to leave early afternoon when I entered the Royal

Academy of Music in 1924 to further my aim of a musical career.

At the R.A.M. I managed to win a prize and was thrilled to be at the Queens Hall, when it was presented to me by the Duke of Connaught. I am proud to say that my name is still up on the Boards at Marylebone Road.

After studying at the R.A.M. for 3 years I had to leave owing to family circumstances but, after a year, I was persuaded to enter Trinity College of Music and awarded a 3 year Scholarship. In 1933 I met my future husband, a Mancunian and I came to live in Manchester in 1934.

I now have 2 sons, 5 grandchildren and one great grandson, but have never ceased to entertain and raise money for charity.

I am now 86 and still giving concerts with a full programme for next year. Sadly most of my contemporaries have passed away, quite a few of them having emigrated to foreign climes, but we always spoke of the school. Some of my old friends at Raine's included; Majorie Pearlman; Renee Wand; Sylvia Roth; Deborah Kipernick (see below). In the Newsletter you mention Schrieber and Borinsky - the latter came to live in the Manchester area and was a director of a chemical company.

Also Bernard Caspan, younger than myself, who became Chief Rabbi of Johannesburg.

I dare say there are many other wonderful moments that I have left out but the memory of dear Raine's still lingers on."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to start my President's Message by saying how proud and indeed honoured I am to take a position within such an august body as this. Whilst some of you may think I am on the youthful side to take such a position I can promise you that what I lack in experience will be matched with all the vigour I can muster to make the Association flourish even more than it has done in the past few years.

This last year (as with the year before last) has seen the Old Raineians' Association go from strength to strength with several very successful and enjoyable reunions. The highlight was the return to the members dining room in the House of Commons as well as a couple of visits to the Old School Building in Raine Street in Wapping. I am sure you will agree that this is an excellent venue and I intend to preserve this tradition.

My next aim will be to attempt to get our younger members involved more, starting from within the School, letting present pupils know that we do exist. I believe that if we do not get the pupils interested now, the Association may die in years to come - an occurrence, I am sure, none of you will want to see. This leads me onto my next goal. This is to try to enhance the memberships' numbers, not just from pupils who are about to leave now, but those who have left in recent and not so recent years. I am sure we can all think of at least one Old Raineian who has not joined the Association. Indeed I am sure there are one or two of you who may be reading this newsletter who has not joined - as you can see I am definitely turning on the guilt tap!

In addition to these aims I intend to preserve the once-monthly Committee meetings that have already brought the Association's social calendar to life, as well as keeping a few shady characters of the streets on Tuesday evenings. Seriously, I feel these meetings have proved to be very productive.

Whilst I intend to continue with the modernisation of the Association initiated by my predecessors I would also like to

see some of the Association's traditions reinstated. I feel that these traditions are our roots - roots that should not be forgotten or locked away in a cupboard to accumulate dust. I believe it is these traditions that make us unique from other schools. How many other schools, except for the Public Schools, even have an old pupils' society? How does the phrase go? - "from tiny acorns" It is for this reason that I would welcome any suggestions as to which traditions we may reinstate.

Other than this 'minor' tinkering I can only offer a steady-as-she-goes message as I believe the Association is in excellent shape that has emerged like a phoenix from the ashes over the past few years.

I would like to thank Sandra Johnson, our outgoing President, for handing me an Association that is in excellent shape. I am sure you will agree that Sandra has proved to be an excellent President - I only hope I can follow the act!

My thanks also go to the members of the Committee, who have worked hard to make the Old Raineians' what it is today, and to Bill Richards who puts together these excellent newsletters that you receive. I would like to welcome Candy Preston, Ron Striebig and Bill Richards onto the Committee - only the serving members will know what they have let themselves in for!

This promises to be an excellent year for the Old Raineians' Association with some 'fun-packed' events lined up, all of which you will hear about in due course. I hope you will support the Association as well and as enthusiastically as you have done in recent times. An Association is only as good as its membership and I would remind you that this is your Association and we thank you for your past support.

Well, that's all from me. I hope you enjoy the rest of the Newsletter and I look forward to seeing and hearing from you in the forthcoming year.

Richard Harris

• Pamela Davis (Greenspan, 45-50) joined thanks to receiving a copy of the February Newsletter, which jolted her into action - to find previous correspondence that had got pushed out of sight in the back of her letter rack and adding:

"My Husband, Denis, is also an Old Raineian and we both think the newsletter is excellent (thank you - Ed.). We get much pleasure reading it, although many names of recent years are, naturally, unfamiliar to us.

Regarding the item in the last newsletter from Sid 'Rocky' Hilsum. I know that I was the second or third girl to join the boys 6th form for Physics and Chemistry, although the Headmistress, Miss Haugh, was not keen on the idea! I followed after Seena Pradg, in September 1947. 'Slogger' Luton taught Physics and Dr 'Billy' Wilkins Chemis-

try. Because 'Slogger' was the Physics examiner for London University, we couldn't take our practicals at Raine's, but had to take them at Bedford College in Regents Park. I can also remember always being in awe of 'Slogger' and that 'Billy' was very kind to me as far as laboratory breakages were concerned - although I'm not sure how Russell felt about it!

I stayed on an extra year to do Matrix Latin and extra Biology and then went to the Middlesex Hospital to study Radiotherapy. After qualifying, I worked firstly at the Hammersmith Hospital, then for 6 months at the Sloan Kettering in Manhattan, USA. From there it was the London Hospital where I finally left in 1962 to start my family, having reached the position of Deputy Superintendent.

'Rocky' Hilsum is also familiar

because, when he was captain of the Old Raineians' rugby team, I was one of the small group of Old Raineian supporters who braved the elements to cheer them on. (A big disappointment for the girls in the late 40's was that the shorts were a lot longer than now!! - Ed.)

If anyone out there remembers us we would be delighted to hear from them."

• Terry Everson (66-73), remembers one incident in particular. "During the Sixth Year I was the only male member in the class not to have received the slipper whilst being at the school since the First Year. During a Geology lesson Mr Croom was describing a group of rocks called the 'Biotite' group. After describing Biotite Garnet, Biotite Schist, Biotite Quartz - he asked if anyone knew any others - I replied "Biotite pair of trousers." I then received the slipper,

FRANCE WITH FRIENDS

A group of Old Raineians' and guests enjoyed an excellent day in St. Omer on the 18th May. Although the majority of us had to be out of our beds at 5.00 a.m. the group had a very enjoyable trip by coach on Le Shuttle, with a few toasts to get everyone in the mood. In no time at all we were in St. Omer where we sampled a few French bars, and those who were a bit more adventurous visited the famous Cathedral there and toured the town. The weather was disappointing, but did nothing to upset the mood of the day. The lunch was included in the price and was enjoyed in a typical French restaurant, excellent food and the wine flowed.

We made the journey home in high spirits, the bus full of duty free and the passengers full of food and wine! Our courier was very entertaining and in awe of us Old Raineians'; in fact she thought that she really did deserve to become an honorary Old Raineian! She soon got in the spirit of the occasion and along with her commentary of the route, gave us a trivial pursuit type quiz (For those who went - How many Burghers were there? Tony and David are not allowed to answer as they answered almost all the rest!).

A really enjoyable day was finished by continuous song on the journey home, with several renditions of the School song, a memorable rendition of Bohemian Rhapsody by Alan, Richard and David, several songs by Terry Green (professional Terry?), Roy Catley and Ron Striebig pushing all the 'Buddy' songs, not to mention Jo Roberts and Joyce Curtis singing their hearts out in the back seat.

A fantastic day, and those who went have already suggested that we do it again!

Sandra Johnson

much to everyone's satisfaction as I did not reach the target of leaving the school without receiving the slipper!!

• **Deborah Goldenfeld (Kipernick, 21-28)** heard from Ethel Bernstein (*see above*) about the Association and sent the following:

"We were a priveleged group, enjoying excellent facilities and dedicated instructors who taught us how to learn. Miss Grier's insistence on tidiness and elocution lessons were the touchstone for a future which brought many rewards. It enabled us to adjust to a changing world and society. It provided an education for which I personally shall always be grateful.

• **Terence Hicks (65-70)**, who works for London Electricity, claims he was not guilty of putting soap in the sandwiches at the Governor's Meeting! (*If anyone can expand on this story I would love to hear from you - Ed.*)

• **John Mossell (82-90)**. As you can see John was at the school for 8 years - in his words "TOO MANY!!!" - although he did add the following:

"As you requested in the your newsletter I have put pen to paper.

On completing my 3 A levels in the Summer of 1990 (Geology, Geography, Government and Politics - the last two I

had to take elsewhere as, sadly, Raine's did not go into the more exotic subjects) I went on to do a degree in Environmental Sciences at the University of Greenwich (formerly Thames Poly). My 3 years there were very happy and successful, but very tiring. I was also the student and course representative. I think I was chosen by my colleagues because I speak my mind and was always asking questions during lectures!

After over a year of a combination of casual work, unemployment and working for 5 months as a recruitment administrator I went back to college to do teacher training. So in July 1995 I came out of Goldsmith's College after a year with a PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate of Education) in Secondary Education, TRAINED TO TEACH SCIENCE (I can hear the sound of teachers who knew me fainting when they read this line!!!!!!). You see, although I did not hate school, I never thought I would become a teacher. Some of my teaching practice was spent working down the road from Arbour Square at Mulberry School for Girl's (Raineians' who left 10 plus years may remember it as the notorious TOWER HAMLETS GIRLS SCHOOL). Now the school is very popular and very over-subscribed, unfortunately or fortunately (which ever way you look at it) it is higher in the league tables than Raine's.

I am now working as a supply teacher, mainly at Mulberry and occasionally at St Paul's Way.

It was while working at Mulberry this January where I got chatting to Candy Preston (Sevrin, 70-77) who is there this year as a student teacher and discovered our connection (Yes you have guessed it - Old Raineians'). She is the one who has encouraged me to finally join after nearly 6 years. (*Keep up the recruiting Candy and others please note! - Ed.*)

I have many memories of my years at Raine's. So many that, if I had a more photographic memory, I could write volumes and the going's on during my time would make Grange Hill and Eastenders look like Playschool!! Like the characters in these soap operas there were occasionally some not so memorable moments - those teachers who remember me will know these - but mostly very happy and memorable times.

I was at the school during a time of transitional change. In the Summer of my third year the school moved from Arbour Square to the not-as big Approach Road site. I genuinely feel that the school lost some of its unique atmosphere and ambience. I remember hanging out with friends on the hall balcony at Arbour Square talking to the girls in the older years and having a French lesson on a Friday afternoon in roof classroom 3 mainly playing French bingo with Miss Balls. (*No comment - Ed.*)

The teachers that bring some of my instant and fondest memories are:

Miss Linnett (Science) - threatening me with a detention because I innocently tried to use a wooden pair of tongs to lift up a boiling beaker of water. And I turned out to be a science teacher. Ironic isn't it?! I must point out to those concerned that I am very hot (apt) on health and lab safety with my Science pupils. Another memory of Miss Linnett that comes to mind is of her juggling on the beach in Lido de Jeslo (Italy trip, 1984).

Mr Long (PE) - great sense of humour and nice bloke, even to those chaps who, like me, were over weight. I have seen a recent photograph of him in a local paper and he does not seem to have aged since my first memories of him in 1982!

Mrs Pipe (Geography) - telling me off for using red ink in one of my early

ERNEST WHITTEMORE

Ernest Whittemore, MM and Bar, Under-Secretary, Department of Health and Social Security, 1973-76, died on December 31, 1995 aged 79. He was born on August 31, 1916.

A Robust man of great energy and determination, Ernest Whittemore played a leading role during his Civil Service career in implementing some of the important decisions which were made about the state pension scheme and its relationship with other schemes, in the 1960s and 1970s. He was a man whose career demonstrated that success in the top ranks of the Civil Service is by no means the preserve of those with an Oxbridge education.

In 1934, straight from Raine's Foundation Grammar School in Stepney, he joined the civilian staff at New Scotland Yard as a clerical officer, and the following year he was transferred as an executive officer to the pensions side of the Ministry of Health, where he remained until 1942. During this period, he was working for a degree in the evening department of King's College London. He graduated in English with first-class honours and for this performance was awarded the Brewer Prize by his College.

Having initially been rejected for military service on grounds of poor eyesight, he succeeded in joining the Royal Artillery in 1942 and gave valuable service in the North African and Italian campaigns, reaching the rank of sergeant. In 1944, after the Battle of Cassino, he was awarded the Military Medal, to which a Bar was added a year later, after the fall of the Gothic Line.

On his return to the Civil Service in 1945, he was assigned to the newly-formed Ministry of National Insurance and remained in that department and successor departments until his retirement as an Under-Secretary in 1976. Throughout his career, good use was made of his ability to carry through difficult and urgent administrative tasks with expedition and accuracy.

When a contracting-out facility was introduced into the state pension scheme in 1961 by Mr John (now Lord) Boyd-Carpenter, Whittemore was a leading member of the group of

civil servants made responsible for the detailed planning and implementation of the new arrangements. This experience stood him in good stead in the 1970s when, as an Under-Secretary, he was again engaged in working on the integration of the state pension scheme with occupational schemes. This work involved extensive consultation with experts from the wider pension world, by whom he soon became much respected.

As an Assistant Secretary, he had been seconded for a short period to the Children's Department of the Home Office, in anticipation of the transfer of its work to the Department of Health and Social Security. Here also he showed his remarkable drive and dependability by meeting almost impossible deadlines. Though a man of great sensitivity, he remained unflustered whatever the pressure.

He had a searching mind, and the intellectual energy he displayed in his work extended also to his leisure pursuits. As a soldier in North Africa he had devoted off-duty hours to learning Arabic, and his linguistic contacts with a university professor in Algiers attracted the attention of the military police lest he should have become entangled in some sort of espionage. While serving in the Italian campaign, he learnt Italian, and discovered Dante. He retained a love of Italy and of things Italian for the rest of his life - becoming, with his wife, a keen member of the British-Italian Society and of the Italian Institute. It was typical of him that, on his retirement from the Civil Service, when asked by his colleagues to choose a retirement present, he chose to have a large Garzanti dictionary and a fine Italian edition of Dante's works.

A committed Christian, he was an active member of the Church of England, with a strong leaning towards ecumenicalism. He also dedicated himself to the work of the United Nations Association. He was much involved in activities in the local community and was an energetic collector for the United Nations Association and other good causes. He made himself a highly competent bookbinder, and devoted a great deal of attention to his much-loved garden where he grew sweet peas and in consequence became a keen member of the National Sweet Pea Society.

He is survived by his wife Mollie, and two daughters...

Geography lessons (again, ironically, Geography is my second subject that I teach). She was also on the Italy trip and I remember getting lost with her and another pupil in Rome in a taxi. I still see her today in the new Whitechapel Sainsburys. I'm tempted to say hello, but would feel silly if she didn't remember me.

Mr Everton (Geography) - very charming and his wife was lovely too (again both were on the Italy trip). I never had a 'confrontation' with him, unlike half of my contemporaries!

Mrs Teteris (Librarian) - who insisted on quiet in 'zee' library and listened to the lunch time recitals on BBC Radio 3!

The most vivid memories are of Miss Jackson (Music) and Mr Croom

(Geography), who were always a dynamic duo on the Geology field trips. Miss Jackson was always charming and encouraging my musical/singing and acting talents. She always persuaded me to take part in Winter musicals (Oliver, SMIKE - not a rave success; Calamity Jane and the Sound of Music). I remember her shouting and using the piano to effect to get all our attentions during many a late night rehearsal. I wish her well.

!!!Mr Croom!!! - generally a bark worse than his bite chap and one of the most committed and dedicated teachers I have known both as a pupil and, now, as a teacher. Although he never taught me until the sixth form, I made a good impression on him during the CSE field trips. But this was changed for a time

when I had a run-in with him. In the fifth year a History lesson was moved downstairs and, as I was a bit of a class clown, some fellow pupils encouraged me to make out that the class was to return to its original venue. Mr Croom was next door. I got home much later than normal! Still it could have worse, it could have been the chalk board rubber. Nasty!! Any way for the next 3 years the incident was forgotten as I had Mr Croom for Geology, although my writing hand and walking feet are still recovering!

Well, that's it for now. I send warmest best wishes to any one (pupils and staff) who I knew during my time at Raine's. I can honestly say that I have fond memories of ALL STAFF, but obviously some stick out in the memory

more than others (see above). I still see /hear off Christian Brunston, Paul Prigg, Kerry Moss and Lee Gerbaldi but I gather not many from my year - we started at Raine's in September 1982 - are members of the Old Raineians' Association. I encourage them to join and would like to hear from them. They can ring me on 0171 613 1478.

"SEE YOU OUT THERE."

- Mark Rossi (68-75) is an optometrist to the RAF and has written a helpful book explaining opticians, spectacles and contact lenses for the layman. The book is entitled "Eyecare, Eyeware - for better vision" and is published by Amberwood at £3.99. It can be ordered at book shops and arrives in a plain wrapper!
- Alan Waters (79-90) worked in both

schools as Education Social Worker before leaving in 1990 when the Inner London Education Authority was disbanded. He moved to Weymouth where he now runs a Sea Cadet Training School working for the Royal Navy.

- Loraine Lingwood (63-69). More details and news please.
- Peter Bean (70-76). More details and news please.
- Susan Colliss (69-74). More details and news please.
- Phillip Clark (??-??). Years at Raine's and more details and news please.
- Terry Green (48-52). More details and news please.

OTHER NEWS - 1

From Gwynneth Jackson

News from the AGM:

Belated congratulations to Richard Harris on obtaining a degree in Law and Politics. Currently he is working in the Investors Department of Nat West and is in search of an Amateur Dramatics Group.

Robert and Phil Clark have seen Gary Lloyd who works for Nat West as well as Gary Smith working for BT and Gary Ainsworth for the Pension Department of British Coal.

Mick Murphy is Running a Kids Playground in Dagenham.

SIDNEY WAYNE

Sidney Wayne, OBE, health authority chairman, died on July 8, 1995 aged 76. He was born on March 21, 1919.

Chairman of two successive health authorities, Sidney Wayne devoted a large part of his life to the National Health Service. But his prime interest was never in administration: rather it was in the caring aspect of medicine. That was shown both in his active support of the Ravenswood project, devoted to the care of the mentally handicapped, and in his tireless work on behalf of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

Born in Stepney in the year after the First World War, Sidney Shalom Wayne soon proved to his parents that they had a prodigy on their hands. Finding he had returned home unexpectedly early on his first day at the Stepney Jewish School, his mother inquired what was the matter. "The teacher asked me how to spell 'cat'", Sidney told her. "And I'm not going to a school where the teacher doesn't even know how to spell 'cat'."

Later, on a scholarship, he went to Raine's Foundation School, and in 1939 he was called up. His war got off to a slow start, kicking his heels in Shoeburyness in Essex, but his brains took him eventually to Military Intelligence at the War Office, in which he served from 1942 until 1945.

After the war he embarked upon a business career in textiles and clothing. This brought him great success but rather less satisfaction. His vocation was the welfare of others and it was serving the community at large that he was to find his real fulfilment.

After working for several local charities around his then home of Hampstead Garden Suburb, in 1963 he first became involved in healthcare services through his support for Ravenswood, the Berkshire village for the lifelong care of the mentally handicapped. Over the next 30 years he held a number of positions in the Ravenswood Foundation, serving variously as a trustee, board member and vice-chairman; he was also national chairman of the Ravenswood Aid Network for eight

years, raising more than £1 million for the mentally handicapped.

Under his chairmanship, the village funded a consultant post at King's College Medical School and provided on-site facilities, in return for which King's undertook to run the assessment centre at Ravenswood. In addition, he arranged for medical students to work at Ravenswood, giving generations of new doctors an increased understanding of mental health and handicap.

In 1974 Wayne was appointed to Enfield and Haringey Health Authority, later serving as vice-chairman. In 1978 he was appointed chairman of Redbridge and Waltham Forest Area Health Authority, a post which he went on to hold for a decade.

In addition to his chairmanship of the health authority, he was chairman of the board of Roding College of Healthcare Studies and of the Waltham Forest Medical Ethics Committee. He was a member of the Royal Society of Medicine.

His periods of office at Waltham Forest saw many enlightened changes, but two projects which he saw to completion gave him particular pleasure: the first phase of the reconstruction of Whipps Cross Hospital and the opening of the Margaret Centre for the Care of the Dying. He felt a special admiration for the hospice movement and, when the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund asked him to be their first county chairman for Essex, he accepted with alacrity. In 1991 his contribution to healthcare services was recognised when he was appointed OBE.

Sidney Wayne was fiercely proud of his Jewish heritage. He sat on the British board of the Beth Hatefutsoth Museum of the Diaspora in Israel at the time of the museum's conception. His phenomenal Jewish scholarship - about which he had absolutely no self-importance - and his quiet counsel were a source of inspiration to his friends, Jewish and non-Jewish alike.

His wife Hilda, whom he married in 1949, survives him together with their daughter and two sons.

Tom Duncan edits a Recorder Group Newspaper.

Norman Giller is a 'ghost' writer for sports people including Frank Bruno and Ian Botham and has been responsible for stories for 'This is Your Life'. His brother George was formerly a policeman and is now a Bailiff.

Ted Jarvis, formerly head of Custom and Excise, divides his time between London and France. Apparently he and Norman Holland used to fight. (*Who won? - Ed.*)

Diane Wallis (Tinkler) now has 3 children and works as a physiotherapist at a School for Special Needs. Her brother Mark is still working for Unilever.

Clive Baugh and family skied at Alp d'Huez this season. Clive is business controller for one of the chemical divisions of BP. Malcolm Baugh is a quantity surveyor, at present working on a new hospital in Chichester.

We were all sorry to hear of Wallie Spooner's incarceration in hospital - many folk had sent him 'Get Well' cards and visitors included Sandra Johnson, John Smith, Lesley Jensen and Norman Holland. Wallie is now back at home and well on the way to recovering. We look forward to seeing him at future events.

Jackie and Rob Connolly both ran in the London Marathon for the first time, raising money for Cystic Fibrosis - four days later they were still feeling the effects. Jackie is working for Docklands and Robert is an engineer for the police.

Joanne Marshall didn't run in the Marathon but on the day encountered Peter Lodemore and Anita Selby. Anita's sister, Wendy, is mother of twins. Joanne is on a temporary contract at an Environment Centre (Wildlife Park?) in Tower Hamlets Cemetery (*any new jokes gratefully excepted - Ed.*). She is also Netball Representative for Tower Hamlets Sports Council trying to form a good team. She occasionally sees Barbara Wilson who is in the Social Services Department of Tower Hamlets. Joanne also met John Coster (*another who keeps promising to join but never does; must know Elizabeth Simpson!! -*

Ed.) skiing at Mayrhofen in Austria and has seen Paul Greeno.

Elizabeth Simpson (*talk of the devil - Ed.*) works for Mori Opinion Polls.

All the Smallwood girls are married with families. Terry lives in Theydon Bois; Tracy and Denise are still in East London.

Maxine Gibbons also works for Tower Hamlets and spends her holidays in Mexico.

Barbara Donovan brought her younger son, 6 month old Luke, to the AGM.

For the first time since they left school 3 of the Marks family (6 altogether) turned up! Ann had left her 3 children in Liverpool and came down to help sister Ellen, who had just had her first child. Susan also has 3 children. Andrew (as yet unmarried) works with Patrick Palloff.

Extra News:

As my village is now included in the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Beauty, we were invited and encouraged by Harrogate Borough Council and the North Yorkshire Rural Arts Project to create a banner celebrating the fact. A few of us with a wide ranging amount of needlework skills (from the ultra basic - myself - to qualified City and Guilds Certificate holders) have produced a 9ft by 6ft piece of work and received a lot of local publicity, including Tyne-Tees Television coverage!

More memories from Tom Bennett:-

A magnificent production of 'Henry V' was staged by Jim Shivas and Tom's valuable contribution was 3 loud off-stage blasts on his Church Lads Brigade bugle. At that time Tom lived in East Ham and, together with other pupils from that area, after school they flagged down 'pirate' buses which also plied the road, running to their own schedule. When they were full they ran non-stop to East Ham Town Hall.

After leaving the RAF in 1955, Tom settled in Westcliffe and worked for the ever-shrinking Dock Industry until 1980. Since then he has been a full time writer, contributing to 'Flypast' magazine and in 1985 publishing '617 Squadron - The Dambusters at War'. He

also gives slide talks on the subject.

Names he recalls - 'Shimmy' McLeck; Amiel; Ginswick; Pressman; Hershman (what a fast bowler!); King-swell; Parfitt; Wolfowitz; Tuckman; Blaicher; Batt; Amschwan; Bill Brewis (not very scholarly, but what a pianist! - Tom wonders if the Peter Brewis acknowledged for musical contributions to TV programmes could be his son?).

Geoff Gillon has renewed contact with Basil Dowling after sending him a newspaper clipping about Rye's attraction for literary people. He also enclosed a photocopy (from his own archives) of the then Christine Patrick and Margaret Goodey prior to the amalgamation of the girls' and boys' schools. Christine's letter, which appeared in the last Newsletter has awakened much interest.

Does anyone recall a Chorale, sung at the time (Nobby Clarke was Music Master) about 'Tubal Cain'? Alan Liddiard phoned the Matthews, but drew a blank.

John Eve, writing from Banstead, still contributes to a monthly publication and, at the ripe age of 79 has embarked on a new career. For 2 hours a week he helps in a local Junior School with reading programmes and has become, as he put it, a fully paid member of RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Programme!), with a natty little green badge proving it. An unexpected spin off is that he has learned to operate a word-processor and collective stories are typed out to be illustrated by the children. On being given one an innocent-looking urchin announced, "My Nana lived in Olden Times like you". John says this makes you realise that you are a 100% copper-bottomed, genuine antique! (*but some antiques are priceless - Ed.*)

Finally to finish on a sad note. We send our condolences and kind thoughts to Mrs Weingarten who recently lost her husband, the pianist Joseph Weingarten.

Do keep writing as memories are usually jogged by articles in the Newsletter. What ever you may think people are interested in your memories and what you have done since leaving school.

OTHER NEWS - 2

From Bill Richards

David Spencer (75-82) won the "Outstanding Young Scientist" Award (the upper age limit was 35!!) from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH-Zurich). The award, given for "excellent quality of research achievements and outstandingly successful research record", includes an all expense paid trip to Japan. This will be for a minimum 2 week stay, where he will give lectures and meet other re-

ment for a broken leg! You'll see how limited the schools sports budget was in that 3 members are not equipped with team shirts! Fortunately I had the foresight to list the names on the reverse when I purchased my copy.

A mention of Ginswick in Wallie Spooner's contribution and the sight of 'Alfo' Evans in the photo reminded me of the match that Donny Lyons reluctantly set up between the 1st XV and 2nd XV (most of them in the photo) in the 1933 season. He refereed the match and some rather dubious decisions late in the match led to the 1st XV scrambling

left the grinning Alfo clear to ground the ball between the posts. I'm sure Ginswick (was his name really Julius?) was relieved to be playing full-back behind us lot the following season. Did one of the attractive Kahn twins really marry Ginswick? They BOTH seemed very intelligent girls too!

Alfo Evans was quite a character. He made 'Biffer' Broughton's eyes water a couple of times in a friendly spar in the gym and 'Biffer' took his jousts with Alfo quite seriously after that. Alfo got a number of us to join the Broad Street Boys Club in The Highway and that led to us playing rugger for the School on Saturday morning and soccer for Broad Street in the afternoon - where did we get all that energy? (See my comments at the end of Tom's article - Ed.)

Alfo's family moved out to Gidea Park before the war and he joined the local Territorial unit. He was mobilised as a sergeant but I had no further news of him. However, some years after our 'mini-reunion' in Leigh-on-Sea, I tried to trace him. I knew he had worked for the Gas Light and Coke Company up to mobilisation and so I pursued that line. It transpired that he had survived the war and returned to the Company, but had left a few years later and the trail died. I would dearly like to know his subsequent History.....where are you, Alfo?!!

'Fussy' Browning was a Chemistry Master, alongside Doctor Wilkins - very fond of whacking the boys across the rump. Steven Berkoff ... it was Mr Shivas, not Chivers. Sam Morley ... 'Joogy' Andrews taught Mechanics, not Physics - the 'mentor' in this case was almost certainly 'Slogger' Luton.

"Keep up the good work, I'll certainly remember the ORA if my lottery numbers oblige!"



RAINE'S 3RD XV CIRCA 1932

Back Row:	Coplen	Egelton	Kingswell	Onions	Baker
Middle Row:	Bennett	Korr	Evans	Green	Wilmer
Front Row:	Jewson	Churchill	Shaer	Solkevitch	

searchers at the Tokyo Institute of Technology (the Japanese equivalent of the ETH-Zurich).

Our congratulations go to David in collecting such an award.

Once again Tom Bennett has found the time and made the effort to write (others please note - Ed.):

"Thank you for yet another informative and interesting ORA Newsletter, I enclose herewith a photo of most of the Raine's 3rd XV circa 1932. I think the missing bod was still receiving treat-

home by a couple of points. One neat passing movement by the 2nd team had delivered the ball to Alfo playing at centre three-quarter and he decided to go for glory. Ginswick, full-back for the 1st team, came on a diagonal run, roaring "I'll get you Evans". Alfo seemed to slow his pace somewhat so that Ginswick bore down on him triumphantly. At the critical moment Alfo turned in towards the flying Ginswick, side-stepped him, at the same time giving him a perfect hand-off that sent Ginswick floundering into the mud, and

Mention of playing 2 games on one day reminds me of Peter Bull. In the late 1960's Peter played rugby for the school on Saturday morning and football for his club in the afternoon. On Sunday morning he played football for his club and in the afternoon played rugby for the St Peter's Club (based near New Scotland Yard). I am sure my memory is not playing tricks on me. Perhaps Peter can confirm? - Ed.

The following is from Lesley Jensen (Tear) and "is from the snotty nosed, spotty girl's point of view."

"I enjoyed reading Christine Patrick's memories of the fight to remain a girl's school in the last Newsletter. I joined Raine's in 1962 and therefore experienced school life in very much a girl's school for the first two years, to a mixed grammar school in the sixth form in 1969 with all the shades of change in between.

The November 1961 newspaper articles referred to by Christine are in Bancroft Library. The girls believed that in a mixed school they would be distracted from their mathematical studies by concerns about lipstick. One boy was quoted as not being concerned about the amalgamation because "girls do brighten up classrooms". Watch your back Peter Coote! Personally I believe that both boys and girls would have followed fashion regardless of whether their classes were mixed or not. My copy of the girl's school photograph taken in 1963 is full of girls with bleached blond hair - imitating stars like Marilyn Munroe. Later on one found Helen Shapiro look-a-likes; Mods and Rockers; Twiggy and Jean Shrimpton followers, and so on. In the Sixties girls dressed to impress girls shortened their skirts, plastered their faces and lips with pan-stick and had geometric haircuts (Applied Maths?) regardless of the sex of their class mates.

Our first taste of the mixed school was finding that the large partition in the hall had been pulled back. Until the novelty wore off, we girls took detours to lessons via what was once the 'boys' staircase' and the 'boys' corridor' in order to boast that we had done so. We heard of Sammy the slipper who hung on a hook in the Senior Master's room. Sammy appeared less and less frequently as time went on, the dilemma being why boys could be slippered whilst girls could not. We found that the houses had been joined and known by their hyphenated names - I was in Slessor-Mann. Quietly, over the next year or so, all the girl's house names were dropped and ceased to exist! Speech Day was a joint affair, but recognised that we had been separate schools during the previous academic year. Miss Mangold and Mr Lyons, the Head Teachers of the two schools, were our guests and both spoke. The prizes and honours were firstly distributed to all the girls and then to the boys.

As 3A (all girls, aged 13 and 14 -

horrible!) we were to be taught Physics, a new subject for us, by a male teacher! Poor Mr Roden was challenged to impart some scientific knowledge to girls - he had not anticipated the challenge of Stephanie Judge. (Stephanie loved to amuse the class. She had once thrown cascades of toilet paper from the toilet windows on the first floor expecting to cause laughter in our classroom below. The joke backfired because Stephanie's knowledge of Geography was hazy and whilst the class remained oblivious to the prank, she did not amuse our Headmistress, whose window was directly below!). During a pre-exam revision lesson Mr Roden asked Stephanie to explain Archimede's Principle. She answered "Some bloke jumped in his bath and all the water flowed over the edge. He jumped out and ran down the road with nothing on shouting Eureka!" Mr Roden explained that this was not the answer he was looking for and asked what she would say if he had behaved in this way. He was speechless when the answer came: "I'd say you were a dirty old man, Sir!"

We cannot have been too much of a shock to the male system because by the 4th year we were taught Geography by Mr Spooner and in mixed sets for Maths. The time-tabling at this early stage of the amalgamation did not allow for boys to take Cookery or girls to study Woodwork or T.D. Every Thursday I would have to carry the product of the morning's Cookery lesson along to the Maths lesson. (*Cooking the books?* - Ed.) Mr Calvert's lesson was often delayed as boys volunteered to act as quality controllers for doughnuts, sausage rolls, etc. Luckily for them, my cooking was better than Janet Gray's (Toad and Spectacles in the Hole!).

From Wallie Spooner the class learnt a whole new vocabulary as well as a love for Geography, Geology and field trips! We soon understood words like: togs; bods; and kit. He made Geography memorable for us by illustration and anecdote. The industrial heritage of the Midlands included B.S.A. Bikes (so named he explained "because they were uncomfortable to ride - think about it". I imagine that some of the girls still are). Cartography and the use of aerial photography became more interesting when we learnt that if camping at one end of a field and wishing to make a visit to the latrines at the other we must always take

a route close to the edge of the field by the hedge. Enemy reconnaissance planes might pick up our tracks otherwise. And who knows what would happen then!

By the time I reached the 6th form our single sex classes were a relic of a bygone era. We were put into mixed tutor groups. Six girls and twenty-three boys had male tutors, Mr Dowling and Mr Spooner for L6 and U6 respectively. We girls were very shy and would wait outside the classroom until all assembled, then we would make a group entrance. If one of us wished to visit the toilet (*don't tell me - you had to follow the hedge!!* - Ed.) we would all go! Naturally this behaviour was difficult to maintain. After a fortnight we behaved as individuals, it proved easier. One day we discovered that many of our male peers were absent from school having been given tickets to attend the R.S. lectures. We were furious that we had not been offered the opportunity to attend. The teachers responsible had decided that, as girls, we probably would not have wanted to go any way - but the point was made, apologies were given and I hope that the future generations of girls, as well as boys, had equal opportunities to attend the lectures.

In our new environment we learnt to behave as young ladies. (*Any comments boys?* - Ed.) I was perplexed when I rushed to open a door for my new Head Teacher, Mr Stanney, that he quickened his pace to get to the door first. Being a gentleman, he expected to open the door for me. I was surprised to be treated as a young lady, after all I was only thirteen and a mere pupil. The boys were kind to the girls on the field trips, lending a hand to help us clamber up mountains when we clearly would not have managed otherwise. I had one furious argument with gentleman-in-the-making, Cameron MacPhee. He was adamant that, should he ever marry, his wife would never work. I argued for the right to work for married women and I vowed that I would always exercise this right! I wonder does Cameron's wife work? (For the record, I stopped paid employment before my first son was born.)

As a postscript Lesley added that she preferred the school as it became, but they may upset her near neighbour, Miss Mangold.

Cameron MacPhee is a member of the

Old Raineians' Association living in Queensland, Australia and should receive a copy of this newsletter. I look forward to receiving his recollections of his statement.

Nicky Sanders (Killick) was one of a few who made the effort to confirm their addresses and wrote the following:

"I am still working as a veterinary nurse for the RSPCA at the Harmsworth 'Animal Hospital' in North London. So far I have managed to avoid the BBC cameras when they have been filming the series, but unfortunately the crew have noticed and have threatened to catch me out when they come back to film a new series of 'Animal Hospital' in the Autumn! I couldn't avoid the photographers, though, who visited the hospital, so I do appear in the BBC Animal Hospital Book with the vet and the poodle, Snowy.

My sister, Maria is now working at the Enfield branch of Nat West which is closer to where she lives in Waltham Abbey, with her husband, Lincoln.

It was nice to hear how Elaine Higgins was getting on - she was in my form. Also some of the teachers I remember: Janis Fuller and Graham Willett, Barry Jones, Steve Johnson, Ann Lowes, Ken Crump and John Blundell. I would like to wish them all the best."

Margaret Fisher is the sister-in-law of Elsie Fisher who was at Raine's 1917 to 1924. Margaret tells us that Elsie was 90 on 9th July last year and has just made a remarkable recovery from a broken leg following a fall at the end of January. She had a hip replacement and is now walking short distances with a walking frame.

"Elsie read English at London University getting a good degree. One of her jobs was working for a women's teachers' union and when I met her, shortly after becoming engaged to her brother, she was working with a camouflage unit in the Midlands. Elsie met many artists and remained friendly with them.

After the war she had several interesting jobs, eventually settling into inspired youth work. This led her to Park Centre, Burgess Hill, where she was warden - the first they had - which meant she had a free hand to run a fantastic range of subjects. By the time she had retired from there in 1971 Elsie

had become interested in Romany Travellers. She was very active in organising peripatetic education for gypsy children and later found the Romany Guild. For this work she was awarded the MBE by the Queen."

Elsie moved to a nursing home at the end of March and she appreciates letters and cards from the Association; often looking at an album of photographs of family and friends, including contemporaries and staff at Raine's, which bring back memories. Although her short-term memory is fading she still can remember with clarity people and events from when she was younger. If any one can relate to her and the 'Old

primary school in Bath (and have been for the last 10 years - I think it must be the paid school holidays I enjoy!). Our daughter Theresa (now 25 years old) is a Medical Secretary for a local GP in Keynsham (spelt K-E-Y-N-S-H-A-M of Radio Luxembourg fame for those of you old enough to remember Horace Batchelor football pool advertisements!) and son Stephen (23) is a Mechanical Aircraft Technician with British Airways at Heathrow.

The letter from Christine Oestensen Goksoeyer (nec Patrick) was of great interest and I was quite surprised that she listed me amongst the pupils she remembered. Only a couple of weeks



MRS CLARKE'S CLASS - 1960

- Back Row:** Pat Hayes, Carole Gore, Suzanne Quinton, Ann Bush, Jean Cripps
- Fourth Row:** Christine Patrick, Gillian Houlden, Rosemary Collings, Madeline Challis, Shirley ??, Christine Nesbitt
- Third Row:** Beverley Cuthbertson, Janet Jones, Mrs Clarke, Margaret Watling, Margaret Goodey
- Second Row:** Jean ??, Kay Jefferson, Nina Bailey, Vicky Morris
- Front Row:** Pauline Taylor, Evelyn Cox, Jocelyn Oatley

School' and would like to visit Elsie in Elstree, Hertfordshire please contact Bill Richards for the full address.

The Christine Patrick letter certainly generated plenty of interest. Suzanne Harrad (Quinton, 55-61) also sent us some of her memories and news. Suzanne is married to Ron (55-60).

"We are living in Bristol where Ron is Chief Estimator for a local engineering firm and I am a secretary in a large

earlier I had been visiting my mother who passed on some old photographs of my school days at Raine's. One is the enclosed photograph of my class of 1960. I was able to recall most of the names and faces, one of whom was Christine herself.

We are still in contact with Rosemary Wells (Collings) who lives in New Zealand. Gillian Bryant (Houlden) and her husband have a son and daughter and live in Stevenage. They are godparents

to our son and will be among the guests at his wedding in August. John Hooker (his other godparent) and his wife Joan (Cooper), who are both Old Raineians, will also be there, and they have two sons, one of whom is married. Gillian and Alan Bryan's daughter married in 1993 and our daughter was her bridesmaid. Gillian and Alan became grandparents last September.

I know Gillian is in touch, occasionally, with Margaret Anderson (Goodey) and I have contact with Pauline Smith (Joel) and Annette O'Sullivan (Ashcroft), albeit only with Christmas cards when we update each other with our news!

Ron and I both recall the names of staff and fellow students that appear in the newsletter from time to time. Like Christine I can well remember the Founders' Day get-together between the



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boys' and the girls' schools - it was at the dance in 1960, after being lined up and paired off to go to the dining hall for tea, that I met my husband. Although we drifted apart for a while after leaving school we did get back together again and married in 1967.

I also recall the lengths we would go in order to meet the boys at the end of the day, especially at the end of Games Lesson at Fairlop - dashing off before Miss Munn or Miss Kennedy would be arriving on the station platform to observe us. I often missed my connecting train home and arrived late with several good excuses!

Does anyone remember the school trip to Austria in 1960 which included a visit to Oberamgagan? I've still got the photos! No doubt Christine will recall our visit to penpals in France and the fun we had on the train between Paris and Toulouse! And what about the school plays when girls had to take male roles (no joint school plays allowed between the two schools in those days)? I will never forget the production of *Patience*. (Why? - Ed.)

They certainly were the good old days at Raine's and we'd be pleased to hear from anyone of our years. We did make it to a couple of reunions but work, the distance and other commitments.

We do enjoy the newsletters even if they do make us realise we are getting on in years!!

If any one else can fill in the missing surnames in the first picture or any of the girls in the second please write to us.

Norman Holland (45-51) has donated his school reports to the ORA archives collection. Norman's mother, who kept his reports safe all this time, had been determined that her son should improve his school performance from standards that evoked comments like:

"Weak. Must really get down to learning things" from Mr Lyons and "little effort and even less result." from Mr Spooner. To his final report in July 1951 when Mrs Holland was pleased to read: "Worked very well indeed..." again from Mr Spooner! "Should pass easily in Arithmetic." "...deserves success in this subject." "... a cheerful boy who is well-mannered and well-behaved."

Legendary names appear on the report, Mr Dagger, Dr Shutt, Mr Broughton, Mr Shivas, Mr Butterfield and Mr Turnage.

Norman now has his own postal-business dealing in fine quality teas from the best sources. He offers ORA members teas at very competitive prices. For details contact Norman on 0181 478 0192 (home) or 0181 478 9848 (work).

OTHER NEWS - 3

From Sandra Johnson

A letter from Richard Tillbrook:-

I write, with a feeling of tremendous joy, to tell you that it has pleased God to call me to serve Him in the office of Priest in the Church of England and that I shall begin my training in September, 1996.

Mine will be a Non-Stipendary Ministry so:- "I won't give up the day job!" In other words, I shall continue to teach at Davenant and to live in Loughton.

You may well imagine how excited I am and I ask for your prayers as I begin this new journey in my life. Thanks to

all who knew of my hopes and have already prayed for me.

I shall be able to celebrate 25 years as a teacher at Davenant and the beginning of a new vocation all at the same time! That has to be an excuse for a party!

With every good wish and much love.

We have put Richard in touch with Dave Roberts whom he hadn't spoken to for 25 years - but please can you let us know about the toy-soldiers! (See February Newsletter).

Tom Howgill sent a letter about 'Fuzzy' Browning.

"You mentioned in the recent letter a query from F. Clarke about 'Fuzzy' Browning - no doubt many have written to you but I can assure you it was certainly 'FUSSY' and not 'Fuzzy'!

He lived at Goodmayes in Essex, from where I used to travel up every day

FAMILY DAY

We are going to arrange a family day at the Old School building in Raine Street. At the moment we are looking at Saturday, 8th September if we can book the building.

The idea is for Old Raineians' to bring their family for a barbecue etc. and to meet, hopefully, old friends.

If people are interested would they please contact us so that we judge how much food to bring. We will confirm the arrangements closer to the date.

to Stepney to school. If I saw him around at home I often tried to avoid him. As a master and a gentleman - I admired him but he was fussy alright. Chatting with a friend in High Road one day he came along. As he passed - he reached down to my jacket pocket and, because the flap was half in and out, straightened it and said - "not like you Howgill not to be tidy" and sauntered off! He was just living up to his reputation no doubt.

Tom was 88 on 29th February (a youngster really with only 22 birthdays - Ed.) and says he is still in pretty good fettle and all the bothers are kept under reasonable control by medications.

Paul Williams was interested in Wallie's mention of Bill Collins, who is now in his 33rd year in Broadmoor. "Could we

be given some background information on this case? I must admit I'd never heard of Bill Collins. What was his crime?

My greatest regret about my school years was that I didn't take piano lessons. My parents even got me a piano when I first started at Raine's but once I'd settled in to school life I just wanted to get home and not hang around for extra lessons. Unfortunately they didn't push me into it. I started playing guitar

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Stephanie Judge (62-68), Denise Johnson (62-68), Valerie Corper (62-68), Stephen Threadgold (62-69), Peter Horney (62-68).

None of the above are or have been members as far as we know. If you know of their whereabouts please ask them to contact us.

while at school (self taught) and I've played in bands ever since (semi-pro). In the last 2 years I've learnt to play piano and keyboards and am now good enough to play keyboards in the pop/country band I usually play guitar with. I just wish I'd started 25 years ago! Ah well, I won't make that mistake with my daughter, she'll be 'encouraged' to take piano lessons!"

Ted Jarvis remembers Bobby Raybould who played table tennis for England in the 1950's, and was also club Captain at Clacton Golf Club (possibly in 1987). Don Lang, BBC musician, was also known as Gordon Langford, and his name at school was Gordon Langdorf - can anyone confirm this?

We haven't got the following members years at school:-

Tom Billington, Susan (Makin) Brown, Betty (Lawson) Canning, John Eve, Mr. B. Feinstein, Lorraine (Anderson) Johnson, David Lloyd, Jan & Richard Mansfield, Mehmet Mehmet, Frank Morris, George Osborne, John Owens, Dr. John Pimm, Jean (Fredericks) Platt and husband, John Roden, Norman Rome, Angela Rossi, Mr. P. Russell, Roy Silvester, Bernard Sims, Irene (Webber) Stannard, Walter Stannard, Robert Taylor, Chris Waring, Mr R. Wheeler.

Can you please let us know your years at Raine's to enable us to update our records.

SCHOOL NEWS

The following 2 extracts were taken from the school 'newspaper', InSight:-

Judo Commonwealth Title

Simone Callender is the youngest of the England judo team. This, however, didn't stop her from winning two gold medals at the recent Commonwealth Judo tournament held in Mauritius at the beginning of February.

Simone, who has been involved in judo for eight years, had to compete in four fights. "Being set in Mauritius it was really hot fighting in a judo suit. The beaches and scenery made Mauritius look like Paradise and it would have been Paradise if I wasn't wearing a judo suit!"

Simone took part in the first fight of the tournament. "I cried with nerves, my team mates and coach had to calm me down." Simone's most memorable fight was with a Mauritius competitor, "She pinched my bum by accident, I screamed and fell down on the floor. I looked up to find the whole audience was laughing at me!" InSight asked Simone how she coped with the fame of being a Commonwealth champion, "One bloke recognised me at the airport!"

WORK EXPERIENCE

From the 1st to 12th July 150 pupils of Year 10 will be on work experience. If you know of any employers who would be willing to offer a Raine's pupil 2 weeks work experience please contact Miss Naylor at the school.

It's not been easy for Simone to reach such a level. She trains at the Tokei club near London Bridge three times a week and at most weekends. Simone told us of how disciplined she needs to be, "Travelling takes it out of me and it is hard to catch up with all my work."

When announced Commonwealth champion Simone clenched her fists and with great passion screamed "Yes."

National Basketball Champions

February 10th and 11th saw the under 15 boys Schools National Championships played at Eastway Sports Centre. (Previously known as Eton Manor). The

tournament was organised by the English Schools Basketball Association and for the fourth time in tournament history Raine's won the Championship.

The first round took place in two pools. Raine's managed to come second in their league, winning two games and losing one. This enabled them to go through to the semi-finals. Raine's beat Weavers of Northampton, 54 - 48, to take them to the national final.

There Raine's beat Burnage of Manchester by seven points, 56-49. The final was a classic confrontation. It was a close defensive struggle in the early stages with Raine's edging ahead and taking a 7 point lead by half time. The second half was a ding-dong affair as Burnage cut this lead to 4, only to see it widen to 10 before closing the gap again. Burnage and Raine's gave their all in a match that was a credit to both teams and a fitting finale to the tournament.

Burnage, who finished runners-up for the third successive year in this tournament and the other teams that were beaten by Raine's found it impossible to cope with the speed and athleticism of Obie Matthews. The Raine's left-handed forward scored 27 points in the final which brought his total for the tournament to 139. Obie was adjudged by the team coaches as the tournament Most Valuable Player and joined the tournament All Star Five Team.

Raine's winning team was made up of: Ofori Duah (Capt), Obie Matthews, David Thompson, Ouwazi Otusi, James Diaz, Valentine Collier, Francis Danso, Kehinde Makanjuola, Taiwo Makanjuola, Kenny Wall, Ojay Holness, Dipo Bashoran.

Both David Thompson and Obie Matthews attended England Squad training sessions. With talent as there is in these players Raine's are sure to retain their excellence in National Championships.

In the rest of the school the under 12 team were beaten in the South East Region semi-finals and the under 14's reached the final of Region Four, one place from the National Finals, but were beaten by the eventual winners, Homer-ton House. Not to be left out the girls in the first 2 years have played their first games and it is hoped this will be the start of competitive girls' basketball in the school.

In football all the years showed a high standard of skill with the both the under 12's and the under 13's reaching the semi-final of the Inner London Cup. The school supplied 6 of the players of the Tower Hamlets and Hackney District Squad that reached the semi-finals of the National Championships. Again the girls from the first two years started to play football.

In the London Schools Gymnastics Championships 4 girls stood out: Nicole Shaw from Year 7 finished first; from Year 9 Keeley Croft and Sylvia Gurley finished first and second respectively and Hannah Robinson of Year 8 finished fifth.

The good results were continued in the District Cross Country Championships. For the girls Emily Sheehan, Tracey Duley and Vicky Lambert filled the first 3 places in Year 7. In Year 8 Felicity Ovie was another winner. For the boys Obie Matthews (Year 10) and Ricky Dempsey (Year 11) both finished second. As for the teams. Year 7 and 8 boys and year 8 girls finished second. But pride of place goes, not surprisingly after having the 3 leading girls, to the Year 7 girls who won the Championship.

Both Years 7 and 8 girls and boys represented Tower Hamlets as teams in the London Cross Country Championships with Felicity Ovie finishing fifth. She was also chosen to represent London in the Inter Counties Race.

Away from the playing fields and gymnasium our congratulations go to Huseyin Kose, Head Boy of Raine's who was one of ten winners of the 1996 Daily Telegraph/Jerwood Foundation Urban Bursary Scheme. Devised by the Telegraph and funded by the foundation, the scheme is designed to encourage hard-working young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to go to university. For the third year running, more than 70 schools and colleges were invited to nominate up to two candidates, each of who was asked to write a 500-word essay on why he. Or she, wanted to study for a degree.

The entries were judged by Tim Brighthouse, chief education officer of Birmingham; Rosanne Musgrave, Headmistress of Blackheath High School, London; and John Clare of The Daily Telegraph.

The winners will receive £1,200 when they register at the university of their choice.

The article went on to say about Huseyin:

"A fortnight's work experience in a barrister's chambers confirmed Huseyin's ambition to be a lawyer. Now New College, Oxford has offered him a place to study law on condition he gains two As and a B at A-level. If he does he will

Papageorgiou (University of East London), B Sc Accountancy; Andrea Robinson (Manchester University), BA Theology; David Rowley (Newham College), Art Foundation; Jayne Seago (Kings College, University of London), B Sc Human Biology; Nicole Warren (University of East London), B Sc Extended in Biology & Computing. Well we are coming to the end of this newsletter. Just a few other notes to add.

COLLECT AND CONNECT

Some of you who read the Daily Telegraph may have seen the Collect and Connect coupon competition that the paper is running.

The school is collecting these coupons and need a minimum of 5,000 to enter the competition. If you read the Telegraph please collect these coupons or if you see any one reading the paper please ask them for the coupon.

The coupons are in every issue until the end of June, with two in the special computer section on Tuesdays and two in the Sunday Telegraph. Keep your eye peeled as they are difficult to find!

The last coupons appears on 30th June. Please send them altogether to the school for the attention of Bill Richards as soon as possible after this date.

be the first member of his family to go to university. His father, who is Turkish, is a tailor. Despite a period of living in bed-and-breakfast accommodation, Huseyin gained 10 GCSEs and has been elected Head Boy. "He's a charmer," says his Headmaster. "Visitors to the school are won over by the warmth of his personality."

Finally on the school following is list who went to university last September:

Aesha Ali (Waltham Forest), Art Foundation; Georgina Bailey (Teesside University), BSc Applied Science & Forensic Medicine; Neil Bailey (University of Central England), HND Industrial IT; Ruth Castle (University of North London), B Ed; Marion Emin (Thames Valley University), B Sc Psychology; Thomas Faye (University of Westminster), BA Business & Administration; Dean Francis (Coventry University), B Sc Environmental Science; Emma Frost (St Mary's University College), BA English/History; Victoria Harper (Chichester Institute of Higher Education), B Ed Theology; Tina Iw-erebor (Greenwich University), B Sc Chemistry & Business; Asif Majid (Manchester University), BA English & Sociology; Evonne Markham (Manchester University), BA Theology; Hannah Metcalfe (Nene College), B Sc Archaeology & Earth Science; Andrew

Please try to send us your memories of your school reports as Norman Holland did. I'm sure that there must be some excellent comments from the teachers other than the usual "could do better" or "must try harder" etc.

Other areas that may trigger your memories are field trips; school plays; sports day and games; cookery, metal-work and woodwork. On the last item I'm proud to say that Sandra Johnson and myself still have the trays we made nearly 30 years ago and they are used regularly.

I would like to thank all the contributors and news collectors who have helped to make this edition especially interesting. I'm sure you will agree.

Finally please keep sending the memories and news and remember if you know of any Old Raineians' who are not members please get them to join.

Bill Richards