

# Old Raineians' Association

# NEWSLETTER



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**NEXT DRINK IS AT THE BLIND BEGGAR, NEAR WHITECHAPEL  
ON THURSDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30 PM**

Dear Old Raineians,

Since writing the last newsletter in March, I'm sure there have been excitements for many of you - weddings, arrivals of family, travels, moving house, new jobs and challenges - do write or phone and pass on your news for us to include in the newsletter and also to keep us informed of any change of address. A fax number has now been included above so please use it if this is easier. I'm not among those who commute to Siberia or Thailand, but since writing have had a ski-ing holiday in Austria; been to Scotland and the Lake District and met with Madge and John Daich and their family; met Janis Fuller and Graham Willett and most recently been to Switzerland where I saw David Spencer and his wife Cinzia. I also crossed the Watford Gap divide to attend the AGM and had an excellent Chinese Meal with some other Committee Members.

**A.G.M.**

There was a better turn-out than of late for the AGM and the social evening afterwards. We were delighted to see a wide spread of ages, ranging from 1992 school leavers to our veteran member Emily Galbraith who celebrated her 98th birthday at the beginning of July (many congratulations). Emily is due to fly to Atlanta again for a "clan gathering".

At the meeting it was reported that we had recruited about 20 new members during the year and it was commented that the Association survives on newsletters and a few get-togethers. It

was felt that there was a need for a closer liaison with the school.

Several Old Raineians are members of the Ravens' Rugby Club which would welcome some younger members. A suggestion was made that a Golfing Society be formed ( would Jim Everton be interested in getting that of the ground?). Anyone interested please contact **Richard Harris, 34 Brierly Gardens, Bethnal Green, London, E2 0TE.**

1994 sees the celebrations of 275 years of Raine's but sadly a service can not be held at St. Paul's Cathedral. We will keep you informed of any special events which do take place. If any one has any thoughts on how the Old Raineians' can celebrate this Anniversary please do contact us.

Clive Baugh presented the accounts and reported a balance of almost £4,000.

The Officers of the Committee are as follows:-

<b>President</b>	Tony Groves
<b>President Elect</b>	Alan Johnson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Clive Baugh
<b>Committee Members</b>	Brian Chaperlin, Laurie Dalton, Chris Fitt, Gareth Lewis, Richard Harris, Sue Smith, Edna Howard, Gwynneth Jackson, Sandra Johnson, Phil Puttick, Ray Reffold, Bill Richards and Paul Thienal.

(Since the meeting both Phil Puttick and Ray Reffold have resigned from the Committee. Phil's job has changed in the last year meaning much more travelling both in the U.K. and abroad. Phil was instrumental in the present design for the newsletter stationery. Those of you who still have newsletters of 2 or 3 years ago know why we should be so grateful to Phil for this and his other work on the Committee.

Ray Reffold most of you will know as a teacher at Raine's for over 20 years before his retirement. What is little known is that Reff is one of the main reasons the Association is still running. In the mid to late 80's some of the then Committee wanted to wind up the Association due to lack of interest. Reff, along with Gwynneth Jackson, fought against this and with the gradual introduction of new committee members has helped keep the Association running. The reason for Reff's resignation is that he is shortly due to go to Thailand for 2 years and feels that the travelling back and forth for Committee meetings might cause problems!! The Association owes a great deal to Reff for his contribution to the Committee and our thanks and best wishes go with him to Thailand.)

Whilst we are mentioning Reff we would like to give him our apologies. He says that whatever we may think of his domestic habits his residence in Thailand is not, as reported in the last newsletter, in a Chinese SLOP-house, but in a Chinese SHOP-house. Luckily for Reff this mistake was also noticed by Doug Willment whose business frequently takes him to Thailand. (Pity we all preferred the first version!!).

Another traveller is Alan Johnson whose job entails commuting to an oil-field 12 km inside the Arctic Circle where, in Summer, temperatures can range from 10°C to 20°C and mosquitoes are a menace, whilst in Winter it can be as cold as -37°C when the only garments which can keep out the cold are animal skins - Alan found none of the specialist Polar clothing good enough to keep out the intense cold.

Emily Galbraith still has a certificate awarded in 1905, when fees were payable, awarding her a bursary for free time at Raine's during her lifetime! A fellow pupil at the time, Lily Bagal, was also awarded one. A chance meeting on a train in Scotland in the 1930's with Miss Haugh, a former head mistress of Raine's Girls School, led to her staying with Emily's parents in Edinburgh whenever she visited Scotland.

David Ward is in charge of the film coating department at Ealing Optics and is also a freelance journalist for computer magazines.

Clive Shilson is now married and living in Bermondsey - during the tourist season he participates in the medieval sword fighting at St Katherines Dock.

Anne Woodward is now in touch with Linda Ofield (Wright) and hopes to arrange a meeting in the near future.

Christine Carter met Maureen Fleisher (formerly Frances Davies) in Sainsbury's.

Richard Harris is studying Politics, Government and Law at London Guildhall University - he has seen Nick Dennis who hopes to study Politics at Sussex University.

Gavin Adlington, at present supply teaching in Bexley, will begin studying for a M.Sc. in September at the University of East London. His wife Peggy is teaching a Reception Class.

Ian Adlington, living in Hendon, is in insurance; his brother Alan is Head of Maths at Cheshunt School and John Adlington is Pastor of a church in Crawley.

Eddie Matsan has appeared in "The Illusion" in Chelsea and on TV in Crime Monthly (acting we must quickly add!!).

Richard Atkinson is in living Saffron Walden and is a Head of Chemistry.

Gregory Page is in Customs and Excise, whilst his brother Laurence works for Norex Insurance and plans to marry next year.

Congratulations to Hilary Selby (Tear) on becoming mother of daughter Alexandra. Hilary's sister Lesley attended an Isle of Dogs Open Day at which photographs and memorabilia were displayed and wonders if a Raine's Open Day could be arranged on similar lines. If the Association were to locate, copy and store photographs and memorabilia concerning Raine's, it could contribute to the school and its history. If any of you have photographs, Prize Day programmes or anything of special interest **please** would you lend it to us for copying and the originals will of course be returned.

From my selection, I have a "School for Scandal" programme featuring a cast including Marion Gomm, Jane Broadbent, Elizabeth Boarer, Alan Perkins, Trevor Doyle and Andrew Bushell; Prize Day programmes when John Betjeman was the speaker and Wendy Taylor won the Old Raineian prize; others awarded the prize are John Durham, Christina Nicholson, Vera Hunt, Robert Simmonds and Valerie Woods.

## NEW MEMBERS

Dr Simon Wernick (14-21) joined Raine's as a result of winning an L.C.C. scholarship for 5 years and stayed on an extra 2 years before going to London University where he graduated with Honours and a B.Sc. degree in Chemistry. He was a founder member of the Institute of Metal Finishers and also the International Union for Surface Finishing. Dr. Wernick was proclaimed by Her Majesty the Queen "Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for Services to Surface Finishing" - i.e. O.B.E. - in 1969.

Janet Bridges (Crudgington, 75-82) formerly a Head Girl (81-82), now married and living in Beckton. She works in the Civil Service; is an active member of the Far Isles Medieval Society and meets up with Ching Fun Lee and Michelle Sansom for theatre and ballet outings.

Pauline Gosling (Siseman, 63-69) lives in New Eltham and is a legal secretary. Pauline also mentioned her sister Sandra Colley, living in Sidcup, who is one of our "lost" members and we welcome her back to the Association.

Alice David (75-82), teaching Geography and P.E. at a Battersea infants school, is living in Pimlico and plays women's rugby for London Welsh. Apparently the team is looking for a new trainer - anyone interested?

Eric Kresner (54-60) lives in Barkingside.

Frank Battes (53-54) is a director of a Private Investigation Company in the City of London. He is in touch with numerous Old Raineians' who are members of the Ravens Rugby Club (formerly the P.L.A. Rugby Club) and Frank himself played rugby for 30 years.

Colin Croft (68-75) lives in North Weald.

Joan Lammin (Greenwood, 57-62) is married to Tom Lammin(56-62) also an Old Raineian who has a driving school. They have three children (plus a cat) and Joan runs the accounts department of an electronics company.

Roger Abrahams (56-65) is a merchandise manager based in Bridgenorth and is married with three children (including twins). He says he only established a close friendship at school with Jeff Hecker - they still keep in touch - but he would be interested in contacting Stuart Gibson, Maurice Bell and Alan Cloat (he does not know where to look since they closed Alcatraz!).

Julie Humphries (75-80) lives in Poplar and working for Provident Mutual Life Assurance Society involved with investments. Her brother Martin also attended the School and works for the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce as a dealer. Her mother and several other members of her family also went to Raine's and hopefully will come to future reunions.

Sandra Wilson (Kanter, 58-64) works as book-keeper at a nursing home. She lives in Hornchurch and would love to hear from anybody who remembers her, especially those in the Secretarial 6th in 1963/64. Sandra is still in close contact with Margaret Beuker (Sunderland), Kathleen Stabb (Hyde) and Lea Georgiada.

Samantha Sawyer (82-89), Head Girl 1988-89, studied Law at Warwick and is a prospective solicitor.

## OTHER NEWS

Many of you will remember Father Norry McCurry, former rector of St Dunstan's and for several years Chairman of the School Governors, who died in June. We extend our sympathy to the whole family.

Congratulations to David Spencer who was awarded his Doctorate in Natural Sciences in Zurich in June for his studies on the deepest exposed rocks in an area of the Himalayas ranging eastwards from Pakistan to Bhutan. The thesis of record length was the culmination of four year's research. During last year's spell in the area he was joined for a time by Karl Schwarz, who was working in Calcutta. Whilst crossing a glacial river, Karl lost his leg wallet containing all his money and his passport. Recently I stayed in the same hotel in Engelberg as Joan Mangold (former Girl's School Headmistress) plus her friend and David and his wife joined us for a weekend. He hears from John Coster who has just been round the world with his wife. They successfully run "Adventure Consultants" specialising in taking people to the outdoors.

John Blundell, who was at the AGM, has since taken part in a sponsored walk in aid of Greenpeace and been to Portsmouth on holiday, the latter second prize in a BR competition. He has recently published a Guide to St Mary's Cray and environs. He sent news of Kathy Burke now qualified as a healer; she is a member of the World Federation of Healers and still sees Bob Heading.

Mandy Connolly is married to a Frenchman and Allan Twynam is also married.

Jill Harvey (Owens) has three children, works in the City and is starting an Open University B.A. degree course. Her brother Jeffrey is married, with a baby daughter and he and his wife run an Old Peoples' Home in Derbyshire. Jill sees Sharon Twynam and she bumped into John Forder (married to Kim Sparkes) in Bishopgate. She is also in touch with Miss Hoskins and they lunched together during one of the latter's visits to London for an Art Exhibition. Miss Hoskins had two spells in hospital before Easter but is recovering well and corresponds with Father Burrows, now in Suffolk.

Tony Sculz, cycling his way to Australia and New Zealand to see Cameron MacPhee and Keith Dylko, sent a card from Tokyo. He had suffered a bout of malaria in Botswana and visited Linda Kane in Singapore.

Wally Spooner was unable to attend the AGM due to cracked ribs caused by a fall in Hainault Forest (on the cross country course) - we do hope he is fully recovered and hopefully we can look forward to receiving some Old Raineian "Titbits" for the next newsletter.

Basil Dowling is always delighted to see former pupils and thinks Geoff Gillon turned up in a Rolls Royce.

Tom Howgill was sorry not to be at the AGM and thanks Wally for the references in the last newsletter to himself and others; Tom now being the sole survivor. He feels that the Old Raineians should be represented on the Board of Governors (has any one else any thoughts on this).

Fred Penny, who sees John Mathews, Frank Morris, Len Wheeler, John Roden, George Osborne and Tom Howgill, attended school 1924-29. He remembers getting a lift to school during the 1926 General Strike but having to walk home, suffering badly blistered heels. Fred believes he was in the first school trip to Paris which he remembers as being one long round of Museums broken up by a visit to Versailles and two visits to the the Opera during which he slept! Most of his working life was spent in the Tea Department of the CWS and in 1949 he made the mistake of attending the AGM of the Old Raineians where he found himself saddled with the job of Secretary. He declares he was the worst secretary ever and relieved after 3 years to pass the job onto George Canning. He modestly describes himself as an also ran who has such a lot to thank Raine's Foundation School and the ORA for.

John Coborn wrote to the Headmaster from Australia. He was a pupil 1953-58, describing himself as a mediocre student who did reasonably well at Biology and English. He has been a successful freelance writer; mainly about small animals and fish, and hopes to dedicate a forthcoming book to an English Teacher of that time, Mr Butterfield. He lives in a former forester's cottage surrounded by native bushland with 13 acres of a small country-holding and went to Australia to study one the last frontiers of wild life, finding the quality of life wonderful. Before going "down under" in 1986 John spent 9 years in the Royal Army Medical Corp before becoming General Curator of Cotswold Wild Life Park and moving on to become Director of Dudley Zoo.

We are always delighted to hear from folk of all ages and from far flung corners of the world. Also to see at gatherings those who still live within reach of the East End. Don't forget to send us your news, whether its by telephone, post or the fax previously mentioned. If you know of any Old Raineians' who are not members of the Association please get them to contact us.

Along with this newsletter is a letter from Humph Long which needs no explaining. Please help if you can. Have a good Summer **and turn up at the Blind Beggar on Thursday 30th September** if you fancy an informal drink and chat.

**GWYNNETH JACKSON**

## **NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL**

The following report on athletics and gymnastics was supplied by Linda Richardson of the P.E. Department at Raine's.

### GIRLS ATHLETICS

The athletics season began back in May on a very positive note with the girls winning the year 8 and 9 groups, year 7 finishing second and year 10 third, in the Borough Championships. This resulted in second overall and year 9 remain unbeaten for the third successive year.

Inspired by their success several of the girls began to train on a regular basis at Mile End Stadium. This resulted in both the Junior And Inter teams of the T.S.B. Cup coming in a very convincing first. The second rounds were closely fought battles with many of the girls achieving Personal Best Performances. The following girls took part:-

Inter - Mary Kafero, Prudence Bailey, Nicola Abbott, Fiona Iwerebor, Katy Richardson, Camille Ferreira, Annika Cashman, Jean Robertson, Sarah Davis, Kemi Oworu, Marie Aremola and Catherine Kafero.

Junior - Alicene Alcindor, Elizabeth Idowu, Natalie Newland, Tannisha Bent, Louise Lowe, Heidi Anderson, Vanessa Taylor, Chantal Tate, Laura Elder, Leanne Brisland, Amanda Parker and Alison Roache.

This year we entered the combined event championships for the first time. Each competitor completes a Pentathlon. As a result of this Mary Kafero was selected to be part of the London team in the English Schools Combined Events Championships. Catherine Kafero was a reserve.

The following represented Tower Hamlets in the London Schools Athletic Championships:-

Katy Richardson	800 metres
Catherine Kafero	High jump and relay
Mary Kafero	Long jump and relay
Sarah Davis	Discus

Katy was then selected to be part of the London team in the English Schools Athletics in Blackpool finishing seventh in her heat.

The Tower Hamlets team for the year 7 and 8 championships featured the following girls:-

Natalie Newland	Amanda Parker	Maria Scrubb
Vanessa Taylor	Heidi Anderson	Tannisha Bent
Alison Roache	Elizabeth Idowu	Laura Elder

All of whom performed extremely well.

The final event of the year is the London Youth Games where several year 10 girls will take part as members of the Tower Hamlets team at Crystal Palace. This will conclude a season they can be proud of.

### GIRLS GYMNASTICS

This year we were privileged to be part of the first London Schools Display Team. The team (100 pupils) performed three pieces at the first London Festival of Gymnastics at Crystal Palace in October. This was extremely successful and resulted in the Tower Hamlets group being invited to perform at the Scottish Festival of Gymnastics in Perth. The following girls were involved:-

Jenny Monaghan	Lucinda Monaghan	Jean Robertson
Hayley Stuart-Evans	Claire Williams	Danielle Coakley
Katy Richardson	Samantha Wilcox	Hayley Barrett
Carli Wilson	Lena Bibi	Geogina Bloomfield

The gymnastics team will be travelling to Portugal at the end of July - Carli Wilson is a member of the team. Twelve girls will then have the opportunity to take part in the London Festival again this year and the International Gymfest in Frankfurt, Germany.

In basketball the School reached two more national finals. The Under 19 team beat Millfield and the under14 team finished runners-up. The Roll of Honour can now be updated and has also been slightly amended from the last newsletter.

**25 YEARS 1968 - 1993**  
**RAINE'S FOUNDATION SCHOOL**  
**ROLL OF HONOUR**  
**ENGLISH SCHOOLS' NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1968	Under 16	Championship	Winners
1968	Under 19	Championship	Winners
1972	Under 19	Championship	Winners
1984	Under 14	Championship	Runners-up
1985	Under 15	Championship	Winners
1986	Under 16	Championship	Runners-up
	Under 14	Championship	Winners
1988	Under 16	Championship	Winners
	Under 14	Championship	Winners
1989	Under 19	Championship	Runners-up
	Under 15	Championship	Winners
	Under 14	Championship	Runners-up
1990	Under 16	Championship	Runners-up
	Under 15	Championship	Runners-up
1991	Under 19	Championship	Winners
	Under 15	Championship	Winners
1992	Under 16	Championship	Runners-up
1993	Under 19	Championship	Winners
	Under 14	Championship	Runners-up

	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP	TOTAL
UNDER 19	4	1	5
UNDER 16	2	3	5
UNDER 15	3	1	4
UNDER 14	2	3	5
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TOTAL	11	8	19

Finally congratulations to Robert Whan of year 10 who was selected to swim for Great Britain in the 200 metres Breaststroke in the European Youth Olympic Days in Holland at the beginning of July. Robert won through to the final where he finished a very creditable sixth.





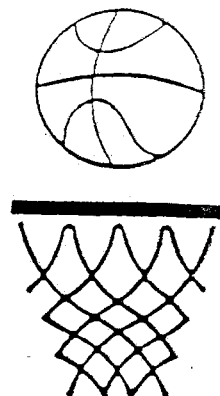
**EAST LONDON ROYALS**  
*Junior Basketball Club*

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To :-

All members of  
The Old Raineans Association.

Dear Friend,

When the I.L.E.A. was abolished some 3/4 years ago Raine's School lost its two mini-buses. This meant that no school teams could be carried to away matches. As we had entered four national basketball championships this could have been disastrous for the school teams. Hiring coaches or private mini-buses is expensive so I bought a second hand mini-bus which I upgraded in 1991 at a cost of £12,500 to ensure that our teams were not put at a disadvantage. This bus carried our teams all over the country and helped us fulfill fixtures we otherwise could not have played.

In April this year we won the National Under 19 championship for the third time. Our joy was tempered by the fact that during the following night the mini-bus plus two sets of kit and eight basketballs was stolen from outside my house. We will receive about £7,500 from my insurance of the bus. A short-fall of £5,000 if the bus is to be adequately replaced.

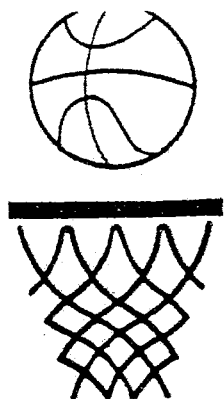
We need a new bus urgently if we are to fulfill our current fixtures and to enter next year's national championships.

To help raise the money I am launching a '100 Club' at £10 per share with monthly prizes of £50 - although this would be more if more than 100 entered - as I hope will be the case. Please help by completing the enclosed form and returning it to me as soon as possible so that we can get the scheme going and get our teams on the road once again.

This is a chance to help your old school and keep it in the forefront of national sport. I will keep you informed of the progress of the '100 Club' and mini-bus in future copies of the Old Raineans Newsletter.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Humphrey Long (P.E. Master ret'd).



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*Junior Basketball Club*

**EAST**  
**Royals**  
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1993 - 1994 Season

'100 Club'

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Number of shares required ..... (£10 per share)

(Minimum : one      Maximum : ten )

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