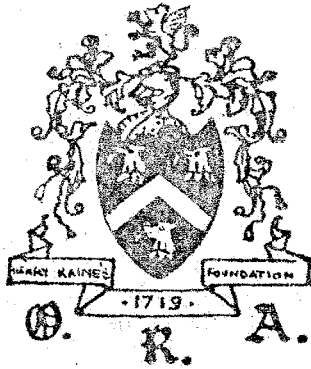


OLD RAINEIANS' ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1987

First of all, sincere apologies to all Old Raineians for the non-appearance of a Newsletter since February 1986. This is regretted by the entire Committee, but family illnesses and commitments, exams, moving house, have all contributed to the long silence. However, at the last Committee Meeting, I rashly volunteered to edit the Newsletter, and Helen Kostis kindly offered to type it, so let's hope we can return to regular production, of course, if no-one writes to us, there won't be interesting editions!

Not a great deal has happened over the last 12 months, the Founder's Dinner arranged for last April had to be cancelled because of poor response, with consequent loss of deposit. The A.G.M. in the Summer could not take place, as there was not a quorum, but after a period of deep depression, one was organised for December, followed by a buffet supper, and though not very well supported, those members who came, enjoyed a pleasant evening (and excellent buffet) and were unanimous in their desire to keep the Association alive.

The new Committee is:-

Martin Leonard	President
Nicholas Themistocli	Treasurer
Helen Kostis	Secretary
Raymond Reffold	Assistant Secretary
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Gwynnett Jackson	Newsletter Editor
Laurie Dalton	Membership Secretary
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Jackie Connolly	
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Alan Johnson	
Tony Vowell	

Among the replies received before the A.G.M. were several from folk of advancing years, or suffering ill health, and therefore prevented from attending - these included E.L. Bartholomew (1920-24), Miss A.L. Easton (1922-28), A.R. Forbes (1919-23), Tom Howgill (1920-24), Grace Woods and Emily Parsons (1919-27, and on the staff 1938-52) who sent her good wishes and hoped that the move had been happily accomplished. Alice Easton had met Frank Morris, an ex-president, while he was in charge of the Flower Show Marquee at Essex County Show. Sam Elliman would like to contact E.L. Bartholomew - he had re-met a fellow member of his form 40 years later, Harry Sudling, at a Golf Club, but Harry has since died.

Miss E.R. Taylor gave news of a move necessitated by health reasons - we wish her well in her new abode.

Some folk were unable to attend as they now live too far away - H.W.J. Flack was abroad at the time, Helen Bishop (nee Bennette) 1923-35(?), Mr. J.J. Clark (1938-41), Sam Morley (1928-33), Alan Russell, and Dennis Burton, now a Doctor in Northamptonshire.

A smaller O.R.A. Reunion Dinner took place in Leigh of 4 1930-35 'old boys' - Thomas Bennett, Arthur Smith, Doug Jewson and George Coplen - this was their first meeting together since 1939 and they reminisced for over 3 hours - they wonder if anyone knows the whereabouts of Alfred, "Alfo" Evans, who used to belong to Broad St. Club.

David Deverell (1932-59) retired last year from a senior research and development post in the Ministry of Defence. He hears from Frank and Doug Clarke and wonders if any staff from his era are still going strong.

Annie Wilkinson Tauber (1927-33) wrote from Canada, and would be glad to contact any contemporaries. She has lived in the U.S.A. Since 1953 and has happy memories of Miss Haugh and Miss Grafton. She particularly wonders about the whereabouts of Pearl Schreiber, Gladys Stokes or Edna Gilham - we will pass on her address to anyone who can help.

Another O.R. now resident in the U.S.A. is George Pinckney (1960-69) who is working for Mobil as an exploration geologist, having had previous experience in the North Sea, Mediterranean, North Africa and Canada. He is married to a Canadian nurse and they have a daughter - he keeps in touch with John Masson, and Doug Willment, who works for British Airways. More news from abroad:- Keith (Dylko) Roberts (1960-67) is now director of coaching for New Zealand A.A.A. - he wrote last April telling of a proposed visit to London last July with the New Zealand team before their participation in the World Championships in Athens - unfortunately his offer to come and talk to present Raineians was not taken up, during the "limbo". He was expecting to meet Terry Day in London, and he hears from 3 contemporaries living in Australia, Norman Evans, Michael Dunn and Dennis McCormack. Another connection with New Zealand is a more recent Raineian, John Coster, who participated in "Operation Raleigh", and was grateful for a small donation from O.R.A. funds towards his sponsorship. He wrote telling of some of his experiences, clearing tracks through the bush and constructing huts. As a qualified diver, he was going to be involved in a survey of black coral in Dusty Sound in the fiords of the South Island. He was excited about his opportunity to meet interesting people, learn new skills and see fantastic scenery. Resident in Malawi with their four children are Gavin and Peggy (Sayers) Adlington - they are due for home leave, this May.

Another much-travelled O.R. is David Spencer (1975-83) who after gaining his geology degree at Exeter, led the first joint British-Chinese geological expedition in China, with members of Exeter and Peking Universities, for 10 weeks last Summer. He found it an exciting experience, but commented on not being able to move about freely. This expedition received publicity both in the press and on T.V. David is now working in South Africa as an exploration geologist and is thrilled by its scenery. He has bought a motorbike and hopes eventually to return to England 'overland' as far as possible. Other O.R.'s living abroad:- Cheryl nee Newton in Canada, Ernie Tarling in New Zealand, Gerlinde Leinwetter (nee Bennett) in Vienna with a 7 year old daughter - she hears from Annette nee Rood who married last June. George Olymbourides is an architect in Cyprus, and he encountered another Cypriot O.R., ? Crysafi on a plane. George's contemporary, Fred Curle, is now a Primary School Headmaster, Anita Merker (Smith) was pleased to have been in touch with a contemporary - her husband works for Nat West and together with their 3 children they are resident in Jersey at present.

John Clark (1938-41) wrote from Kidderminster that he had spent some time in 1985 in Thailand installing borehole pumps for an irrigation scheme, he found the country beautiful and the people delightful.

Barbara Donovan (nee Page) married in December 1985 and is now living in Rotherhithe, she is shortly going on a Canadian Tour as soloist with the St. Martins' Singers. John Chimes is still principal timpanist with the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra and lives with his wife and 2 daughters in Hertfordshire. His brother Terry is also drumming, but on the Rock scene. Richard Tillbrook keeps in touch with them, Steve Wilkinson and the Chappell brothers, Barry, John and Geoff, who now appear to be resident in East Anglia. Richard is head of R.E. and Careers at Davenant Foundation School.

G.L. Gillon wrote to say that he sees Bob Smith, and that they intended visiting Gareth Moore in Oxford where he is teaching Hebrew and other ancient languages in a Priory. Beryl Wooldridge (Cudman, 1933-38) had, like many others, including Stella Zacharias, now a nurse, missed receiving O.R. news through the Newsletter.

Lesley Jensen (Tear) is living in the Richmond area, but sorely missing the Sussex countryside. She had seen a T.V. programme on which Paul Reynolds (left 1968) was speaking about building defects caused by asbestos. Another O.R. to appear on T.V. was Bernard Simms, now a specialist Forensic dentist, speaking in "Body Matters" about the identification of criminals by their teeth. Philip Goode was in Blockbuster. Clive Shilson has appeared in some T.V. plays.

George Cloke became a Methodist Minister and was in charge of Youth Work in Scotland before contracting Multiple Sclerosis, he resigned from the Ministry, but is now doing community work in the Midlands - his 3 sons are all at University and he would welcome news from contemporaries.

June Morley (Carter) 1965-71 lives at New Eltham, she is married with 3 children and would like to link up with contemporaries, she does see Shelly Welford, Averil Levack and Geoff Ballam. She met Vivienne Durne (Waeland) recently, whose cousin Margaret Butler (Bell) now lives near York with her husband and 2 children.

The autobiographer of boxer Frank Bruno is O.R. Norman Giller. Lynn Bryand (1973-80) gained an M.A. degree from Loughborough University in December 1985. She worked for the County Library service in Chester, but is now in Milton Keynes. Iris Lyddon now lives in Rainham and is foster mother to a severely handicapped boy. Julie Dawkins is considering working for a second degree, at present she works at London University in the Examinations Dept. Melanie (Foord) and Ainsley (Ali) Francis live in Bethnal Green.

Maddalena Pettenati (1972-79) married in 1986, is now Mrs. Brown and is working in the Futures Dept. of a Bank. In the accounting profession are Graham Cater in Newcastle, who recently won a prize in countrywide accountancy exams, and Ian Crane who is not entirely sure he is a born accountant. Ching Fun Lee passed her Law Society exams and is now articled to a firm of solicitors in the West End. Debra Harvey is working for her Ph.D. at Cardiff University, and also lecturing in Hebrew. Her sister Alison is married and living with her family at New Malden. The Brahame sisters, Susan (now Wyburn) and Linda (Gaubert) are both happily married with young families. Barbara Collins (Newton), sister of Cheryl and Janet, lives in Sidcup with her 3 children. Hazel Fosbraey (Paul) has moved to Salisbury. Michael Hazell, after gaining his degree at Bristol, has remained there and gone into the insurance profession. Nicholas Beeson was teaching Maths and Physics a year ago, but might well have changed his occupation. I also think the news of John D'ath's engagement in December 1985 has been followed by marital status - blame the non-existent Newsletter if news is incorrect!

Gemma Carter (O'Connor) is mother of 2 children and living in Catford. Sue Smith (Holden) wrote from Bexley and offered services as typist - thank you, we may call on you!

We apologise for lack of dates by people's names, when you write please state your years at school.

This Newsletter has contained news of many generations of Old Raineians - if your era has not had a mention, please write to us, and the next issued, intended in the Summer, will endeavour to remedy that. It has also shown how widely spread throughout the world old pupils are.

Again, please accept apologies for the long silence, pay your sub and rejoin the Association if you are an annual member, but, above all, write with your news and support functions, or the Association will really become defunct.

Gwynnett Jackson