

# Old Raineians' Association NEWSLETTER



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Dear Old Raineians,

I hope some of you managed to find some sunshine and warmth somewhere during the summer months. Both were in short supply here in the North, and Autumn so far has produced mists and some fruitfulness, but nothing to be described as mellow. Outside it is teeming down and the local sheep are systematically pruning all the shrubs by the fence and any plants within reach. (What else can you expect if you live in the country?)

This newsletter is mainly to bring your notice, so you can book it in your diaries, the forthcoming pre-Christmas Bonanza. We hope you will attend in numbers as you have done in recent years.

**OLD RAINEIANS' ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REUNION  
RAINE'S UPPER SCHOOL  
APPROACH ROAD  
FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER 1993  
FROM 7.00PM TO 10.30PM  
£5.00 ENTRANCE**

## MEMORABILIA

Following the suggestion by Lesley Jensen that a collection of memorabilia of the School be collected together, Alan Liddiard (38-43) has sent his School report of December 1939 when the school's address was c/o Varndean Boys' School in Brighton. He added the following information about the Masters:-

'Nobby' Clarke, a Welshman who taught English and Music, was his form master and who, he believes, was one of the founder members of the Raineian Masonic Lodge. 'Biffer' Broughton who taught P.E. and History. M. Williams, another Welshman, who in addition to teaching Maths was a good amateur conjurer. Dr. Henry Wilkins who taught Chemistry using the textbook written by himself. As Chairman of the Staff Committee he helped plan the evacuation to Brighton. W.H. Davies, yet another Welshman, a Physics teacher helped by 'Joey', a piece of rubber pressure tubing, to keep discipline (most teachers used plimsolls)! Charlie Nay taught manual instruction, but sadly was killed by a bus. This happened after his wife had died and many of the pupils believed he committed suicide. W.A.W. Dagger, the Headmaster was greatly admired by the boys and had been the Physics teacher.

Alan also remembered a School trip to Canterbury led by 'Dog-Collar' Loughborough, the School Chaplain, who later became Education Adviser to the See of Canterbury, and then Rector of a Norfolk Parish and Canon of Ely.

Alan has successfully completed a History degree and written guides for the Stewards of the National Trust property in which he has an abode.

Another response for memorabilia came from David Deverell who spent 7 "good years" at Raine's (32-39). He had recognised himself in the rugby photograph printed in the March newsletter and remembers Jack Jarvis well. Others in the photograph he identified were John Dale, Mathews, Rhodes, Stannard, Yantin and one of the Bird twins. He has lost touch with them all, but hopes they are still around. He and Doug Clarke were both in the Ministry of Defence at one time. He sees Joe Lipton (Lipslitz) occasionally - he was a G.P. in North London. Also remembered were 'Maggo' Magorsky and Bernard Townsley who were G.P.'s in the Forest Gate and Ilford areas and Harry Solkovitz (Sherwood) had a Dental Practice in Goodmayes.

David's memorabilia included copies of photographs and reports on School drama productions, rugby matches, Sports Day events, School societies and Staff versus Boys cricket matches where, in addition to the previously mentioned Messrs. Clark, Williams, Broughton and Dagger, the names of Donny Lyons and Jim Shivas appear. The School Houses also enjoyed annual tea parties followed by entertainment.

Thank you very much to those who have sent memorabilia. We will be pleased to accept any given or lent to us at the December 'Do' and will photocopy and then return your items.

## OTHER NEWS

Congratulations to Steve Johnson (former Head of English) and his wife Claire on the recent birth of Philippa Anne.

Helen Kostis took part in a 'Save the Children' sponsored walk in July (one of 15,000 participants), a 10 mile route from Liverpool Street to Hyde Park zig zagging through parts of London she didn't know existed. She spent her holidays in Cyprus and her brother Kosta went to Australia visiting Hong Kong en route.

Richard Tillbrook in addition to teaching, duties as a J.P. and Church Warden, still manages to be involved with both scouts and venture scouts, and spent some of his holiday at a summer camp in Devon. He sees Steve Wilkinson and the Chappells and he has come across a photo of John Eve who he remembers speaking very amusingly at the Old Raineians dinners held at the Talbot, London Wall when Richard first joined the Association as a sixth former. (We included excerpts from John Eve's column in the S.T.C. magazine in an earlier newsletter.)

The aforementioned Chappell brothers all now live in Norfolk, and as Barry has recently moved to a larger house 4 doors away from his previous one, their parents are going to move shortly from East London into that house. Barry and his wife have 4 children and he plays in a band which plays Glen Miller numbers, visiting air bases in Norfolk and has also played at the Norwich Theatre Royal - he has his own solo keyboard spot in their performances.

John Chappell married in 1984 and has 2 children. He teaches in Kings Lynn and at weekends takes school teams in soccer, cricket and athletics and also plays cricket for the local village team.

Geoff Chappell is in another cricket team, is married to Lorraine (Sims - any news of her sisters and brother Steven?) and they have 2 children. Geoff is self employed, concerned with asbestos removal.

Debra Reid (Harvey), mother of a lively 7 month old son, is returning to her lecturing post and has also been co-opted onto the Cambridge Local Examinations Board Managing Committee for Religious Studies.

Gavin Adlington will now be up-dating his know-how of Land Information Systems at the University of London MSc course. Peggy Adlington is teaching infants at a Erith Primary School. They are missing Malawi, not least for the weather, but their 4 children are now installed at various schools and Peggy is singing in the Malcolm Sargent Festival Choir.

I am currently involved in writing a revised edition of a book of walks in Nidderdale. Several of us re-walked the routes and sent in comments which resulted in my being asked to check the entire selection and incorporate relevant information regarding items of interest to be seen en route ("Interpretation of the Environment"). That will teach me to keep comments to myself!

Congratulations to the following who have all successfully gained good degrees:-

Sam Bentley in Education from Lancaster University  
Samantha Sawyer in Law from Leeds University  
Claire Jones in English from Leicester University  
Leontis Yianni in Law from Queen Mary and Westfield College  
Spiro Pereira in Bio Medical Sciences from University of Wales - he is working at Raine's temporarily as a Laboratory Technician

The following is a list of pupils who left in the Summer to continue their education at a higher level:-

Rashed Ahmed	London University - Queen Mary & Westfield College BSc Mathematics and Computer Science
Zeenith Ali	Southbank University HND Applied Biology
Steven Cannon	Anglia University BA History
Colin Cooper	University of East London BA Cultural Studies
Karina Cox	London University - St. Mary's Hospital Medical School Medicine
Luke Cox	Leicester University (deferred entry to 1994) Bsc Applied Geology
Sara Cutmore	London University - Royal Holloway & Bedford College BSc Geology
Danielle Davies	Manchester Metropolitan BEd Primary Education and Art
Nicholas Dennis	University College of Wales - Aberystwyth BA Political Studies
Christopher Erskine	Westminster University BSc Engineering
Louise Fentiman	London University - Royal Holloway & Bedford College BSc Geology
Lee Lawrence	London University - Queen Mary & Westfield College BSc Astrophysics
Danny Roberts	University of Portsmouth BSc Geology
Helen Shamarkou	University of Sussex BSc Mathematics
Lorraine Smith	University of East London BA Accounting and Finance
David Swindells	London Guildhall University of Tower Hamlets Art Foundation
Paul Turner	University of Portsmouth BSc Engineering/Geology
Christine Wade	Greenwich University BSc Applied Geology
Donna Walker	University College Hospital (London) Medical School Medicine
Nicholas Williams	Tower Hamlets College Art Foundation
Lee Wilmore	University of East London BA Social Science
Alex Wing	London Guildhall University of Tower Hamlets Art Foundation
Christopher Wright	London University - Queen Mary & Westfield College BA English
Robert Wright	Durham University BA Theology

Bill Richards would like to thank the small number of people who made the effort to be at the informal gathering at the Blind Beggar on September 30th. Although the weather was bad the response was still very disappointing. A notable exception was Alan Johnson who arrived direct from Heathrow after a business trip to Siberia where the weather is, obviously, much worse!! Also present were Anne Saunders (Woodward), Christine Maddox (Carter) and Lindsey Mathews (Redpath) who were at the School 1958-1964 and would like any information on Miss Kay and Miss Munn both teachers of the secretarial sixth. Tony Sculc had recently returned from his cycling trip to New Zealand where he met up with Keith Dylko and watched the British Lions.

Finally as 1994 is the 275th anniversary of Raine's Foundation School the Association have produced a lapel badge similar to the School's blazer badge. Enclosed with this newsletter is an order form for the badge which is priced at £2.50.

This newsletter has been compiled entirely from correspondence. Anyone with any news at all please write or fax us - it is important to keep in touch.

We hope to see a large number of you on DECEMBER 3RD.

GWYNNETH JACKSON

#### 100 CLUB - Report from Mr. Long

Following the recent plea for support in raising money for the purchase of a replacement Mini-Bus by means of a '100 Club' I would like to thank all those who took the time and trouble to buy shares in the Club. There were about twenty replies and with their help the '100 Club is a going concern. Shares were also bought by members of staff, supporters of the Royals Basketball Club and people in the sporting world generally. What I found most pleasing about the Old Raineians' response was making contact with old friends from the past and even some Raineians' from before my time at the school. I will of course be writing to each one of them personally in due course.

There is still time for more members to make this a '200 Club'. Another form is enclosed.

In the next newsletter we hope to have a photograph of the new Mini-Bus and one of our successful teams using it. There will also be news of the winners of the prizes.

#### NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

##### Sporting selection from Mr. Long

Marvin Bramble (16) continued his meteoric triple jump career during the Summer retaining his English Schools Intermediate triple jump title with a distance over 15 metres - about 50 feet. He then went on to represent England in the Four Countries Athletics International in Dublin and easily won.

Moving up a notch he came second in the A.A.A. under 20's Championships triple jump and was selected to represent Great Britain under 20's in an international against Italy and Hungary. Marvin had a best jump of about 15.40 metres - a long way for a 16 year old!

He is also an outstanding basketball player and has represented England at under 15, under 17 and under 19 age groups. This year he helped the school team win the National 19 final for the third time along with fellow internationals Chris Erskine, Patris Gordon, Richard Thomas and Barnaby Loades. This star studded team beat Millfield School by 18 points in the final.

At the other end of the School the English Basketball Association has been running some regional championships for under 12 teams. Raine's have reached the South-East regional final and played the first leg of the final recently beating St. Olave's, Orpington 108 to 38. The second leg is in November and the result will be in the next newsletter.

The under13's went to Manchester for a National Champions Tournament. We won it last year but had to be content with runners-up to Burnage High School, Manchester.

So things are ticking over on the basketball front and with 4 boys appearing in the final England trials at Lilleshall at the end of October there could be more good news to come.

#### Girls Cross Country - Mrs Richardson

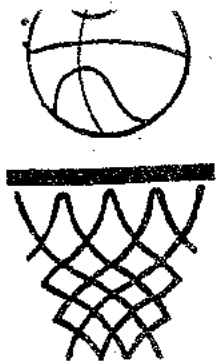
In early October the girls competed in the Borough Cross Country Championships with the following results:-

Year 7 - Winners Sylvia Gurley finished 2nd and Barbara Lowry 3rd.

Year 8 - Runners-up Laura Snook finished 3rd.

Year 9 - Fourth

Year 10 - Winners Katy Richardson finished 2nd and Fiona Iwerebor 3rd.



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

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1993 - 1994 Season

'100 Club'

**Application Form**

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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Tel. No. ....

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

(Minimum : one            Maximum : ten )

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