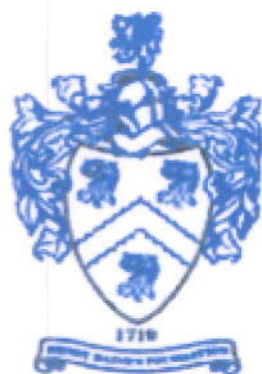


Old Raineians' Association NEWSLETTER

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Summer 2011

ORA Autumn Reunion 2011



Come and join us for cheese and wine in this magnificent
Hawksmoor church.
Built between 1714 & 1729, admire the beautifully restored
gardens and tomb of our founder.
Saturday 24th September
from 18.30 pm
St George-in-the-East
Cannon Street Road, London E1 OBH (www.stgite.org.uk)

President's Message

Most of you already know me as I have been on the committee for years and have previously served as President in 2006.

Thanks go to the committee for their commitment, in particular to Sandra Johnson.

Not just for the past two years as President, but over the decades she has been involved, organising events and tirelessly fundraising. She has worked hard on the membership mailing list and significantly reduced the printing and postage costs by obtaining email addresses.

My term as President starts with a new initiative - sponsorship. The ORA has no income apart from life subscription and donations. Old Raineian Raymond Gregory has proposed to become this year's sponsor and generously funded the 2011 AGM and May Reunion. It's a great idea and if anyone is interested in following Raymond's example, please let me know.

Despite the AGM being well attended, the committee remains small, the smallest it's been for years. I encourage you to join us and help keep the ORA alive and interesting.

Thank you for your continued support,

Claire Burrows.

Raymond Gregory 1964 - 72

Was one of several brothers who attended Raines from South East London. He admits he was more athletic than academic, sitting and re-sitting exams in between fixtures and a Saturday job! He attended Aston University and graduated (just!) then joined the Mars Group and plied his sales skills across a number of large FMCG companies. He left the industry some years ago to join the family business as Managing Director of Keratome Ltd (care at home). Working with London boroughs to look after elderly folk in their own homes, a big difference from selling dog food, tea bags and booze! He still lives in South East London and is the proud father of a daughter. He has fond memories of his time at Raines and is looking forward to continuing his sponsorship of the ORA into this year. Raymond is the owner of Carephone Solutions. His company acts as a facilitator with a large telecommunications company and he has reduced the telephone bills of several small to medium sized businesses by up to 25%.

For more information email : raymondgregory@me.com.

The facing page was taken from The Raineian Magazines 1970 and 1971

FIRST FIFTEEN

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
18	11	6	1	291	150

The First Fifteen enjoyed a very successful season, thanks mainly to the efforts of our new coach, Mr. Reeves, who, much to the dismay of many members of the team, decided that a spot of hard circuit training was needed. This proved valuable in our first match, which we won 77-0. With this and our next victory under our hats, we travelled to Swayne, confident of yet another win. This match and the next we lost, which meant that we returned to the circuit training. We won two matches before being beaten by a very strong Champion team 32-0. After this we beat Wanstead, Beale (2), East Ham, Woodberry Down, Barstable and Leyton County, before losing to Cheshunt. Our final game was against Champion, and in spite of an ingenious plan thought up by Mr. Reeves, we lost 22-11, though the score at half time was 11 all.

Gavin Adlington and John Mackenzie distinguished themselves by scoring 161 of the 291 points won.

The team was selected from a pool of players consisting of Adlington, Atkinson, Chaperlin, De'Ath, Fulcher (B), Gregory, Harris, Henderson, Mackenzie, Parker, Powell, Richardson, Solly, Tassell, Trodd, Burton, Coley, Doyle, Fulcher (A), Gilbey, Johannesen, Kirby, Loveridge, Nelligan, Nunn and Roberts.

Our thanks to Mr. Reeves, who on many occasions gave up, and eventually lost his place in his own club's first team, so that he could coach the First Fifteen.

R. E. Gregory

Raymond Gregory distinguished himself by playing for Essex, Eastern Counties, London Counties, S.W. England, and was Non-travelling Reserve for the final England trial.



*1st XV.
Front Row L. to R.: S. Richardson, S. Solly, W. Mackenzie, S. Howson, R. Matthews.
Middle Row L. to R.: H. Loveridge, R. Atkinson, B. Chaperlin, G. Adlington, P. Nelligan.
Back Row L. to R.: R. Warren, J. Doyle, R. Gregory, R. Powell, B. Henderson.*

News

Frederick Charles Cloke

Fred attended Raines from 1943 to 1947 under the headship of A. Wilkinson Dagger and matriculated in 1947. Fred and his wife (who sadly passed away recently at the age of 82) were Methodist Missionaries in Zambia from 1970 - 1979, and from 1979 to 1995 Fred was an Assistant Bursar at Kingswood School (Methodist) in Bath, until his retirement. Fred still lives in Bath.

Fred's younger brother George - 1947 - 1953(?) became Head Boy under Dr. Gerald R. Shutt. George is now a retired Methodist Minister.

Pamela Burns started school at Raine's in 1942/43 when the school was evacuated to Hurstpierpoint in Sussex. Pamela lived for a year in The Hostel in Belmont with 24 other girls, she was then "kicked" out into a private billet until their return to London in 1945, eventually leaving Raines in 1947. Pamela wondered if any of our members remembered her.

Brenda Zolli (nee Walker) writes: I attended Raines from 1952 - 56 and I am looking for a friend from my time there. Her maiden name was Janet Bland and sadly we lost touch so I have no further information other than she lived in the area and she had a brother called Phillip who loved opera! Janet was a talented artist, lots of fun and she loved all things American. Ironically, it was I who came to live in the USA. If anyone has any information or an address, I would greatly appreciate it. I am now in my 70's but far from being an "old lady" ! At my age, one starts to look back on one's life. I have good memories of Raines and of Janet and it would be wonderful to re-connect with her. Contact details : brendazolli@verizon.net
Brenda Zolli - 34 Stanhope Drive, Norfolk, Massachusetts, 02056 USA.

Eddie Chambers. 1946 – 51 Got in touch to let us know his email address and is going to make a determined effort to get to the November Reunion, it will be his first! If you knew Eddie perhaps you can make sure you will be there as well to make sure he comes to many more!

Mark Dryer: 1943-1948 now lives in the USA (Virginia), and enjoys getting 'news from the old country'. Mark started at Raines on the 5th January 1943 and left on the 28th July 1948 during which period he attained both General School Certificate (1946) and Higher School Certificate (1948), was conscripted (National Service) into the Royal Air Force in September 1948 and served as a radar operator until "demobbed" in May 1950.

After some mundane jobs (now forgotten) he entered the Patent profession as a technical assistant in 1952 and duly qualified as a Chartered Patent Agent and worked for a firm of Patent Agents until he was offered a position to work for a firm of U.S. Patent Lawyers in New York. Mark accepted the offer and, consequently, moved, with his wife and two daughters, to New York in January 1977. He attended Law School (4 years Night School) to qualify as a U.S.

attorney and when he passed the Bar exam in 1982 joined the pharmaceutical company, Pfizer, Inc., as an in-house Patent Attorney. Where he stayed until he retired in 1999. Upon retirement, he and his wife decided to move south from New York and settled in Charlottesville, Virginia in November 1999.

Mark still remembers his school days at Raines with fondness.

Mark still enjoys contact with Jack Honigman and Ron Merrett and they are great friends.

Mark says that looking back some sixty-five years that he finds that time has softened his outlook and he can only remember that time with fondness. For example, his fondest memories of the teachers are the two who taught physics - -"W. L. Davies when I was in the lower forms and F.G. Luton when I was in the 6th. form. I think Mr. Luton (whom we fondly nicknamed "Slogger") was probably my favourite teacher (master); but then I look back on ALL the masters as "favourites". Other masters I remember with fondness were A.H. Davies (Maths.), Dr. H. ("Billy") Wilkins (Chemistry) who was also the author of a chemistry textbook, W. D. ("Donny") Lyons (German); A. L. Aldridge (French); J. D. Shivas (English) and W. M. Spooner (Geography)."

Mark is looking forward to becoming a Great-grandfather sometime next January.

Ian Addlington came along to the May Reunion at the Civil Service Club in London and sent this message "I had a lovely evening at the reunion. I always end up leaving later than I intended, so thanks to all who organised and thanks to Ray Gregory for sponsoring the AGM".

Alan Bremerman 1945 – 1950 enjoys the newsletters and as a result managed to make contact with Norman Holland and had a long conversation about the years they attended Raines and the friends who were there at the same time. Alan had read the article by Norman Holland which he found very interesting and Alan's photo appears in the 2nd fifteen Rugby team for 1950 with his surname slightly misspelt (Oh dear!). Alan is now 75 years old and says his memory is nowhere near as good as Normans' as he can only remember Terry Hollingsworth and Cyril Shaw, who were both good friends of his for over sixty years but have sadly passed away.

Alan also remembered Geoff Ridgeway as part of the athletics team (the Mason Brothers and Cyril Shaw).

Alan has lived in Billericay for some 40 years having lived in Staplehurst in Kent for the first eight years of marriage.

George Spyros Kriakides Hello, Following the recent death of a childhood friend. I felt compelled to write as I haven't read an "Old Raineans" newsletter for years! As my children are nearing their teens, I'm starting to reminisce about the "Old Days!" and "When I was your age!" Consequently, I realised that the newsletter was formerly sent to my previous address before marriage, mortgage, children etc..

George Osborne (1944-47) Past President of the Association, Member of the Old Boys Rugby Club

Congratulations to those responsible for the latest Newsletter, which Geoff Ridgway kindly passed onto me. I found the memories and stories fascinating and as an amateur historian, I am all for them being recorded before everything is forgotten.

One memory out of hundreds may strike a cord with others. One afternoon on leaving school I joined an impromptu shin-kicking contest on the pavement. This involved leaping about on one leg and kicking with the other whilst hooting and generally making a great deal of happy noise. A brainless occupation I grant you at this remove we enjoyed it. All at once I realized that most of the other lads had melted away and on turning to see the reason why, I was appalled to see Headmaster Dagger standing at a window giving his usual fierce unblinking stare. I therefore straightened my cap and walked purposefully toward Commercial Road I never knew Mr. Dagger to raise his hands or voice, or even smile, but his very presence and solemn face often reduced noisy assemblies to absolute silence and his affect on individuals was frightening. Turn the clock forward about twenty-one years and I joined the Old Boys Masonic Lodge. Imagine my surprise when, among those whose welcoming me was Mr. Dagger! Even as an adult he had an affect on me "Hello Sir (Sir!) I said, "You won't remember me." He regarded me solemnly "Oh, I remember you Osborne" he replied and I felt my knees going. I half expected to have to report to his office but he moved on & I was able to breathe again.

The Old Boys Lodge is still going strong and I recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of my joining. Anyone seeking information on the Lodge can contact me on 0208 554 9050.

Andrew Fullerton (1970-77) writes

I enjoy the newsletter and it seems that you are always keen to have more material. I particularly reading portraits of teachers so I was moved to make a few notes on some of the members of staff who were an influence on me in the 1970s. If these first are of interest I am happy to do others when time permits. Since the comments below are of course positive, it would please me to think that they might get back to the individuals concerned.

Dr Ciocci was a small dapper man, a graduate of Pisa and a passionate teacher. At the point at which he appeared to despair of penetrating our collective incomprehension, he would point to our exercise books and cry; "Write down!" This would be followed by us receiving dictation on the subjects of wave theory, diffraction of light, Doppler Effect, gravity and the other staples of the Physics A level syllabus. I was not alone in admiring Dr Ciocci's professionalism and his ability to ensure that a significant number of his pupils not only satisfied but mildly impressed the examiners. His was always a popular room when the parents and pupils came to decide on their O and A level options. It was Dr Ciocci who pulled our physics class back on track to A level success after a year in which the previous teacher, who was very charming and will remained unnamed, had allowed us to get rather "off piste" as regards the syllabus.

I have always been fascinated in retrospect as to the reason why this sometimes fearsome but effective and committed teacher came to a small Grammar school in London's East End. No doubt someone reading this will have the key to this puzzle.

I have always retained an interest in Physics but more regarding its place in the history of science

and general thought than in active reading of the details of current progress in the subject itself. His lasting influence on me has been as much sartorial and I remember that he was a fan of a “tweed and suede brogues” style: well what else would one expect from an Italian(!).

Father Burrows was one of those teachers who probably would better have been given the older title of “Master”. It was a school tradition that he was certainly a teacher of whom everyone was terrified. Like many others, I can’t remember any incidents which would provide evidence as to why such a tradition grew up. I don’t think that he taught me for any length of time and it may have been simply due to the illness of other teachers that he appeared in my history lesson. Curiously, the only memory that I have of his teaching was his explanation of the three constituent parts of government being the judiciary, legislature and executive. I doubt whether this was a formative reason for my taking a Politics degree several years later but this simple recollection has stayed with me for decades.

Humphrey Long is one of the most admired teachers that Raines has had and rightly so. We all know him as a slightly larger than life, open and generous person. Much has been written about his character and achievements which I can only echo. Mr Long and I did not have much of a relationship since by the end of my school career I had been surpassed in height and weight by almost all of my contemporaries making, rugby, the only sport for which I showed even a modest talent, painful and dangerous. I had effectively therefore dropped all sports activity by the sixth form. Typical of his warm humour, Mr Long wrote in my report that I had “been very selective in my choice of activities”. If he remembers me at all he would be astounded that I run two or three times per week 7.5k along the river at the bottom of my street. Mr Simmonds, my German teacher would be equally surprised to find out that it’s the river Rhein (“Has shown no interest in his work this term”).

Mr Spillett must have been pretty young when he took my class for A level economics but nevertheless achieved an excellent result in covering the O and A levels in only two years. He did this by focussing directly on the syllabus topics and practicing exam questions each week under exam conditions. This does not sound terribly progressive but I am sure that everyone like me was most grateful for his efforts and developed a sound grounding in the subject.

The difficulty for younger members of staff must have been to maintain the level of discipline customarily associated with their more experienced colleagues. Mr Spillett did this by keeping a frosty distance from his charges and maintaining, if not fear, then a wary respect from his pupils. Boys were only ever referred to by their surnames, girls by both their first and surnames. I certainly would not criticise him for this; those of us who have gone on to management responsibilities realise how difficult it is to be both friendly and maintain discipline with adults and hence the task of getting teenagers to apply themselves (even when for their own benefit) without some tension in the class looks pretty challenging. He did not neglect the theatrical devices for this persona and always wore an impossibly old fashioned conservative suit more appropriate for a stockbroker than a school teacher; I suspected that it had been inherited from his father or an uncle in the City.

The mask slipped once, for which I was at the time very grateful since I was in a miserable condition having messed up my mock A level; he seemed amused, told me not to panic but to work through the questions again systematically. Normal service on both sides was restored shortly after and I was delighted to get the best result in Economics of the three A levels which I took.

Andrew Fullerton

David Browne (1957-64) writes

Many thanks for the newsletter which I've just received by post. I've never written or contributed before, but prompted by the thought that I might renew contact with some of my school friends I thought I'd write just a bit about myself which you may, or may not, use in a future newsletter!

I was at Raines from 1957-1964, beginning my school career in Alec Aldridge's class and placed in Taylor House. How lucky on both counts! My best memories are of wonderful teachers, all dedicated and often eccentric in the nicest possible way; of Wally Spooner, Donny Lyons, Mr. Shivas (whose son, I think, Mark Shivas, was an executive producer at BBC Drama for many years?), Mr. Sell, Basil Dowling and the music teacher (Mr. Sinton?). My worst memory is of a truly execrable performance I gave as Polixenes in the whole school production of 'The Winter's Tale', gripped by stage fright and paranoid about forgetting my lines. I apologise to any Old Raineians who remember it. This was only equalled in my school nightmares by an 'A' level Geography field trip led by Wally Spooner to the Yorkshire Dales in the deep of winter, and climbing up a freezing cold waterfall at Gordale Scar. Until then I thought cross country runs at Fairlop were as bad as it got. I remember our sixth form classroom being blessed with a record player; we truly thought we had arrived. Lulu's 'Shout' is the only thing I remember being played on it. I also recall Donny Lyons playing us Wagner's 'Ring' cycle in five minute segments from an enormous pile of 78's, not LP's! I now realise how fortunate I was to be in the same sixth form years as the Varah twins, whose father founded a wonderful organisation with whom I later volunteered. After the sixth form I worked for a design company in Mayfair, London and for two glorious years worked in the offices above Brian Epstein's London HQ, which my employer designed and furnished. Just a shy 18 year old suddenly being able to meet The Beatles, attend the parties Mr. Epstein gave and also attend Cilla Black's 18th birthday bash in the company's basement studios and getting autographs for all my friends. So I gave all the autographs away and now have just one, signed by the Beatles, as a souvenir. Here was I in



Left to Right : ?, David Watkins , David Browne (me), ? , ? , Ian Draper

the heart of 'swinging London' and didn't really realise it! I landed a job in the design department at Thames Television's studios in Teddington and from there began my career in television and film. I ended up at the IBA (the then regulatory authority for ITV and Channel 4) working on 'social programmes' mostly on Channel 4 in its early years. Its best years? I finally moved to university teaching and until recently was head of a degree programme in theatre, film and television production at York St. John University. Now I'm just retired and keep in touch with the industry through my voting membership of BAFTA and of the Royal Television Society. I also give careers talks to schools and try to enthuse the new generation of film and TV professionals. I have very fond memories of Raines and if anyone remembers me then get in touch. I particularly recall Ian Draper, Ramon Benson, Graham Gara, David Watkins, Chris Cook plus others whose names I've temporarily forgotten....no doubt due to old age!

David Browne

Newsletter feedback

Very good read Sandra, thanks and well done. **Terry McDowell**

Thank you for the Newsletter and again thank you for keeping the society alive. I will make every effort to attend next time. **Adrian Giles (Bomber)**

As ever an excellent Newsletter, very informative, well done to all the team. **Alan Waters**

Hi Sandra, Sadly I am unable to be at the Winter Reunion. I was at the school from 1935 until the outbreak of war in 1939. Now 86 I joined the ORA around 1950 and was a committee member at the time. Hope you have a good evening Billy H **William Hill.**

Hi Claire, Many thanks for getting back to me. I started at Raine's in 1958 and would love to hear from Jane Cooper, Margaret Metzger (nee Green who wrote a piece about herself in the Jan 2001 newsletter), Christine Mainstone, Sharon Samuels or anyone who is in contact with them, or indeed anyone who remembers me. I realise this is a long shot as I only stayed until the end of form 3A, 1961. I have wonderful memories of my time there. Staff I particularly remember are the indomitable Miss Mangold, Miss Bailey and Miss Munn who gave me a lifelong love of Latin and sport respectively. You may remember me as somewhat chaotic, short, blonde and overweight lover of netball. I was in the care of social services after my adored grandmother died and I spent summer term in the 2nd year away from school as the result of a serious accident and left at the end of the following year when some relatives in Lincolnshire offered to foster me.

As a result of the education and support I received at Raine's, I was accepted on a day scholarship at Stamford High School, again, another school I am very grateful to, and studied a classics degree for 3 years at Royal Holloway College. Unfortunately, I had a breakdown just before finals and not long after married a member of the RAF. 25 nomadic years, 4 wonderful children and a divorce later, I was a 40 something junior civil servant and combined my career with part-time study. I was awarded a first in social studies (with business studies) in 1995, an MA in Human Resource Management in 1997 and a ACCA Diploma in financial management in 2000. In 2002 I re-married and in 2007 retired from the senior civil service. We now live happily in France (security enfin !). I am still blond and overweight, even shorter but less chaotic, I like to think !

Glynis Hailes-Morley. e: glynis.hailes - morley@hotmail.co.uk

Sad News

The ORA newsletter arrived today addressed to Mr & Mrs Hooker. Sadly my wife Joan (nee Cooper, 1955 - 1960) died last September after a long illness (MND). I forgot to advise you at the time but please amend your records. I met Joan at Raine's and we married in 1964. I am still in close touch with many Old Raineians, four of whom came to Joan's funeral and I had cards from many more. She was very popular and is greatly missed by friends and family, especially the four grandchildren. Best wishes, John Hooker (1955 - 60)

Dates for your diary

Autumn Reunion.....Saturday 24th September

St George in the East, Cannon Street Road, London E1 OBH

Winter Reunion.....Friday 25th November

Barrow Boy and Banker, 6-8 Borough High Street, London Bridge, SE1 9QQ
details in next newsletter.

Committee meetings.....Tuesday 4th October and Tuesday 6th December.

Civil Service Club, 13-15 Great Scotland Yard, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HJ

Thank you to all contributors especially Raymond Gregory for sponsorship.
We depend on your letters and photos and look forward to hearing from anyone with
an interesting story from their time at Raines.
Please contact us, details below.

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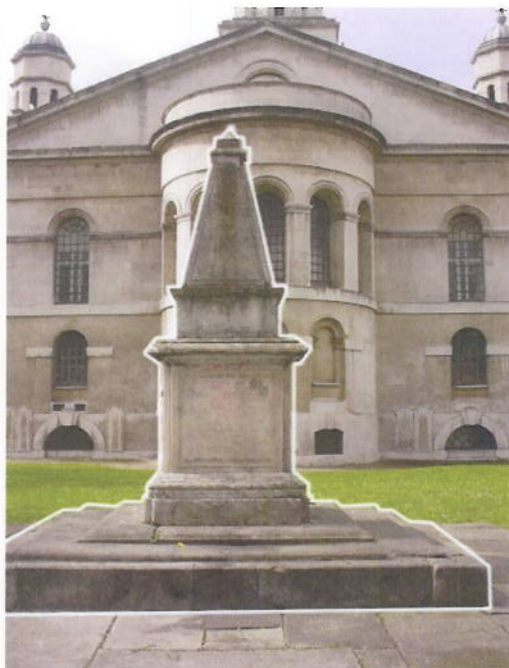
Eddy Dodwell, Newsletter

Gwynneth Jackson

The Committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the Civil Service Club,

St George in the East is the perfect venue for a reunion. The Revd. Canon Michael Ainsworth will welcome the Old Raineians' Association and join us for a cheese and wine evening in this magnificent Hawksmoor church. Before the winter nights draw in, make the most of an early autumn evening and admire the beautifully restored gardens and the tomb of our founder.

Unfortunately the nearest tube station Wapping is not step free and there is very limited parking at the church. An old Raineian has very kindly offered to lay on a pick up service for those less agile from nearby Tower Hill station which is step free. If you wish to take advantage of his generosity please let us know by ticking the relevant box on the RSVP.



RSVP

To Claire Burrows, Alexander Coach House, Vines Lane, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9LT
email : velvetburrows@aol.com

I am able/unable to attend the Autumn Reunion on Saturday 24th September

I would liketickets at £5 each

I would also like to take advantage of the pick up / return service* provided for those less agile ☐

* details will follow when we are in receipt of numbers

Name of member.....Years at school.....

Address.....

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