

The Old Harlovians Club

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NEWS LETTER.

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Dear Member,

This is the first attempt of the Old Harlovians Club to distribute amongst its members a letter of this kind and I trust it will be met with enthusiasm and appreciation. It is intended to send out one letter for the first year containing all the information concerning the Club and its members, together with forthcoming events, sporting occasions and Old Boys' activities.

Perhaps after this initial letter, the Club's strength will grow and more of the members who have lost touch with the Club will endeavour to contact the Secretary and help build up the Club to a more successful and profitable concern.

The Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE A.G.M. NOVEMBER 1958.

Mr. Porcher, one of the Club's Vice Presidents, opened the meeting, saying that although our President, Mr. Horsey, was with us, he had declined to take the Chair. The meeting unanimously agreed that Mr. Porcher take the Chair for the evening. Mr. Porcher went on to say how pleased he was to see Mr. Horsey once again and on behalf of the Club congratulated him on attaining his 90th birthday and on behalf of the meeting, how pleased he was to have Mr. Horsey present.

The Secretary was then asked to read the Minutes of the previous A.G.M., these were adopted unanimously. What matters there were arising were to be dealt with later in the agenda.

Apologies of absence were then read from various members, who, for numerous reasons, were unable to attend the meeting. The Chairman commented on the good attendance and was pleased to hear that many members had taken the trouble to write and confirm that they were still interested in the Club.

The Hon. Secretary then gave his yearly report to the meeting. In doing so, the Secretary said he felt quite satisfied with the Club's activities during the past year and outlined what he thought would be possible to do in the years to come. The Secretary impressed upon the meeting that the vital aim towards building up the Club's activities was support from all its members. He said he knew of several Old Boys' Societies who, although their members lived at varying distances from the School, still ran a very successful Club. Looking at the membership of the Old Harlovians Club, a good 70% of its members lived in a 30 mile radius of London and at least three quarters of these within a 20 mile radius of Harlow. Consequently, the Secretary pointed out, with the right interest and support an improvement in the Club's activities could be made. The Secretary then related the

various events of the past year, including the Buffet Dance, Cricket Match and Sports Day at the School. He informed the meeting that during the past year he had gathered information for a News Letter which he hoped to dispatch as soon as possible. The Secretary added that the Club's membership now stood at 314 - 10 boys who had left the School during the Summer had now joined. In conclusion, the Secretary thanked the Committee for their valuable support during the past year and especially thanked Mr. Dames for his benevolent hospitality to hold Committee Meetings at the School House, and his undivided interest in the Club.

In the absence of Mr. Clarke, the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Dames read to the meeting the financial report. In the General Fund stood a sum of £87. 17. 0. made up of £75. 0. 0. Deposit Account and £12. 17. 0. Current Account. In the War Memorial fund stood a sum of £34. 6. 7. made up of £25. 0. 0. Deposit Account and £9 6. 7. Current Account. Mr. Dames stated that he thought the Club's financial affairs were in quite a healthy state and proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Clark for his services during the past year. This was agreed unanimously.

The next item on the Agenda was Election of Officers for the ensuing year. The following Members were elected, all unanimously.

PRESIDENT:- Mr. E. P. Horsey.

VICE PRESIDENTS:- K. L. Dames, C. H. Barker, G. C. Clarke.

Two New VICE PRESIDENTS:- J. Jones and S. Porcher.

HON. SECRETARY:- M. C. Claydon.

HON. TREASURER:- G. C. Clark.

TWELVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:- P. Duttal, S. Seward, C. Menhenick, P. Madsen, M. Noris, D. Morgan, D. Palmer, J. Chivers, A. A. Cook, I. J. A. Taylor, R. A. Payse, and J. F. Taylor.

The next item on the Agenda concerned the £30. 0. 0. which was outstanding for the redecoration of the Memorial Room. In the War Memorial fund a sum of £15. 0. 0. was already in hand. Mr. Horsey most kindly offered £10. 0. 0. towards the cost, the remaining £5. 0. 0. was given by Mr. Dames. The meeting heartily endorsed the Chairman's thanks to these very kind gestures.

With regard to the forthcoming News Letter the Secretary gave the meeting the approximate cost of printing and dispatching such a letter and a discussion then took place as to how many letters should be sent in the first year. Finally it was proposed Mr. Dames and seconded Mr. Madsen that only one News Letter be sent out for the time being. This was agreed unanimously. It was then proposed Mr. Dames and seconded Mr. Menhenick that besides all other information in the News Letter the minutes of this meeting also be published. This was agreed unanimously. It was proposed Mr. Horsey and seconded Mr. Dames that the Secretary use his discretion as to who the News Letter be sent to, bearing in mind that many members had been unheard of for some years. This was agreed unanimously.

With regard to the circular for the yearly A.G.M., Mr. Menhenick proposed that all registered members should receive this circular, this was seconded by Mr. Dames and agreed unanimously.

Next years Buffet Dance was the next item on the Agenda, the Secretary informed the meeting that in view of this year's success all members bear in mind April 11th, 1959 and stressed the fact that this function was open to all members together with their friends, relatives and anyone else who would be interested.

Sporting activities of the Club during the past year had been restricted to Football and Cricket against the School. The Secretary said it was agreed to have a Soccer Match v The School during the Spring Term and wondered if it were possible to stage a Cross Country race against the four Houses. The idea was met with some laughter but on asking if any member would be interested to take part at least six said they would compete. Further developments for this idea were left in the Committee's hands. The Secretary went on to say of a long term idea which he had of forming an Old Boys' Soccer Club, this was met with some enthusiasm but once again left in the Committee's hands to discuss.

With regard to Old Boys' Ties, the Secretary said he had ordered a fresh supply from Henry Taylor's of Walthamstow and hoped to have them as soon as possible. The cost being 10/6d. each. The Secretary also said he would enquire with the tailors for supplying Old Boys' Squares.

There being no other business the meeting closed at approximately 9.45 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Payse and seconded by Mr. Chivers. This was heartily endorsed by all present.

REFLECTIONS ON DINNER AND A.G.M.

I came away last night considerably cheered by the interest and enthusiasm that is now being shown by the members of the O.H. Club. In the afternoon there were more spectators at the match than had been in the past, and at the A.G.M. the Secretary read out the names of a number of members who had replied to his circular saying that they were for unavoidable reasons unable to be present. If we could not have these members with us the next best thing was that we knew they were interested enough to write. That is what we want in the Club, and especially so now that a News Letter is on the way, and it is through such letters to the Secretary that he can gather material for this News Letter. We all want to know as much as we can about those members whom we have not seen for a considerable time, and especially those who are abroad or in parts of Britain too far away from Harlow to allow for their presence at Dinners or Dances. In this way, I think, we can show our real appreciation of the excellent work which our Secretary is doing for the Club. K. L. D.

CRICKET. Old Boys' v The School - Sunday 13th July 1958.

On a fine but windy day the School won the toss and batted first. Daniel and Button opened against the medium pace of Keeble and Walters and in Keeble's third over Button was clean bowled for a duck. Bellingham came in at No. 3 and soon showed that he could wield a bat in a no uncertain manner. It was mainly due to lack of partners for Bellingham, plus some good bowling from Keeble and the first change Drain that the School were all out before tea for 65. Only Bellingham reached double figures scoring 23.

The School took the field after tea and Claydon and Walters opened for the Old Boys'. After an hours play the Old Boys' passed the School's total for the loss of three wickets. Claydon scored 27 and Walters 36 not out. Keeble came in at No. 6 when the game was won for the Old Boys' and hit a very entertaining 38 in even time.

SCHOOL.

Daniel bowled Drain	6
Button bowled Keeble	0
Bellingham bowled Drain	23

OLD BOYS.

Claydon bowled Minahan	27
Walters bowled Cain	36
Quinell bowled Minahan	0

Lattimer bowled Keeble	7	Drain ct. Pyle bowled Lattimer	3
Mr. Thompson l.b.w. Fordham	3	Baldwin run out	2
Minahan ct. Fordham bowled Drain	4	Keeble l.b.w. Cain	38
Pyle bowled Drain	2	Fordham bowled Lattimer	2
Hughes bowled Drain	0	Morgan bowled Cain	0
Grant bowled Keeble	1	Taylor bowled Cain	1
Cain not out	0	C. Pyle not out	3
Weere bowled Keeble	0		

Extras:-

19

65

Extras:-

3

115

Walters 0 for 13
Keeble 4 for 2
Drain 5 for 14
Fordham 1 for 17

Minahan 2 for 35
Daniel 0 for 15
Cain 4 for 46
Lattimer 2 for 16

Result:- Old
Boys Won by 7 wickets.

The Secretary.

FOOTBALL. Old Boys v The School - Saturday 29th November 1958

It is probably a very long time since the list of the O.H. team, sent to the School prior to the match, contained no 'A.N. Other' but in fact the names of four reserves! One of these, B. Clarke, was called on to play owing to the indisposition of P. Duttal, and another R. Pyle, very kindly and efficiently took on the duties of referee, thus freeing Mr. Goodman, the Games Master, to play for the School. The School are indebted to the Club for the provision of the referee, for there is no doubt that the energy of Mr. Goodman went far towards the victory which the School were to gain.

This is the annual mud bath for the Old Harlovians, and November 29th proved no exception, though the mud was of the treacly kind rather than the wet type, and it could be seen at the outset that this would be a greater handicap to the more obese O.H.'s than to their more slender opponents! Yet the O.H. went off with a bang, and within two minutes B. Clarke, had scored, and we wondered. But the School came back, quickly forcing two corners, and for the next 15 minutes play was mostly in the O.H. half, and the School were rewarded with a goal after a good run by Bellingham who passed across the goal to Wright, on the right wing, who scored. After conceding another corner the O.H. took the ball down the field and M. Claydon scored with a good shot which seemed to slip through the upstretched hands of the rather diminutive School goal-keeper, Lattimer. Back came the School with a very good goal from Daniel 1. For the rest of the first half play was fairly even, with the School adapting themselves rather better to the conditions, and the O.H. occasionally looking dangerous whenever A. Parish had the ball. Twice he scored off-side goals, and had bad luck with the ball skidding off the upright, but the School then scored from a shot from Fenton, which was "deflected" by D. Palmer. Now it was mostly School, though from another break-away A. Parish scored for the O.H. The O.H. backs were rather muddled at this point and A. Taylor in goal had rather more mud than he liked in the western goal mouth. Wright had bad luck with a shot from the wing which came off the upright, but shortly before half-time Buttle from almost on the left touch line put in a very good shot, putting the School into the lead at 4-3. Territorially the School had the best of the first half, for the O.H. were finding the going very heavy.

If the School can hold the O.H. up to half-time it is generally thought that they will win, for then the training, or the lack of it, makes itself felt, and the School, with a forward line that worked together exceedingly well, and a back division that was inspired by the untiring energy of Mr. Goodman, during the second half added four more goals, from Fenton (one) and Daniel 1, who thus completed his hat trick, no reply coming from the O.H. In spite of the conditions an excellent game, won by a side that played well together against, as is natural, eleven individuals, who went all out from start to finish. It would be invidious to mention names, even if I could do so, for I am not a professional sports reporter, as by now you will have seen!

K. L. D.

BUFFET DANCE 1959

After the success of last year's Buffet Dance it has been decided to hold a similar function on April 11th. next at the Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall, Sawbridgeworth, Herts. A further Circular will be distributed for this event when tickets will be available. The price of admission will be the same as last year, 10/6d. per head. All members are invited to come along together with friends, relatives and anyone they know who would be interested to make the evening a success.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

It has been arranged, weather and pitch permitting, to hold a Soccer Match v The School on Saturday, 21st February, 1959 K.O. 2.30 p.m. Any Old Boy wishing to play must contact the Secretary as soon as possible. The Secretary will be compiling the team very soon and unless members let him know they wish to play, he will select the team by personal contact.

On Saturday, 21st March it is hoped to stage a Cross Country Race v the four Houses at the School, once again any members wishing to run should inform the Secretary as soon as possible. At the A.G.M. in November several members agreed to compete and only eight are required. It is generally thought that there will be more spectators than competitors however, the Committee were unanimous in agreeing to have this extra event and trust it will be a roaring success.

During the Summer of course there will be a Cricket Match v The School and it is hoped that perhaps the Old Boys can get together and have one or two other matches from time to time.

Sports Day at the School will be on Saturday, July 18th. , all members are most welcome and the Headmaster would be very pleased to see as many Old Boys as possible.

TIES AND SQUARES.

More Ties and Squares are on order from the tailors at the following cost:- Ties 10/6d. each. Squares 23/- each. It is hoped that these items will be in the hands of the Secretary quite soon. Any member wishing to purchase one should contact the Secretary. Those members who have already ordered Ties will have them as soon as possible.

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SCHOOL.

The following extract from a letter quoted below, was received from an Old Boy in South Africa.

"When the Rev. L. B. Towne was Vicar and Headmaster of Harlow College in 1898, I first became a boarder at the College. The School was then a Preparatory for Pocklington in Yorkshire. There were two contemporaries of mine named Gingell, who were sons of a farmer at Epping, and later I met a Mr. Wanstall who had been with a Mr. Chandler, an under-master at the College. Mr. Wanstall later took on my job as tutor to a Cedric Sworder also of Epping. I would much like to correspond with one of the above should you be able to put me in touch with one of them. I am now 70 years of age and have spent most of my life farming here in South Africa."

Should any Old Boy be able to help this gentleman with his enquiry kindly inform the Secretary.

THE HEADMASTER WISHES TO THANK THE FOLLOWING OLD BOYS WHO SENT CHRISTMAS CARDS TO HIM.

David and John Anderson (44 - 52 and 48 - 52)
Peter Balaam (50 - 55)
David Bickell (47 - 52)
Walter Billing (45 - 51)
Geoffrey Burgess (49 - 56)
Norrie Burrows (46 - 54)
Maurice (Mac) Calcutt (43 - 48)
David Clark (51 - 56)
Michael Claydon (42 - 52)
Peter Clear (53 - 58)
Roland Coleman (22 - 27)
Neville Denton (48 - 55)
Philip Dutnall (51 - 57)
Michael Drain (37 - 48)
John Fordham (50 - 56)
Michael Fisher (50 - 55)
Ian Gardiner (39 - 43)
The Grahams, David, John and Donald (36 - 51)
M. A. and H. F. Green
Alan Haigh (45 - 52)
Rex Hare (41 - 45)
Michael Haseler (46 - 52)
Nicholas Haseler (48 - 56)
Nicholas Jefferies (51 - 57)
Howard Jermy (47 - 53)
Roger Jones (56 - 58)
David Lofts (Staff)
Peter Madsen (50 - 56)
Ian Morley (40 - 43)
Lawrence Purchase (55 - 58)
Eric and Dorothy Robertson (Staff)
Gordon Sainsbury (53 - 57)
Leonard C. N. Secker (23 - 26)
The Swards, Malcolm and Simon (50 - 57)
David Soanes (47 - 55)
Ian Skinner (46 - 54)
Anthony Tolfts (44 - 50)
Ralph Uglow (51 - 56)
Brian Wallis (41 - 50)
Douglas Wiles (54 - 58)

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF OLD BOYS.

- M. J. Baggott (39-45) Now married and has a family. Address no longer known.
- R. Baggott (39-48) Serving in the Royal Navy, now in New Zealand.
- D. A. Clarke (51-56) Now at School at Dinham Hall, Ludlow, Salop.
- M. Drain (37-48) Now married - living at Tunbridge Wells, is a qualified Electrical Engineer.
- J. Loram (45-53) Now working as a Post Graduate at London University recently gained a "First" in Physics at the Imperial College of Science and Technology and also won the Governer's Prize in Physics.
- N. Haseler (48-56) Serving in the Metropolitan Police "on the beat".
- A. Haigh (45-52) Doing his National Service, stationed at Chatham.
- P. Lloyd (51-56) At London University reading Electrical Engineering.
- T. Woods (49-55) Attending a Law Course at Nottingham University at the same time being articled to a firm of Solicitors in Grimby.
- R. Ward-Jackson. Studying at Writtle Agricultural College.
- R. H. Weal. (41-45) Studying to be a Hospital Administrator.
- R. J. Beaumont (43-49) Chief draughtsman at Skyways Airport, Stansted. Spends some of his time flitting in various aircraft all over the world.
- H. Findlay. Do not know of his occupation, but understand is still one of the better Badminton players in this country.
- P. Crussell (40-46) At present working with Bowater Paper Co. In charge of Packing Case production.
- D. Thomas (41-48) Engaged in Agricultural Chemicals. Now lives in Rayleigh.

The Secretary would like to thank all Old Boys who wrote to him giving information concerning themselves and is quite sure that there are many more members, who had they contacted the Secretary would have helped to broaden the News and Activities of Old Boys'.

However, it is hoped that a further News Letter will be dispatched at the end of the year, the reception of this letter will guide the Committee in seeing if it is worth while.