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Dear Member,

I feel certain years must be getting shorter because it only seems like yesterday that I was compiling last year's News Letter for you, nevertheless the pleasure is just as great in preparing and presenting to you the latest edition for 1963.

The Club has had a successful year, as will be seen by the various reports, the number of members has increased, and more important so has our bank balance.

One of the most encouraging things is that not all the new members are school-leavers, a number of people have joined or returned to the fold after many years, I hope therefore this may help existing members who meet other Old Harlovians, to persuade them to join, after all £1-1-0 for life membership is a small enough fee, so please spread the good word around.

It is appreciated that most of our functions are held in Harlow, but hope that with the increasing facilities in transport, hotels etc., being bought by the New Town, it may be possible for some people from further afield to be able to come in the future.

Meanwhile I would like to thank all those members who have attended the various activities and hope that many more of you will find it possible to attend some of the future functions, as I feel sure you would enjoy yourselves, and the President and Committee sincerely look forward to seeing larger numbers of you.

In conclusion All the officers of the Club send their very best wishes to all members.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

J.A. Chivers. (Hon. Sec.)

REVIEW OF 1962-63

SPORTS DAY The Annual school sports day was held at the end of July and it was encouraging to see a number of "Old Boys" present and the "Usual O.H. race" attracted a number of starters. Unfortunately the "Heavens opened" before the programme was completed and the usual impressive prize giving on the front lawn had to be cancelled and an abbreviated form held in the gym.

By kind permission of Mr. Dames a raffle was once again held and am glad to say we managed to sell the tickets before the rains came, and thanks to the very generous attitude of the parents the Club made a nice profit.

During the afternoon's proceedings Mr. Dames announced that he was going into semi-retirement and although he would still be very much there, Mr. R. Purgavie was taking over as Headmaster. Knowing Mr. Dames as we do I feel sure he will still be very active, but our best wishes go to him and Mrs. Dames, and also to Mr. Purgavie in this new position.

CAR RALLY A successful car rally was held in the Autumn organised by Malcolm Norris and his good lady. Unfortunately one car went in the ditch on the way to the start (I am glad to say without casualties) but two others stopped to help so only ten cars took part. It was however a very interesting route and a most enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

CENTENARY DINNER AND DANCE On Saturday 27th October 1962 a Grand Dinner and Dance was held at the Painted Lady Harlow to celebrate the centenary of Harlow College. Unfortunately due to ill health the President Mr. Dames was unable to be present and one of the senior Vice presidents Mr. S. Porcher took the chair for the evening.

The guest of honour for the evening was, very fittingly, the present Headmaster of the School Mr. R. Purgavie.

Approximately twenty five members together with a number of wives and guests attended and although it would have been nice to have seen more old faces I feel the committee can congratulate themselves on a successful evening.

Mr. Porcher proposed the toast Harlow College and our guests and said amongst his comments that he felt sure we were all proud and pleased to celebrate such an event. He wished the school every possible success in the future and also Mr. Purgavie in his new position of Headmaster, and he felt sure he could give the College a very good start to its second century.

In his reply Mr. Purgavie thanked Mr. Porcher and then gave a very enlightening brief history of the school and here I quote the main points which I feel sure will be of interest.

The school originally named St. Mary's College opened on 29th May 1862.

SCHOOL'S ORIGIN The School was founded by the then Vicar of Harlow, the Rev. C. Miller 'to provide a superior education for the sons of gentlemen and (when sufficient amounts have been obtained) to train at low charge the sons of missionaries abroad, of clergymen similarly engaged at home,

as well as orphan sons of gentlemen who have been reduced in circumstances'.

It was reported in a three-column local paper account of the opening that the sum of £3,500 had been raised by means of a loan from a building society, to be repaid at £440 a year.

The whole estimated cost of the School, including a chapel, was £13,000. When the School opened the eastern wing had been built, together with half of the northern annexe.

'When completed, the whole will form a quadrangle, the front being lower by two stories than the rest. At the eastern end it is intended to erect a chapel, in similar style and architecture, for the sole use of students', says the report.

'A more picturesque spot could hardly have been selected in the country. The Cambridge line of the Eastern Counties Railway being visible for some distance, while a little to the east stands the Harlowbury Chapel.

'Harlow was very gay on the day of the opening', it goes on. There was Communion at St. John's Church at 7 a.m. with a large congregation and a large body of clergy. The service was performed in Gregorian chant and was conducted by the Rt. Rev. A.B. Forbes, Bishop of Brechin. It was followed by a procession into the college.

A party was held in the afternoon, presided over by 'the president', the Rev. C.J. Goulden, who must have been the first headmaster.

The next few years in the history of the School are not so well documented. A photograph in the School hall shows the Rev. L.B. Towne, who was headmaster, possibly succeeding Mr. Goulden.

One thing which didn't happen was the completion of the building according to the original plan. The front and the chapel have never been built.

Mr. Towne left the School and became Vicar of St. John's. Like Mr. Goulden, he was very High Church, and services at St. John's at the beginning of the century were conducted mostly in Latin and incense was used.

The great days of the School, which kept the title of St. Mary's College until fairly recent times, came during the headmastership of Mr. E.P. Horsey. He took over in 1904 and remained until 1935.

'Under his leadership the College prospered and became one of the best-known scholastic establishments in the area, pupils attending from all over the world', said the 'Citizen' in an appreciation of Mr. Horsey in 1953.

The Sec. Mr. Chivers then said a few words on the unveiling of the E. Percival Horsey Memorial due the following day (a report appears elsewhere). He said that he felt nothing was more fitting than that a person such as E.P.H. who had been "the school" for so many years should be remembered during this weekend of celebration and with this in mind the people responsible had made every endeavour, with success, to have the work finished by this time, and he extended an invitation to all present to attend the function the following day.

UNVEILING OF THE E. PERCIVAL HORSEY MEMORIAL

It was with great gratification to all concerned that at last the work of restoring the "lych gate" at St. John's Church, and erecting the plaque, was completed. I feel that I can do no better than quote the report of the local Harlow paper on this ceremony.

Some of the Old Harlovians, together with about 100 present-day boys and masters of the School, attended the unveiling on Sunday afternoon of

plaque in memory of Mr. Horsey, erected in the lychgate of St. John's Church, Old Harlow. The gate has been restored by members of the Old Harlovians Club in memory of Mr. Horsey.

The plaque was unveiled by Mrs. Margaret Knight, Mr. Horsey's daughter, at a short service conducted by the Vicar of Old Harlow, the Rev. J. Beresford Weller. A short tribute to Mr. Horsey was paid by Mr. S.F. Porcher, a vice-president of the Old Harlovians Club. For more than 50 years, he said, Mr. Horsey had been president of the Club.

'Those of us who were privileged to come under his influence marvelled at the amount of knowledge he acquired. He had a wonderful way of imparting that knowledge and at the same time paying great attention to the formation of character', said Mr. Porcher.

'I well remember one of his most famous maxims. It was: "Boy, you don't come to school to learn; you come to school to learn how to learn", and in many years afterwards I have felt how true that was.

HIGH REGARD 'In these days, when one hears so much of "Hang you Jack, I'm all right", one remembers with gratitude his self-sacrifice and attention to the welfare and education of the boys in his charge.

'The many letters he received from old boys invariably echoed the high regard everyone had for him. Even after his retirement, he was associated with many educational activities and his wisdom and guidance in these matters was widely sort'.

Mrs. Knight, who was accompanied by her husband, said the College had been the centre of her father's life for more than 30 years. Then and after his retirement he was keenly interested in his old boys.

'He delighted in their letters and visits and he took a lively interest in their careers. Their affection and esteem meant a great deal to him', she said.

The lesson was read by the Curate, the Rev. R. Williams.

ANNUAL DINNER AND GENERAL MEETING

This year's annual function was held at the Painted Lady where a very enjoyable dinner was enjoyed by 45 Old Harlovians, and followed by the Annual General Meeting.

The chair was taken by our worthy President Mr. K.L. Dames, who said he was pleased to be there having had the misfortune to miss the previous meeting due to ill health.

The general procedure of reading the minutes were executed and these were passed unanimously. Following this the secretary gave a brief review of the year's work and the various functions (most of these are reported elsewhere), and thanked Mr. Dames for allowing the Club to run a further raffle on Sports Day which was very profitable.

When the treasurer made his report it showed a healthy balance of £145-12-2 with an excess of income over expenditure of £21-1-2, so I feel the Club can congratulate itself on being in a very good state financially.

The Sports Sec. report was unfortunately not so encouraging as the response to request for players for various matches had been poor, but nevertheless one or two football and cricket matches had been played.

OFFICERS FOR 1962-63

<u>President</u>	Mr. K.L. Dames) Life Officers
<u>Vice Presidents</u>	M/s Barker - Clark - S.Porcher - Jones	
	Chivers - Claydon and R. Coleman	
<u>Hon. Sec.</u>	J.A. Chivers	<u>Committee</u> M/s Norris - R. Pyle
<u>Ass. Sec.</u>	A. Cook	Eastwood - Loader - Minall - Grant
<u>Hon.Treas.</u>	D. Palmer	Fordham - C. Porcher and Daniel
<u>Sports Sec.</u>	I. Taylor	

During the evening the members were asked to consider a revised set of Club rules as it was felt that many of the old ones were outdated. These were adopted and will be printed and distributed to members at a later date.

The Chairman very capably steered the agenda through quickly but efficiently and the rest of the time was left for drinking and talking of old times, both of which appeared to have a fair share, thus finishing off what had proved to be a most convivial evening.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SPORTS DAY This will be held at the School on Sat. July 20th. A hearty welcome is extended to all Old Harlovians, but Mr. Dames has asked that you notify him before so he can send you a tea ticket as due to the very full programme it will not be possible to distribute them on the day.

CAR RALLY It is hoped to run another car rally in the early autumn, further details will be sent in due course.

BUFFET DANCE Due to the success of these in the past it is hoped to hold a similar function at the end of October, further details in due course, so keep a free date.

SCHOOL DINNER & DANCE The school are anticipating holding a function in the Autumn to celebrate the centenary of the school last year. Parents of present boys etc. will be invited. A welcome is extended to all Old Harlovians, and if anybody who is interested would be good enough to send me their name, I will arrange for further details to be forwarded as they become available.

SPORTS REPORT

Unfortunately we have not included a full sports report before but hope to include more in the future. Meanwhile herewith a review of the last year or two.

In the past the O.H's have played the school at four events, Cricket, Football, Badminton and Cross Country.

CRICKET In 1961 one of the most exciting matches for some time was played, the school needed 10 runs to win with 2 wickets but time beat them, thus a draw was the result.

The 1962 match the school scored 36 against the Old Boys 192 (Clayden made 74 and Millar took 8 for 24).

FOOTBALL Over the past few years the Old Boys have won 3 out of 4 games but the last one was lost to the school 12-3, but this was not surprising as the School had a competent side which won all their matches last season.

CROSS COUNTRY Only one race has been run in recent years and all subsequent efforts to get a team have failed.

BADMINTON A match was played last year and the Old Harlovian's won 7-2.

The Sports Sec. wishes to thank all those who have supported him and also Jack Daniel for his help in organising the events. Unfortunately the support for the sports events is not very great and I feel we should be able to raise teams easier from the number of members we have. To help the Sports Sec. therefore it would be appreciated if as many as possible (at least of sporting age) would return the attached slip.

* I am / am not interested in participating in O.H's sports activities.
I play the following, cricket, football, badminton, table tennis *
(Delete as necessary)

Name

Address

Replies to I.J.A. Taylor,
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NEWS FLASH On Sunday 16th June a team of Old Harloviaan Farmers challenged the School to a cricket match at Marigolds.
The team was M. Collins - W.H. Collins - D. Collins - R. Collins - N. Dellow
J. Foulds - J.B. Foulds (Capt) - D. Fish - R Bailes - D. Morgan - R.Chapman.
One of the umpires was Tom Craig (his boy is at school now).
The school batted first and scored 196 for 9, the Capt. Brett scored 100 not out, I understand the first century for 11 years. R. Bailes took 7 for 84. Unfortunately the Old Boys were out for 72.
Refreshments were served by the wives. It is hoped to make an annual event of this so rally the young farmers and let us hear from those who want to play next time. We were pleased to see amongst the spectators Mr. Dames, Miss Johnson, Mr. Purgavie and Mr. Martin.

OLD HARLOVIANS NEWS

OBITUARY

Miss Jessie Edwards It was with very much regret that we learned of the death of Miss Jessie in the autumn. Many of the older members will remember her as a very good friend and in fact "Mother" during their school days, and with the passing of her we unfortunately lose one of the last links with E.P. Horsey's era.

Geoffrey Richmond Mr. Clifford Barker wrote to me recently that he had heard from Mrs. Richmond that her husband had unfortunately passed away.

GENERAL NEWS

David Woodward is doing a spot of part time acting as in his apologies for not coming to the dinner he states he was in a local production of "Bless the Bride" - local in Harrow.

S.C.B. Mee who lives at Kingston Vale came down for Sports Day last year. He works in a wine shippers office. He wishes to be remembered to all his old friends. He also brought kind regards from Hart who was unable to be present due to his own children's sports day.

Michael Drain who wrote to Mr. Dames and also attended the A.G.M. tells us he has a further son Simon, also he has finally been elected an Associate Member of the Inst. of Electrical Engineers also he has been promoted to first Assistant to the local District Engineer at Maidstone. Our congratulations to him on all three.

Graham Keeler who has been in accountancy for a time gave this up and enrolled at Walthamstow Tech. College to study 'A' levels which he passed in Physics, applied and pure Maths and Chemistry plus a scholarship level in applied Maths. He is now at Queen Mary College, London University taking a degree in Physics.

D.A. Chainey now lives at Chichester. He asks for any news of David Carruthers.

C.G. Clark our most worthy treasurer for many years is still at the Nat. Prov. Bank at Bristol and wrote tendering his apologies for not being able to come to the Dinner in October.

Ian D. Gardiner Another interesting letter has been received from this O.H. He is still with English Electric in Australia and will be for another four years. He and his family seem to lead a very full life included in which is singing, by Ian, in the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Choir. When they do return he fears they will miss the beautiful climate of the local area, with sun for seven months of the year.

David Clark After a varied career involving a number of jobs including being a judge's clerk at Westminster County Court, he was last year recommended for ordination in the Church which had been his wish for a number of years. At the time of writing he was at Farnham.

Geoffrey Burgess This O.H. has also sent another interesting letter this time from Sidney. He is travelling round the world with the Woodpecker Trans World Expedition. He last wrote from Tehran after they drove to Persia then on to Pakistan for several weeks, seeing local farming conditions. The next leg was by cargo ship to Australia. Geoffrey has had a number of odd jobs to fill in time but by now should be working on a farm in New Zealand.

Letters have been received from the following O.Hs during the year and if anybody would like addresses etc. please write to me (Hon. Sec.).

R. Brown (St. Leonards), P.J. Lawrence (Pembury), G. Lampard (Malvern), N. Riley (Brookmans Park), C. Barker (Eastbourne), G. Greengass (Romford), C. Secher (Colchester). M Claydon (Bristol), A. James (Harlow).

Mr. and Mrs. Dames wish to thank the following for kindly sending them Christmas Cards:- J. Ansell, A. Baldock, C. Barker, V. Bellingham, W. Billing (Malta), M. Blake, H. Bodger, G. & N. Burgess, Dr. Burrows, M. Calcutt, J. Chivers, D. Clark, M. Claydon, R. Coleman, A. Cook, C. Dadson, J. Daniel, M. Drain, S. & N. Ellis, M. & C. Fisher, P. FitzGibbon, Ian Gardiner (Australia) P. Goozee, G. Huntington, R. & N. Jeffries, H. Jermy, G. Keeler, I. Loader, P. Madsen, S. McTaggart, N. & H. Maitland-Walker, M. Norris, R. O'Hare, G. Parker, S. Porcher, A. Riddiford, P. Rowbottom, M. Sainsbury, The Swards, C. Stevens, I. Taylor, R. Uglow, B. Wallis, Kelvin Webb, D. Wiles, R. & T. Woods.

GENERAL NEWS

Ties & Squares These are available from the Secretary at the respective cost of 10/6 and 22/-.

Badges A very attractive blazer is available from the school's tailor M/s Henry Taylor, Hoe St., London, E.17. at a cost of 8/6. It comprises of the school badge with the motto underneath.