

THE OLD HARLOVIANS CLUB

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Dear Old Harlovian,

It is with very great regret that I have to tell you of Mr. Leith's sudden death on November 1st. Mr. Leith, one of our Hon. Vice-Presidents, was at Harlow College from 1893 - 1903 and throughout his life he always retained a keen interest in college events and Old Harlovian activities. Many older members will recall his frequent visits to Harlow before the recent war, and his death will be felt by the club and by all Old Boys who knew him. A letter of sympathy has been sent to Mrs. Leith on behalf of all members.

On November 6th an Old Boys' soccer XI beat the college 10-6 in an exciting game. A committee meeting was held in the evening, followed by a dinner at the "Green Man". These are some of the items discussed at the meeting:-

Football: Saturday, February 19th. Soccer match v. the college - also badminton if we can turn out a team. Those who wish to play either or both, please inform me before February 1st.

Annual Dinner and Dance: this will be held at the Martinez Restaurant, Regent Street on Saturday, April 9th. Single tickets 17/6d each. This price is higher than last year when the club bore £15 of the total cost. Unfortunately the funds are too low to permit of a subsidy this year. Ways of raising club funds were discussed, as the present system of membership scarcely provides the annual cost of printing and postage. No decision was reached except that all club functions must in future pay for themselves. No arrangements can be made until it is known approximately how many will attend; will you therefore fill in the attached form and post it to me as soon as possible please?

The War Memorial: plans for the Tablet were shelved until the next meeting because of the high cost. Since then Mrs. Dames has put forward the following suggestion which has been approved by the committee:

1. Abandon plans for erecting a replica of the 1914-18 Memorial Tablet.
2. Instead, along the north (lower) side of the College playing field plant one tree for each Old Boy who lost his life in the 1939-45 war. (Total 24).
3. Each tree to be equipped with one seat bearing a plaque to show the name of the Old Harlovian commemorated.
4. This scheme would provide a living reminder, to present and future generations, of those who gave up their lives in the 1939-45 war. It would also serve to beautify the sports field and screen from view factories to be erected to the North under the new satellite town plan.

Enquiries as to the cost are now being made with a view to starting work on this scheme, but the committee wants to know what members think about it. Would you therefore fill in the attached slip and send it to me, adding any suggestions or comments?

Magazine: A copy of this year's issue is enclosed. The price is 2/- including postage. Last year's issue cost 2/6d each. Many members have not yet paid and at present club funds are owed £23. for the two issues. If you have not yet done so please send me along a P.O. or we shall go bankrupt!! Those who have already paid 2/6d for this copy will have the balance credited to them.

Ties: delivery is awaited daily. There are one or two left out of the 4 dozen ordered and a fresh batch will be ready after Easter. They cost 8/- each; please write to me if you wish to order one.

Committee Members: Mr. Bodger and Mr. Gardiner have had to resign. The former is now training with the R.A.S.C. near Aldershot and the latter has moved away to the Midlands. Our hearty thanks to them for their help in the past and may they meet with success in their new surroundings.

Hon. Life Members: the committee unanimously decided to invite Mrs. Curryer to become an Hon. Life Member of the club. Mrs. Curryer, who is Miss Jessie's sister, was Hon. Sec. of the club from 1925 - 1938, and members who recall her long and untiring service will rejoice to hear she has accepted the invitation.

The Annual General Meeting: is usually held in April. As this coincides with the dinner and dance the committee decided, after some discussion, to hold it at the dinner and dance. It is hoped that a large number of members will then be present. The business is small and the meeting should be brief.

Agenda:

1. Minutes.
2. Hon. Sec's Annual report.
3. Hon. Treasurer's Annual report.
4. Election of Officers and committee.

The time of the meeting and the dinner and dance will be printed on the tickets. It will probably be 6.30 p.m.

Finally, on behalf of the officers and committee I would like to wish all members a very Happy New Year.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Henfrey,

Hon. Sec.