

OLD HARLOVIANS CLUB.

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Dear Old Harlovian,

On Nov.5th the Old Boys' Soccer against the Collegé was cancelled because of rain; a spirited badminton tournament, however, was won by the College. In the evening the Annual General Meeting of the Club was held at the "Green Man" after a dinner attended by nearly thirty members. In the absence of Mr Horsey - unfortunately kept away by a bad cold - the chair was taken by Mr Barker. The hon.Secretary reported on the Club's activities and progress during the last eighteen months when, despite difficulties, membership had increased from 134 to 166. He thanked Miss Johnson, Mr Mee and Mr F.Whitby for their valuable help during this period. The hon.Treasurer, who had journeyed from Somerset for the occasion, presented his annual report. He said the Club had a balance of £30 in the general fund, £3 10 0 of which represented advance payments for the next issue of the magazine, and £103 18 0 in the War Memorial Fund. We also had 21 ties to our credit. Unfortunately not all the annually subscribing members had paid their dues. Six owed subs. for 1948/49, and 16 for 1949/50. Otherwise the finances were in quite a healthy state, chiefly because Miss Johnson was very kindly duplicating all circular letters free of charge. Both reports were adopted unanimously.

Elections: Mr Horsey and Mr Barker were unanimously re-elected to office. Mr Dames, seconded by Mr Larking, proposed that the Rev. L.S.Abbott, an active and enthusiastic Old Harlovian in pre-war years, be invited to accept the office of Vice-President in place of the late Mr R.Leith. This was agreed by all, and the Rev. Abbott has since written expressing his thanks and accepting the invitation. The following were re-elected to the Committee: Messrs: Coleman, Dames, Davison, Drain, Elphick, Fells, Jones, Larking, Whitby.F.

Three new members were elected: Messrs: Engeham, Harris, Payze. The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer were unanimously re-elected and a vote of thanks to them for their work was proposed from the Chair.

War Memorial: Mr Dames made his report. He said the work of planting trees had been delayed by negotiations which he had undertaken to secure for the College a piece of land adjacent to the Cricket Field. The Harlow Development Corporation had approved of this step and now the final agreement had only to be signed. Once this had been concluded, the preliminary work of levelling, resowing and fencing could be begun. After that the whole memorial scheme would be placed in the hands of a reliable and experienced firm. He emphasized that it would be some time before this could be done. The cost of the trees and necessary labour was estimated at £80. There were sufficient funds for this, but not for the provision of seats too, which equipped with a name plaque, would cost about £2 10 0 each. Further donations to the Fund were needed.

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It was agreed by all present that Mr Dames be left to make the necessary arrangements with a firm as soon as practicable, and that a fresh appeal for funds be made to those Old Harlovians who had not yet sent a donation.

Mr Dames then made a happy announcement. He said that last May Mr Munns had decided to sell the College. After a period of considerable uncertainty and anxiety, Mrs Dames and he, in partnership with the Senior Master Mr J.S. Grubb had themselves acquired the School; Old Boys who have attended the College since the arrival of Mr & Mrs Dames fourteen years ago will be conscious of their unceasing devotion to the welfare of pupils and school during this time. We all wish that a rich measure of inspiration and happiness may be given both to them and to Mr Grubb in their work throughout the coming years.

Club Rules: Mr Barker, seconded by Mr Harris, proposed that Rule 9 be amended to read: "Every member shall receive a copy of each issue of the "Harlovian" - subject to payment being made for each copy". The next issue will be available shortly. It was also agreed that the Club year should in future begin in November. This will ensure that the Annual General Meet does not coincide with the Spring dinner and dance.

Future Activities:-

1. Sport. Old Boys' badminton v College, Sat. Feb 11th. Old Boys' Soccer XI v College, Sat. March 11th. Members who wish to play should contact Mr Elphick now by letter or telephone.
2. Annual Dinner. There will be an informal dinner (but no dance), for members only, on Friday 24th March at "The Griffin Inn", Villiers Street London W.C.2. Villiers Street lies between Charing Cross Underground Station and the Strand. "The Griffin" is about four minutes walk uphill from the Underground Station. Dinner will be served at 7.p.m. and will cost 7/6 per head inclusive of coffee and service. The prices of beer and spirits are reasonable. It is hoped that these moderate charges will encourage a large gathering, and those who will be attending are asked to inform me by March 17th please.

Roll of Honour:

It is with regret that I have to add another name to our list of casualties, bringing the number to 26. Mr Rhodes, who taught Geography at Harlow 1934 - 35, was killed in action with the Army in N. Africa in 194

I again appeal to all members who have not yet contributed to the War Memorial Fund to send a donation, however small, to either the Hon. Treasurer or to myself. Without future funds the full scheme cannot be carried out.

With all good wishes for 1950 - and don't forget March 24th we look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely

John Henfrey

Hon. Secretary.