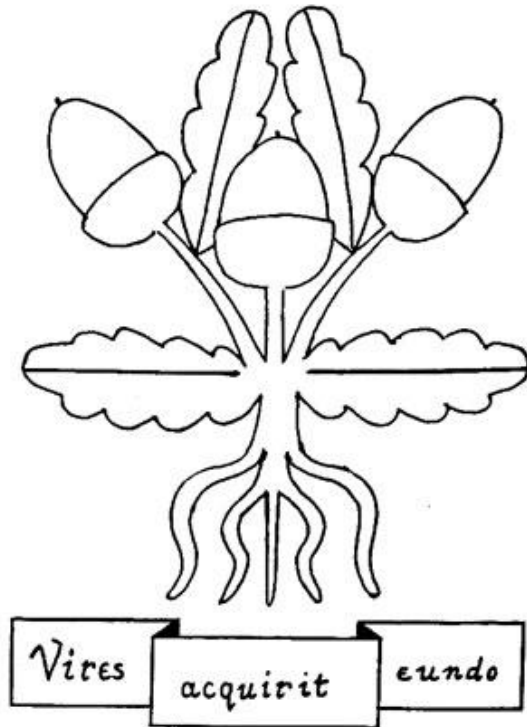


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Chairman's Report
(of 22 September 2011)

When I wrote my last report in March for the Spring Newsletter, I expressed the hope that I would see some of you at the various events we were organising in the summer. Sadly, this did not prove to be the case. Although a number of Old Ealonians enjoyed a visit to the Bank of England Museum in March, the Thames Cruise in June was a non-event as there were no participants. Only three Old Boys plus their wives visited Savill Garden in August and just Alan Rowland joined my wife Carol and me on the guided London Walk in September. My thanks to John Holdstock who, by all accounts, organised a splendid visit to the Savill Garden which was much appreciated by those who attended. A special mention should be made of Alan Rowland who has attended practically every event we have organised over the past few years. In fact he has been more consistent in his attendance than some of the officers or other members of the committee!

As is reported elsewhere, the AGM held in the Ealonian Room of the old School proved to be a great success and our thanks once again to Dr Peter Hounsell for the excellent presentation he gave on the History of Ealing. The plan is to hold next year's AGM again at the Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College and we are in negotiation with one of the Governor's of the College, Iain Mackinnon, with a view to holding the Annual Lunch/Dinner in 2012 at the Baron's Court site of the College.

In response to my query about Blood Donors in the Spring Newsletter, only one OE admitted to being one and that was Andrew Preston. I am sure there are more out there who may have been donors in the past, if not currently giving blood.

Our next event is the Annual Lunch to be held at the Fox and Pheasant PH at Stoke Poges on Friday 18th November, when I hope to see many of you there again. Wives and/or partners are always welcome and if you have not yet returned the booking form then there is still time to do so or alternatively you can just ring our secretary, Donald Robertson (01753 883436), to reserve a place.

The programme of events for next year is well advanced and we are already planning to arrange a Twickenham Rugby Stadium tour, a visit to Fuller's

built by female labour during the Second World War. Before we got to Blackfriars Bridge we turned into the Gabriel's Wharf area to explore the Victorian backstreets of Lambeth and Southwark, which still exist virtually unchanged to this day. Gabriel's Wharf contains a very good restaurant, which Carol and I can recommend.

Thanks to preservation orders, the Victorian streets we then walked through still retain the same frontages as when they were built for the Irish navies who originally lived there. The Irish labourers built the docks which were a feature of the South bank of the Thames and the area is one that Charlie Chaplin would have known as he grew up before going to America. The coming of the railway to Waterloo and London Bridge meant much of the track was built on overhead viaducts through the rows of Victorian houses due to the marshy land in the area. Under the viaducts' arches many small businesses were set up and some still exist today. It is a fascinating area, which is frequently used for making period films and television productions.

All too soon the guided walk came to an end as we emerged from the back streets in front of the Old Vic, which was formerly the National Theatre. It had originally been a Music Hall before becoming the home for Shakespearean plays in London. I can remember as a teenager being enthralled by the performances of a young Judi Dench playing Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet* and Joan of Arc in Shaw's *Saint Joan* at the theatre.

It was time to thank our excellent guide who had answered all our questions throughout the two-hour walk with patience and enthusiasm. As rush hour was approaching and Waterloo Station was nearby, Carol and I said our goodbyes to Alan and immediately set off for home after a very enjoyable tour of a different London.

John C. Oxley

OEA : Annual General Meeting : 13 May 2011

Over twenty people assembled in the Ealonian Room (A118) of the old School now the Ealing Campus of the Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College at 12.30pm on Friday 13th May for the 2011 Annual General Meeting of the Old Ealoniens Association.

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After welcoming the members and guests to the venue, the Chairman was able to keep the business part of the event brief. The minutes of 2010 AGM were available to the meeting and accepted as a true record and the Chairman's Report, which had been posted to every member of the Association with the agenda of the meeting, was accepted. The Secretary and Treasurer gave verbal reports and Colin Miell explained why the statement of accounts contained estimates and so it had not been possible to have them independently examined. The officers and committee members were re-elected with the addition of John Holdstock and Vic Boulter who had been co-opted during the past year. John Holdstock had agreed to take on the role of editor for the new Old Ealonians website whose address is www.oldealonians.org.uk. There was a brief discussion about future events this year and possible visits for 2012. The committee intends to revise the rules of the Association, which apparently have not been considered since 1985 and are not representative of the way the Association is now run. There was also a discussion of ways in which the Association could attract more members and it was suggested it should liaise more closely with the Boat Club, who hold an Annual Dinner in November.

The Chairman was able to close the meeting at 1pm, but not before Victor Boulter proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for so ably conducting the meeting.

After an excellent buffet lunch prepared by Marjorie Robertson and Jacqui Edmondson, the members and guests present settled down to experience a fascinating, illuminating and interesting presentation given by Dr Peter Hounsell, chairman of the Ealing Branch of The Historical Association and an Old Boy of the School, on the history of the area of Ealing around the site of the School based on the five men after whom the Houses of the School were named. After a riveting hour-long talk, Dr Hounsell spent a further half an hour answering questions about the changing face of Ealing over the past fifty years. The chairman thanked Dr Hounsell profusely for his excellent presentation and in response he declared a wish to join the Association and paid his subscription for the year.

In closing the event, the Chairman thanked the two ladies mentioned above for providing such an enjoyable buffet and the College and in particular, Maxine McGowan, for allowing us to use the Ealonian Room and the facilities of the College. It was agreed by everyone present that the event had been a great success and that the College should be approached with a view to holding next

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year's AGM in the Ealonian Room again.

Members and guests present at the lunch were: John Oxley (Chairman) and Mrs Carol Oxley, Colin Miell (Vice Chairman and Treasurer), Donald Robertson (Hon Secretary) and Mrs Marjorie Robertson, Victor Boulter, Brian Edmondson and his wife Jacqui, Bert Longhurst and his sons Clive and Christopher, Keith Hutton, Andrew Preston, Robin Machell and his wife Angela, Alan Rowland, Jim Wisden and his wife Lesley, Paul Waterhouse and his wife Jane, Dr Peter Hounsell and Maxine McGowan from the College.

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Formal Minutes of the AGM, which took place on Friday 13 May 2011 in the Ealonian Room (room 118) at Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College, Ealing Campus at 12.30pm.

Present were John Oxley (Chairman), Colin Miell (Vice-Chairman and Treasurer), Donald Robertson (Secretary), Bert Longhurst, Brian Edmondson, Alan Rowland, Paul Waterhouse, Andrew Preston, Jim Wisden, Victor Boulter, Keith Hutton, Robin Machell and guest speaker Dr Peter Hounsell. Also present were guests; Mrs Carol Oxley, Mrs Marjorie Robertson, Mrs Jacqui Edmondson, Mrs Jane Waterhouse, Mrs Lesley Wisden, Clive and Christopher Longhurst, Mrs Angela Machell and Maxine McGowan from the College.

Apologies had been received from D. Allan, George Barker, Hugh Barker, Douglas Brydges, Brian Horlock, Richard Hammett, John Holdstock, Derek Parr and Peter Wilcox.

The Chairman extended a welcome to all members and guests present and hoped they were all well and thanked the College and, in particular, Maxine McGowan for allowing the Association to hold its AGM in the Ealonian Room.

Minutes of the 2010 AGM which had been held at Fox and Pheasant PH, Seer Green, Bucks on 7th May had been circulated to the committee but copies were available at the meeting. The minutes were agreed and signed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

This had been circulated to all members of the Association prior to the meeting and in which John Oxley had summarised the activities during 2010 and in particular since the 2010 AGM. As there were no matters arising or amendments, the report was accepted *nem com.* [full report below.]

Hon Secretary's Report:

Donald Robertson stated that he had received no notification of any members who had died since the last AGM. He had nothing to add to the full report produced by the Chairman of last year's activities which members had received. The Secretary's Report was accepted *nem com*.

Hon Treasurer's Report:

The balance sheet showing the state of the accounts at 31st December 2010 had been published in the Spring 2011 edition of the OEA Newsletter, but had not been independently examined. Colin Miell explained that he was still in the process of securing access to various funds and as yet did not know the actual value of all of them so some of the figures published were estimates. Two mail shots had been distributed to all members so far this year at a total cost of over £156 and two newsletters will be published which means the income from subscriptions will not be sufficient to cover outgoings in 2011. Therefore it will be necessary to withdraw some funds from the National Savings Investment Bank Account. It is also intended to cash the War Loan bonds.

The accounts were accepted *nem com*.

Editor's Report:

In George Barker's absence, it was noted that a Spring Newsletter had been published at Easter and the publication of the next one is scheduled for the Autumn. George has indicated that he is prepared to continue producing the Newsletter and in future editions he will continue the history of the Association. Reports of the various organised visits and this AGM will be sent to George for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Election of Officers:

The following officers were proposed and elected *nem com* by the meeting:-

Chairman	John Oxley
Vice-Chairman	Colin Miell
Hon Secretary	Donald Robertson
Hon Treasurer	Colin Miell
Editor	George Barker

The following Committee Members were proposed and elected *nem com* by the meeting: Peter Baker, Bert Longhurst, Brian Edmondson, John Holdstock and Victor Boulter. John Holdstock has agreed to be the web editor for the Old Ealonians web site.

Appointment of Independent Examiner of the Accounts

Colin Miell stated he would find a suitable person to fill this role, subject to the Committee's approval, before this year's accounts are presented at next year's AGM.

Any Other Business and Notices

1. The Chairman reminded members of the various events which had been organised for the year and details of which had been sent to all members. It was noted that it had been necessary to put the date of the London Walk back by one week from the date advertised in the Spring Newsletter.
2. The Chairman gave details of the Old Ealonians Association which is being set up with the assistance of Old Boy Martyn Must and copies of proposed pages were available for members to view. The web address is www.oldealoniains.org.uk.
3. The Chairman referred to copies of a hand revised set of rules of the association dated September 1985 which seemed to be the most recent ones available. As these are clearly out of date and not relevant to the way the Association is currently run, it is for this reason that the Committee is undertaking a revision with a view to bringing a new set of rules to next year's AGM for consideration and adoption.
4. The only other group of Old Boys who still meet regularly is the Boat Club although there are a number of year groups who have infrequent reunions. It was agreed that the Association should work more closely with the Boat Club. Robin Machell pointed out that the Annual Boat Club Dinner is the same day as the OEA Annual Lunch. It was agreed that the Committee should look at changing the date of the Annual Lunch and that officers of the Association should accept an invitation to the Boat Club dinner.
5. There then followed a discussion of ways and means by which the Association could make contact with Old Boys who are not members or even know of the existence of the Association with a view to getting them to join.
6. The meeting agreed that holding the AGM in the Ealonian Room of the old School was a success and the College should be approached with a view to holding next year's AGM at the same venue.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.30pm and thanked everyone for their presence and hoped they would enjoy the buffet lunch which had been prepared for them by Marjorie Robertson and Jacqui Edmondson.

A vote of thanks was then proposed by Victor Boulter to the Chairman for so ably conducting the meeting which was endorsed by everyone present.

After an excellent buffet, the Chairman introduced Dr Peter Hounsell, an old boy of the School and Chairman of the Ealing Branch of the Historical Association, who gave an excellent talk on the history of Ealing based round the five men after whom the houses in the Old School had been named. After his fascinating, illustrated and interesting

hour-long presentation, Dr Hounsell answered questions about Ealing for a further half an hour. Dr Hounsell was thanked profusely for providing such an entertaining and informative presentation about Ealing and the area surrounding the site of the School over the past three hundred years.

In concluding the event the Chairman thanked the ladies mentioned above for providing such an enjoyable lunch and the College authorities once more and, in particular, Maxine McGowan, for allowing us to use the College's facilities.

John C. Oxley (Chairman)

30 June 2011

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Chairman's Report to the 2011 AGM

The year 2010 began with the sad and unexpected news of the death of our Treasurer, Colin Newcombe. As has been written previously, Colin was a dear friend and a great servant of the Association, and his loss was keenly felt. Our vice-chairman, Colin Miell, agreed to take over the duties of Treasurer of the Association, but encountered some difficulties and lengthy delays in getting Santander Bank, which had taken over Allied & Leicester where our current account was held, to accept his credentials. This is part of the reason for the accounts for 2010 being partially incomplete and unaudited.

The number of events organized in 2010 by your committee showed an increase on the previous year from two to five. They were quite varied, ranging from tours of Lord's Cricket Ground and the new Wembley Stadium to a visit to Denham Aerodrome and a Thames Boat Trip to Southend on the paddle steamer *Waverley*. Also organized was a visit to the Chiltern Open Air Museum to see a display of medieval sword fighting. My thanks go to our pilot, Brian Edmondson, for organizing a fascinating visit to the aerodrome and to Colin Miell for arranging the much enjoyed boat trip.

We held the Annual Lunch at the Fox and Pheasant PH in Stoke Poges again last November, when 22 members and guests enjoyed an excellent meal in its restaurant. This year, we are holding the lunch at the same venue and, if you are interested in attending, the date for your diary is Friday 18 November. We are aware that Stoke Poges is not easily accessible for a number of Old Boys and we would be prepared to hold it in a venue in London or Ealing in future years, and would therefore welcome suggestions of possible venues.

Your committee continues to be very active and meets regularly throughout the year, and in 2010 we had four meetings which were all held at the Fox and Pheasant PH. I am pleased to announce that we were able to co-opt two new members to the committee after the Annual Lunch, who are both contemporaries of mine: John Holdstock and Victor Boulter. This year we have planned four events, the dates of which were in the

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recent Newsletter. One, the visit to the Bank of England museum, took place in March, and proved to be a fascinating tour. Another Thames Boat Trip is planned in June, this time to Greenwich, and I am organizing another London Walk on 13 September (not the 6th as published). In addition, a visit to the Savill Garden near Windsor is being arranged in August. Plans are already in hand for a schedule of visits in 2012; more details will be given in the Autumn Newsletter. The times when the Newsletter are published do not always fit easily with the sending out of booking forms for the organized events. For this reason, your committee took the decision to send out recent booking forms for visits etc separately in mail shots to members.

The number of OEs who manage to attend these organized OEA events is relatively small but is growing, and whilst there is a demand we will continue to arrange them for members. Inevitably, they are in London or the Home Counties where many of our members live or have easy access to by car or train, but we would arrange visits to other places in the country if there was a demand and if it was within easy traveling distance for many of our members.

At last year's AGM it was agreed that this year we would hold the meeting in the old school buildings, and we are pleased to say that through the good offices of Maxine McGowan at the College, we are able to use the Old Ealonian Room. We are also pleased that Dr Peter Hounsell, an Old Boy of the School and Chairman of the Ealing Branch of the Historical Association, has agreed to come and give a talk on the History of Ealing, after the formalities of the AGM are completed.

Your committee has set itself two additional major tasks this year. We realized that the Rules of the Association had not been revised for a considerable number of years, and the most recent copy we have been able to locate dates from 1985; on reading them, we realised that they do not reflect the current working of the committee and the organization of the Association. We are therefore undertaking a major revision and will present a new set of rules for acceptance at the 2012 AGM. In this modern computerized age, we felt it was time the Association had its own website, and John Holdstock, with the assistance of an Old Boy, Andrew Mackenzie, has undertaken the job of setting up one and John will act as the 'editor' of material published on the site.

During 2010, our editor, George Barker, produced two Newsletters and my thanks go to him once more for the excellent publications he produced, and the hard work and dedication he puts into the task. This year the Spring Newsletter has already been produced and as usual another is planned for the Autumn.

Finally, I must thank all the members of the committee for all their work and support throughout last year, and without whom it would be impossible to run the Association. In particular, I want to thank our Secretary, Donald Robertson, for his efforts on our behalf in organizing committee meetings and dealing so efficiently with the day-to-day

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administration of the Association.

John C. Oxley (16 April 2011)

Committee Meeting: The meeting of 8 April 2011 was held at the Fox & Pheasant PH at 2.45pm. Present were Donald Robertson, Bert Longhurst, Brian Edmondson, John Holdstock, Victor Boulter and John Oxley. Apologies had been received from Colin Miell and George Barker.

In Memoriam

No recent deaths to report

The minutes of the last Committee Meeting on 25 February, which had been circulated, were taken as read and agreed with no amendments.

Hon Secretary's Report and Correspondence

Donald Robertson had received no correspondence other than replies concerning attendance at the AGM. So far, 18 OEs and guests had indicated they would be present.

Hon Treasurer's Report

On behalf of Colin Miell, the Chairman reported that Colin had been in touch with both NS & I and Computershare (War Stock) and was in the process of changing signatories and addresses. He was of the opinion that the War Stocks account should be closed in the near future. Total subscription renewals this year to date is 95 including Colin Newcombe. There is £582.88 in the Santander current a/c, approximately £4500 in the NS & I Investment a/c and about £250 in War Stocks.

Newsletter and Editor's Report

In a telephone conversation that the Chairman had had with George Barker, George thanked John Oxley for informing him that Martin Fryer had moved to the Virgin Islands from Cincinnati, Ohio. The Spring Newsletter will be posted the following week and due to excess copy the next instalment of the history of the OEA will be held over to the Autumn Newsletter. George indicated that he was prepared to continue as Editor of the Newsletter if re-elected at the AGM.

AGM 2011

Catering was in hand for the refreshments and Brian Edmondson would liaise with Donald and Marjorie Robertson. Maxine McGowan from the College had agreed to provide an urn for making tea and coffee. The Chairman distributed copies of a draft agenda for the AGM, which would be sent out to all members with a Chairman's Report. Some amendments to the agenda were agreed and John Oxley agreed to get it printed.

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All officers and members of the committee present indicated they were willing to stand for re-election.

Rules of the Association

A copy of the rules dating from 1973 and amended by hand in 1985 had been found in the papers of Colin Newcombe. John Holdstock undertook to re-type these versions for distribution to members of the committee. The Chairman had made reference to the revision of the rules in his report in the latest Newsletter and will mention it in his report to the AGM.

OEA Website

John Holdstock had made contact with Andrew Mackenzie, an Old Boy of the School, and discussions are taking place on the setting up of the site. John Holdstock outlines the proposed format of the site and the committee agreed to the proposals, and gave John permission to proceed with setting up the various web pages.

OEA Organised Visits

The visit to the Bank of England (25.3.11) had been very interesting. The nine OEs and guest found it fascinating and the visit had been enhanced by an introductory talk by a Museum guide.

The Chairman distributed a draft booking form/letter for a mail shot for evenys later in the year. E-mail addresses will be requested.

The Thames cruise to Greenwich would cost £6.50 (cheaper if booked online).

John Holdstock agreed to lead the visit to the Savill Garden near Windsor on 8.8.11 (cost £7.95).

The guided London Walk on 6.9.11 would cost £6. All the above evnts would appear in the Spring Newsletter.

Possible Future Visits/Events

The following had been suggested for 2012:

RAF Uxbridge; Fullers Brewery, Chiswick; History on Wheels Motor Museum, Eton Wick; Twickenham Rugby Ground; Motor Museum, Southall; Osterley House; Ham House; Piano Museum, Brentford; Pumping Station, Kew Bridge; Fulham Palace; and Lambeth Palace.

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John Holdstock advised that his year group at School were to meet on 2.8.11; John Oxley's year group planned to meet on 23/24.7.11.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm, with the next meeting due on 13.7.11.

Committee Meeting: The meeting of 13 July 2011 was held at Stoke Poges at 12.30pm.

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The Chairman, John Oxley, opened the meeting and welcomed those present and, in particular, Iain Mackinnon who is a governor of Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College. Members present were: Donald Robertson, Colin Miell, Bert Longhurst, Brian Edmondson, Victor Boulter and John Oxley. Apologies had been received from John Holdstock and George Barker.

Before lunch, Iain Mackinnon was invited to speak about his role as Governor of Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College. He is attempting to forge better links with former students of the Grammar School, High School and College which have occupied the site on The Green over the years. He is prepared to promote the existence of the Association and put interested old boys in touch and provided the Chairman with details of people he had had contact with recently. Iain offered the facilities of the Ealonian Room for future meetings of the Association such as the AGM and the College would provide the food etc free of charge. He also offered the facilities of the College's Catering School at Baron's Court for future events such as the Annual Lunch/Dinner. It was noted that 2013 is the centenary of the foundation of the School. Iain also said he was happy to help facilitate links being made with other groups of Old Boys such as the Boat Club and year groups who hold reunions. Iain Mackinnon was thanked for his attendance and his various offers to the Association and the meeting was adjourned for lunch at 1.20pm. It reconvened at 3.25pm.

In Memoriam

Bill Humphries had died on 31st May and Bert Longhurst gave details to the meeting of the funeral where he had represented the Association. Correspondence had been returned stating R.S. Ball was deceased.

The minutes of the Committee Meeting on 8 April 2011, which had been circulated, were taken as read and agreed with no amendments.

Hon Secretary's Report and Correspondence

Donald Robertson had received an email from Maxine McGowan stating she was retiring and leaving the college on 22nd July. Donald agreed to write to her and thank her for all her support to the Association over the past few years. He had correspondence addressed to R.S. Ball returned stating he was deceased and that addressed to R W Bulfield stating he was not known at the address in Boscobel Place in London SW1. Donald also reported that Hugh Barker was very ill with terminal cancer.

Hon Treasurer's Report

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Colin Miell stated there was currently £10 in the Santander Bank Current Account and he intended to move £1000 from the National Savings and Investment Account once the officers had provided him with the necessary signatures. He would then be in a position to reimburse Donald Robertson and Brian Edmondson for the expenses they had incurred (£77.34 and £106.32 respectively) in providing the buffet for the AGM. Colin would arrange for the Computershare War Stocks account to be closed in the near future. Peter Hounsell had joined the Association at the AGM and the Chairman read out the letter of thanks he had sent him for his excellent presentation. Colin Miell agreed to produce an up-to-date membership list and to design a new banker's mandate form for old boys wishing to join the Association. It was noted that the cost of printing the last newsletter had been £338 which was considered by the meeting to be excessive.

Newsletter and Editor's Report

John Oxley stated that he would send details of the various deaths and any changes of address to George Barker and would forward a report on the AGM and the draft minutes of the meeting to George once agreed by the committee. The next newsletter is due to be published in September/October.

AGM: 13 May 2011

The article and minutes produced by the Chairman were accepted by the committee with one name added to the attendees and one alteration to a member's first name. It was agreed we should take up the College's offer and hold next year's AGM in the Ealonian Room of the Old School. It was proposed that we use the Friends Reunited website to make contact with Old Boys and encourage them to join the Association.

Rules of the Association

No more recent editions had been forthcoming and Victor Boulter agreed to get the amended version typed up and distributed to members of the committee so that suggestions can be made about bringing them up to date.

OEA Website

In John Holdstock's absence, the Chairman reported that John had been liaising with Martyn Must, an Old Ealonian who had designed the basis of a website which had the web address of www.oldealoniains.org.uk but no work had been done on it since the AGM.

OEA Organised Visits

Owing to a number of late withdrawals, the Thames Cruise to Greenwich on Friday 17 June

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had been cancelled due to lack of support. Four people, Alan and Dorothy Rowlands and Brian and Jacqui Edmondson, had indicated they wished to visit to the Savill Garden near Windsor on Monday 8th August. The Chairman would convey that information to John Holdstock who is co-ordinating the visit. Six people have so far indicated they wish to participate in the guided London Walks on Tuesday 13th September. John Oxley would lead and it was agreed that the group would participate in the "Somewhere Else" London walk leaving the Embankment Tube Station at 2pm.

It was agreed to keep the Annual Lunch on Friday 18th November at the Fox and Pheasant PH despite the clash with the Boat Club Reunion Dinner. Next year the committee will liaise with The Boat Club and try and arrange different dates and an Old Boy representative at their dinner. So far 13 people have indicated they will be attending the Annual Lunch

Possible Future Visits/Events

It was agreed that next year visits to the following places will be organised.

Twickenham Rugby Stadium Tour: The cost is £8 for concessions or £14 for adults. Tours take place every day except Mondays and match days and the Museum is open on those days. There are four tours a day, public transport could be a problem but there is car parking at the ground which has to be pre-booked.

Fullers Griffin Brewery at Chiswick: Tours are charged at £10 per adult and have to be booked in advance. Car parking around the brewery is very limited and metered and it is probably best to walk from Turnham Green Station.

Ham House, which is a National Trust property, is really only accessible by car although buses can be taken from Richmond. The house and gardens are open everyday except Friday from the beginning of April to the end of October.

History on Wheels Motor Museum in Eton Wick: The museum appears to be open on Bank Holidays and the last Sunday of the month. The cost is £5 for adults or £4 for the over 60's. It was agreed that the Motor Museum in Hayes was a non-starter as it did not appear to be a suitable place to visit.

The Chairman agreed to find out more details about visiting the Second World War Fighter Control bunker at RAF Uxbridge [*JO now has contact details*]

Suggested visits to Piano Museum in Brentford and Pumping Station at Kew Bridge, Fulham Palace (the Bishop of London's official residence), Lambeth Palace (Archbishop of Canterbury's residence) and Osterley House would be considered for 2013.

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Any Other Business

There was no other business

The Chairman closed the meeting at 4.25pm and thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions to the meeting.

Date and time of next meeting: Provisionally, Wednesday 2nd November 2011 at 12.30pm at the Fox and Pheasant PH, Stoke Poges was agreed, subject to the Chairman's other commitments.

Please note that it has now been necessary to rearrange the next committee meeting for Wednesday 9 November 2011 at the Fox and Pheasant PH commencing with lunch at 12.30pm as the Chairman will be attending a special anniversary celebration of the University of Surrey at Guildford Cathedral on the 2nd.

[Donald Robertson to arrange the booking of a table]

John C. Oxley (Chairman)

23 July 2011

News of or from Members:

Dr Peter Hounsell, who gave the talk at the AGM, has joined the OEA; he lives at 17 Downing Drive, Greenford, Middx UB6 8BD; e-mail: peter.hounsell@btinternet.com. We also learn of the new address of **Robin Webb (78-84)**; Robin, who was Head Boy in 1983, and his wife Diane are now at 58 Kirklands, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 7RD. He is currently the Chief Executive of YMCA Central Herts [ymcentralherts.org.uk], which provides supported housing for 120 people, 2 day nurseries, 4 children's centres and other services for children and families, 3 youth & community centres and a wide range of other services meeting the needs of the local communities they serve. **Eddie Sims (54-60)** writes to advise that he has moved within Keelby, and is now at 18 Riby Road, Keelby, Grimsby DN41 8ER (e-mail sims586@btinternet.com). He comments at his sadness on hearing that Barry Bugden had died and at such a young age. He played with Barry in the 1st XV. He was only in the Fourth Form playing loose head prop, so we had to have a good understanding at scrums, and I learned a lot from a very understanding Head Boy. Thanks, Eddie. **Martin Fryer (57-62)**, who obviously delights in removals, has now transferred from Cincinnati, Ohio to PMB 554, 5000 Estate Enighed, St John VI 00830 : this is the US Virgin

Islands. All the best, Martin, in your new home – send us some details of your recent life and activities? His e-mail address is mfrayer@vipowernet.net. **Michael Allan (43-50)** has kindly sent me his recollections of the late **David Hunt (43-50)**, Head Boy 49/50 (sorry for the delay, Michael – I get knee deep in paperwork!), “known to his friends as ‘Ginner’, who collapsed and died only three days before he and Shirley were to celebrate their 53rd anniversary. The Hunts have two children, Neil (Michael’s godson) and Anne, who had two daughters; they all now live in the USA. After school (& Bablockhythe”), David went to University College, Exeter (now Exeter University: Ed.- he joined me there) to read chemistry. He then took a Short Service Commission in the RAF, following which he joined Shell, where he worked until his retirement.

He held technical and managerial appointments at several UK refineries, in the Hague and finally at Shell’s headquarters. He had been my staunch and closest friend for almost 65 years and is already greatly missed.

On a brighter note, I had lunch recently with another OE contemporary, Harry Pickett, who is in fine form and apparently fully recovered from his bowel cancer operation in 2008.” Thanks, Michael, for the above and I hope you have kept out of hospital recently.

My contemporary, **Keith Hutton (42-46)**, who always turns out interesting snippets, has sent me a cutting from the *Metro* of 22.8.11, describing the joys of living in Ealing, and which gives some current prices: 1-bed flats start at £200,000+; 2-bed flats £300,000+; 3-bed houses £500,000+; family houses cost from £1-£3 million! He also sent the Middx County Times of 14.9.46 with the results of 1946’s exam results at School; GSC + matric: Adcock, Blake, Brown, Davies, Gould, Herbert, Reeve, Smith, Wood, Armstrong, Bevan, Bostock, Bull, Drane, Gray, Halcox, Hogg, Kelly, Moss, Stern, Baully, Durrant, Bishop, Briggs, Cooke, Gollop, Harris, Knight, Rose, Tranter, Barker, Blackall, Brent, Clarke, Fort, Gulliver, Harrison, James, Mead, Rubens, Wright, Connor, Hutton, Sweetman, Amer, Pimlott, Denham and Winter. Names to reflect on !

We seem to have lost touch with **R.W. Bulfield (45-50)**, last known at 41 Boscobel Place , London SW1 – has anyone any news of him?

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Deceased Members:

W.E. (Bill) HUMPHRIES : 1919 - 2011

Bill died in the early hours of 31 May 2011, aged 92. The day before, 30 May, was his 92nd birthday and he was well enough to spend some time with his relations, but just died peacefully overnight. The funeral took place in the Chapel of Staines Cemetery (TW18 4JQ) on 9th June at 10.30am and I was able to represent the Association: Bill's son, Mark, has agreed to co-operate with an obituary for the Old Ealoniains' Newsletter.

Bert Longhurst

[Ed. If this has not been received by the time this Newsletter goes to press, it will appear in the next issue.]

Colin Newcombe : 1934 – 2010

As promised in the previous Newsletter, I can now give the fulsome praise of Colin that was given by the Hertfordshire Football Association in its press release:

“The Hertfordshire FA is saddened by the news that Colin Newcombe, President and Board Member, passed away in Hospital on 23 February 2010. Colin was a skilled accountant having gained the accreditation of ‘Fellow Chartered Accountant’. It was these skills that led to Colin being appointed as the Hertfordshire FA’s Treasurer in 1989, a post that he went on to hold for 20 years.

During that period the Association became a limited company, and Colin took up the position of Finance Director with a seat on the Board of Directors. This season Colin took up the position of President of the Association in what was to be his final year before retirement.

Away from the County FA, Colin was formerly a referee, and held the position of Treasurer and Life Vice-President on the North and Mid Herts League. This followed the amalgamation of the North Herts League with the Mid Herts League, on which Colin had held the position of Secretary.

Our thoughts and sympathies are with Colin’s family to whom we send our sincere condolences”.

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THE ANNALS OF THE OLD EALONIANS' ASSOCIATION

begun by the late ALAN A. WYLIE
(sometime Vice-Chairman of the Association)
[continued by G.E. Barker]
(continued from the Newsletter for Autumn 2010)

CHAPTER 6 : RISE AND DECLINE 1948 - 1963 (continued)

In early 1952, the OEA Committee was thinking of the various clubs and invited OEs to suggest any new outdoor-sport activities. The Badminton Club reported increased support, despite an increased subscription. The Football Section was running three league elevens; the 1st and 2nd XI's were well placed but the 3rd XI was not so successful. Familiar names (but regrettably no longer with us) included Newcombe ('played with competence – a valuable acquisition from the school') and R.A. Rose ('a centre-forward always prominent'). The Swimming Club had been on a trip by motor coach to Hayling Island, where an Aqua-show was put on at one of the larger holiday camps.

The Table Tennis Club had joined the 3rd Division of the West London Table Tennis League, but all their matches were played 'away', owing to the inadequacy of the Club's amenities! The most consistent players for the Club were R. Page (41-46), K. Reeve (41-48) and P. Coombes (43-48).

Gordon Batho (40-47), then Editor of the *Acorn*, put forward a strong suggestion for an OE Arts Club, which could be based in the Ealonian Room. An unusual activity for an OE was described: Frank Boynett (15-19) won the shield – the premier award – at the October 1951 Convention of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. He was an active member of the Magic Circle.

As 1952 pursued its course, the development of a Vocational Guidance Council, under Alan Wylie's leadership (he who began this history), demonstrated the valuable service the OEA could provide to pupils needing help in their choice of a future career. Among its activities was also an attempt to secure closer co-operation between the OEA itself and its affiliated Clubs. An EGM of the Association was held in October 1952 to discuss these matters.

The devoted classics master, Mr A.E. Watts, contributed to the *Acorn* at that time a few comments on the Association's motto : **Vires Acquirit Eundo**,

which he roughly translated as ‘gathering strength as it goes along’. This suggested to Mr Watts the course of a river, which is admirably applied to a society of Old Boys, which flows like a river in time, increased by regular accessions.

At this time, the late Bill Humphreys (30-35), whose death is reported elsewhere in this Newsletter, contributed an article to the *Acorn* of Autumn 1952, describing life in Gibraltar, seemingly as an insurance assessor for claims arising from an explosion in the harbour of an ammunition lighter. There is a delightful photograph of him “living the leisured life in Malaga”!

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