

OLD EALONIANS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER SPRING 2012

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2012

Chairman's Report

(of 29 February 2012)

This report is being written at the end of February as I convalesce after a knee replacement operation which I underwent at the beginning of the month. This is one of the consequences of playing and refereeing soccer matches for over 50 years. The weather outside has become quite mild and Spring seems to be just around the corner judging by the snowdrops and crocuses in our garden. By Easter, I hope I will be able to walk again without sticks and enjoy the beautiful countryside here in the Chilterns where I live. Before I had the operation, the OEA Committee met and a full programme was planned for this year.

At the end of April, Brian Edmondson is organising a visit to the History on Wheels Museum at Eton Wick near Windsor (Sunday 29th April at 1pm). The museum has a unique collection of military and civilian motors, militaria from 1900 to the 1950s, and artefacts from both civilian and wartime home fronts. If we are lucky the party may have a guided tour of the museum by its founder, Tony Oliver.

On Friday 18th May, the Annual General Meeting will take place in the Ealonian Room of the Old School at 12.30pm. The main item of business will be the adoption of the extensively revised Rules of the Association. After the AGM, Dr Jonathan Oakes, Archivist for the London Borough of Ealing Library will talk about Ealing and the School during the Second World War.

In June, we intend to organise an afternoon visit to the Fuller's Griffin Brewery in Chiswick on either Tuesday the 19th or Wednesday the 20th, depending on availability of tour places and members wishing to participate. Apart from the tour, people have the opportunity of some free sampling. Old Ealonians and guests wishing to attend will be provided with further information nearer the date.

In September we are visiting Osterley House, a National Trust property (Thursday 13th September, 2pm meet in the car park) when there will be an opportunity to tour the grand house and visit the beautiful gardens before taking tea in the Stables' café.

The final visit of the year will be to Twickenham Stadium in October (Wednesday the 17th afternoon tour) to see the ground where rugby

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internationals are played and to tour the museum. The time of the tour will be subject to the availability of tickets and numbers going and more information will be provided nearer the date.

For the Annual Lunch in November we are hoping to hold the function at the Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College catering facilities at Barons Court which should be a very pleasurable experience.

So, as you can see, your committee has been very busy again over the winter months planning events to hopefully suit all tastes. Already we are looking ahead to 2013 and a number of suggestions are being considered, but if there is anywhere you feel the Old Ealonians should visit then please let either the Secretary or me know.

John C. Oxley

Summary of Events for 2012

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| Sunday 29th April | History of Wheels Museum at Eton Wick near Windsor; meet at 1pm in the Car Park of the Museum. Admission £5 for adults, £4 for Over 60s |
| Friday 18th May | Annual General Meeting in Ealonian Room (A118), Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College at 12.30pm. A buffet lunch will be provided after the business of the AGM |
| Tuesday 19th or Wednesday 20th June | Fuller's Griffin Brewery at Chiswick. The date and time of the afternoon tour will be subject to availability. Cost £10 payable in advance. |
| Thursday 13th September | Osterley Park and House (National Trust) Visit
Meet in car park in Osterley Park at 2pm
Tour of House and Gardens followed by tea in Stables' Café. Cost is free to NT members, otherwise £8.70 |

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Wednesday 17th October Twickenham Rugby Stadium and Museum
Tour at 1.30pm or 3.30pm depending on availability
of tickets. Cost is £16 for adults or £8 for over 60s

Friday 16th November (provisional) Annual Lunch/Dinner
To be held, we hope, at Ealing, Hammersmith and
West London College - Barons Court site

If you are interested in participating in one or more of the above events, please complete the enclosed booking form and return to the Secretary (Donald Robertson) by 21st April at the latest. More details about the Annual Lunch/Dinner will be sent out with the Autumn Newsletter.

If you have an email address and are prepared to receive correspondence by electronic mail, then please include it on the booking form.

John C. Oxley (Chairman)

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Savill Garden Visit, 8th August 2011

The Savill Garden forms part of Windsor Great Park and claims to be one of Britain's greatest ornamental gardens. Covering 35 acres of contemporary and classically designed gardens and exotic woodland, the Garden was created in the 1930s by Sir Eric Savill. It began as a woodland garden, with native oak, beech and sweet chestnut trees, but has since evolved by incorporating many new plants over the years. The new Rose Garden is now open and contains 28 different varieties of roses that have been brought together to provide a stunning display, when in bloom.

A sunny day in mid-August saw a small group of Old Ealonians and their wives meet for a tour, organised by John Holdstock (52-59) and his wife, Trish. Attending were Alan Rowland and his wife, Dorothy, and Brian Edmondson & his wife, Jackie. As John & Trish live locally and hold annual membership cards, they were able to take Dorothy and Jackie in as their guests, leaving the gentlemen to pay for entry. This proved to be a welcome start to the afternoon

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and was further enhanced because Trish spotted discounted copies of the official guide being offered for sale in the shop. These provided nice souvenirs of the visit.

The afternoon concluded with tea in the restaurant, when Alan was able to indulge his passion for a traditional cream tea, much to his delight and the others amusement. All agreed that the afternoon had been most enjoyable.

John Holdstock

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OLD EALONIANS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL LUNCH 2011

I had not been able to go to the Annual Lunch on the original date of 18th November as my wife and I had responded to an urgent plea from my son and daughter-in-law to look after our grandson that day. So I was delighted to learn that the venue (Fox and Pheasant Public House) would be closed that day for refurbishment and that the lunch would have to be put back to Friday 2nd December. I was doubly delighted as that day was my 69th birthday and so Carol and I would be able to enjoy it with friends from the Old Ealonians.

Because of the change of date the number attending had swelled to 26 and Bert Longhurst seemed to have brought along all his family. However, the eight of them were unfortunately allocated a table to themselves in the window whilst the rest of us sat a long table down the centre of the room.

The Diamond Club Christmas menu proved to be very good and most of us chose the carvery which was roast turkey or roast pork with plenty of well cooked vegetables. This proved to be a very enjoyable meal. Unfortunately, the service in the restaurant was very slow, probably due to a lack of staff serving. However, those who chose to have a dessert rather than a starter agreed that it was worth the wait.

At the end of the meal, Bert Longhurst distributed copies of another edition of his brilliantly drawn Swan Uppers Gazette. They are always eagerly anticipated and this year's one proved to be as amusing and entertaining as ever.

Eventually, the time came to make our goodbyes and to wish each other a happy Christmas and New Year before we departed to various parts of the

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Home Counties.

John C. Oxley

Twelve Old Ealonians including a former master were present at the lunch. The guest list consisted of: John and Carol Oxley, Donald and Marjorie Robertson, Alan and Dorothy Rowland, Brian and Jacqui Edmondson, Ron and Sylvia Harden, Paul and Jane Waterhouse, Jim and Lesley Wisden, John Holdstock, Victor Boulter, Robin and Angela Machell, Bert Longhurst, his sister-in-law, two sons and their families.

Apologies had been received from Peter Baker, Hugh Barker and Colin Miell

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OLD EALONIANS' ASSOCIATION: ACCOUNTS FOR 2011

OEA INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2011

INCOME	2011
	£ £
Annual subscriptions (95 x 5)	475
Donations received	--
Interest received 3½% War Loan (2 x 4)	8
National Savings Bank	9
Transfer from National Savings account	<u>1000</u>
	1492
 EXPENDITURE	
Newsletter – printing (2 editions)	723
Officer's expenses	324
AGM buffet expenses	106
Transfer to Santander current account	<u>1000</u>
	2153
 Excess of expenditure over income for the year	 <u>661</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2011

ASSETS	2010		2011	
	£	£	£	£
Stocks of ties and squares	7		7	
£243.18 (nominal) 3½ % War Loan	182 (est)		189 (est)	
National savings Bank – Investment A/C	4492		3500	
Santander Bank – Current A/C	179		512	
Cash in hand of Treasurer	0		0	
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	4852		4208	

DEDUCT LIABILITIES

Sundry Creditors	--	--
Subscriptions received in advance	--	--

<u>NET ASSETS</u>	<u>4852</u>	<u>4208</u>
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FUNDS

Balance as at 1 st January 2011	4852	
Add excess of income over expenditure last year	--	
Less excess of expenditure over income in year	661	
Interest	17	
		4208
Corporation Tax provision		<u>0</u>
		<u>4208</u>

Signed :- Colin R. Miell

Hon . Treasurer. 6th January 2012

AUDITORS REPORT

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Subject to audit.

OEA : AGM : FRIDAY 18TH MAY 2012

The Ealonian Room (room A118)
Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College
Ealing Campus
The Green, Ealing, W5 5EW
at 12.30pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome from the Chairman
2. Apologies
3. Chairman's Report
4. Hon Secretary's Report
5. Presentation of Accounts for 2011
6. OEA Newsletter Editor's Report
7. Election of Officers
 - (a) Chairman
 - (b) Hon Secretary
 - (c) Hon Treasurer
 - (d) OEA Newsletter Editor
8. Election of Committee Members
9. Appointment of Independent Examiner of the Accounts
10. Amendments to the Rules of the Association
11. Old Ealoniens Association Website
12. Any Other Business pertaining to an AGM

The AGM will be followed by refreshments in the form of a buffet

AGM Talk at approx.1.30pm

Presentation on "Ealing in the Second World War" by Dr Jonathan Oakes,
Archivist for London Borough of Ealing Library

John C. Oxley
Chairman

Chairman's Report to 2012 AGM

The highlight of 2011 in the Old Ealonians Calendar was the AGM held in the Ealonian Room of the Old School on Friday 13th May, when over 20 Old Boys and guests were in attendance. The actual business part of the meeting was very brief and soon we were able to enjoy the buffet lunch provided by Marjorie Robertson and Jacqui Edmondson. Afterwards, Dr Peter Hounsell gave an excellent and illuminating presentation on the history of the area surrounding the School and the five men after whom the "Houses" of the School were named.

Throughout the year we have continued to organise a varied number of visits. In March a group of OEs toured the Bank of England Museum, and we were very fortunate to have a very good guide. Unfortunately, there was insufficient interest in the Thames Cruise in June but three Old Ealonians and partners enjoyed a very interesting visit, to the Savill Garden near Windsor, organised by John Holdstock. The London Walk which I arranged in September was fascinating and extremely interesting. It was a shame that only Alan Rowlands joined my wife Carol and me. At the beginning of December, the Annual Lunch took place and some 26 Old Boys and guests enjoyed a very good Christmas lunch at the Fox and Pheasant in Stoke Poges. In November 2012 we are hoping to use the Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College catering facilities at Barons Court for our Annual Lunch/Dinner.

During 2011, your committee met four times at the Fox and Pheasant in Stoke Poges and despite enjoying extended lunches, much business was done. Apart from organising the above events, much time was taken up in revising the Rules of the Association and bringing them up to date. This involved a complete rewrite and hopefully these will meet with your approval when proposed at the AGM. A copy is included with the Spring Newsletter so as to give you plenty of opportunity to digest the changes etc before the AGM on 18th May. If you wish to propose any amendments will you please inform the Secretary in writing before the end of April?

As you can see from the unaudited accounts published in the Newsletter, our expenditure has well exceeded our income for the year 2011. This was mainly due to two mail shots being sent to members separately from the Newsletter concerning the 2011 AGM and booking events form for the year. This year we

intend to reduce the postage costs and so a booking form for the 2012 planned OEA visits is to be included with the Spring Newsletter. Also, it would be helpful if more Old Ealonians would be prepared to receive the Newsletter by email rather than as paper copies in the post. My appeal during 2011 produced a very limited response.

Finally, I should like to thank my colleagues on the Management Committee for all the hard work they perform on your behalf. In particular, I should like to single out John Holdstock who along with Martyn Must has set up the Old Ealonians' website. Our Secretary and Treasurer continue to put in sterling work on behalf of the Association and your committee members, Brian Edmondson, Victor Boulter and Bert Longhurst, continue to provide valuable support and advice on visits and at our meetings. One must not forget the marvellous "Swan Uppers Gazette" that Bert continues to produce at regular intervals.

John C. Oxley

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Committee Meetings : these were held on 9th November 2011 and 30th January 2012 and with one exception all the points dealt with have been included in the text elsewhere in this Newsletter. The exception is the statement by the Chairman that he had attended the Honorary Degree Ceremony of the University of Surrey, held in Guildford Cathedral on 2 November 2011. John Oxley has in fact been awarded an Honorary degree of the University of Surrey. Congratulations!

News of or from Members:

We have a couple of address changes: **Revd Dr Allen J. Edwards (61-68)** has moved to Warminster, Wilts, and is at 10 Southdown Way: BA12 8FP. **Robert Bulfield (45-50)** has moved to 3 Nordens Meadow, Wiveliscombe, Taunton, Somerset TA4 2JW. **Keith Hutton (42-46)** advises me that on the actual date (February 7th 2012) of the 200th Anniversary of Charles Dickens' birth, the Stationers' Company, with which he has long been connected, held a Banquet at which Keith and his colleagues in the acting profession (he has long been interested in Dickens' performances) presented four ten-minute readings, between courses, from the works of Charles Dickens, suitably dressed in Victorian costumes. I am sure it was a great success!

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Deceased Members: Keith Hutton has also advised me that our member **R.C. Reffold (48-55)**, who, on some unknown date moved to Thailand, died in 2011. Curiously, our Newsletters addressed to London E1 were never returned marked 'gone away' or some such [Ed.] – perhaps he retained his London address. He used to come to the Annual Dinners at the Duke of Yorks HQ with two friends (David Padbury and Roger Evans, neither of whom are OEA members) whom Keith sees regularly, and it is hoped that an obituary will be forthcoming. He apparently gained National Press headlines when, while he was a Head Teacher in Bethnal Green, one of his pupils stabbed him in the back (Literally, with a knife). The experience put him on sick leave for a long recuperation but he was mentally scarred - which, Keith wonders, is probably why he decided to go to Thailand. Roger Evans became responsible for handling his financial affairs for several years and then his 'estate' after his death. [Ed. – I look forward to receiving an obituary that I can publish.]

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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)
I regret no space this time for an instalment -(to be continued)

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