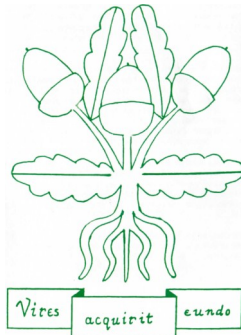




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OLD EALONIANS ASSOCIATION

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2012



Chairman's Report

During the summer, our editor George Barker has been seriously ill in hospital, but is now on the road to recovery. I am sure you will join with me in wishing him a speedy return to full health. As a consequence, John Holdstock has stepped into the breach and has produced this Autumn Newsletter, for which we are very grateful.

Since March, when the Spring Newsletter was published, the AGM has taken place. Despite being held at the old School, attendance was a little disappointing but the revised rules of the Association were adopted with a few minor alterations and a copy is included in this newsletter. A report of the meeting is also published in this newsletter. The Treasurer informs me that the accounts for 2011 have now been inspected by an independent examiner, a Mr Patrick J Kennedy, and signed off. Our thanks are extended once more to the college for allowing us to use the old Ealonian Room for the meeting and for providing us with an excellent buffet lunch.

All the planned social events this year have taken place although attendance on some was rather small in numbers I am very grateful

to John Holdstock (History of Wheels Museum visit) and Jim Wisden (Osterley House visit) for providing excellent reports for inclusion in this newsletter. A report on the visit to Fuller's Griffin Brewery in Chiswick also appears in the Newsletter and I am looking forward to doing the tour of Twickenham Rugby Stadium and its Museum in two weeks time. Next year's programme is still undecided so details of 2013 visits and events will not be published till the Spring Newsletter.

For our Annual Lunch this year, we have accepted the invitation of the Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College to use the facilities of their TASTE Restaurant at the College's Hammersmith Campus at Barons Court. The lunch will take place on Thursday 15th November (not the 16th as originally published), meeting at 12.30pm for a 1pm lunch. The cost is £10 and for which we will be provided with a meal and a glass of wine or soft drink with the meal. The Hammersmith Campus of the College is in Gliddon Road, Barons Court W14 9BL which is a five minutes walk from Barons Court LU Station and 15 minutes walk from Kensington Olympia Over-ground Station. Numerous buses pass the

campus and there is limited car parking on site although we will need to know if you are coming by car beforehand so that we can inform the college.

This is a unique opportunity and a very generous gesture by the College so I hope many of you will be able to take advantage and attend the Annual Lunch. A booking form for Old Ealonians and guests is printed on the inside, back page of this Newsletter. Please complete and return to our Secretary, Donald Robertson, by Friday 2nd November at the latest, if you wish to come. This should be a very pleasant experience and I hope to see many of you there.

John G Oxley

5th October 2012



Fuller's Griffin Brewery Visit

Tuesday 19th June 2012

Having been pre-warned of the difficulties of finding a parking space near to the Griffin Brewery, Donald Robertson and I set off in plenty of time on a bright sunny warm day to drive to Chiswick. As it happened, the directions we had were very good and we had plenty of time to find a parking spot quite near to the brewery. We were to meet the rest of the Old Ealonians party in the Mawson Arms next to the brewery and we were early enough there to enjoy a pint of London Pride. Gradually the rest of our group joined us and by the time our tour leader gath-



In Memoriam

Sadly, news has been received of the deaths of the following:

- Robert W Bulfield [1944-1949] died on the 5th July 2012
- Raymond Charles Reffold (1933 to 2012)
- The Reverend Canon Alan Wait (1937 to 2011)

The Association's commiserations are extended to their families. Obituaries for Raymond Reffold & Alan Wait appear on subsequent pages.

ered us together there were nine of us in total – five Old Ealonians and four guests.

In total there were about sixteen on the tour and we first walked down to the River Thames just behind the brewery to see the landing stage where the boats used to unload the barley and hops to make the beer. After a short explanation of the history of the brewery our guide took us back into the brewery to start the tour proper. It is interesting that the brewery is still independent and members of the original three founding families: Fuller, Smith and Turner, still work for the company.

The tour was fascinating as we were shown the whole process of making the different beers from the roasting of the barley, “mashing”, addition of the yeast, filtering and finally putting beer into casks or bottles. We also saw the old vats and fermenting vessels originally used over a hundred years ago and it was explained how the labour intensive industry now requires few staff due to automation. It was interesting to discover that the water used in the brewing process has never come from the Thames or wells but is from the mains supply that we all use!

Once we had been shown the whole process and our questions been

satisfied, we we're taken to the Brewery's Museum and tasting bar. Here we able to sample many of the beers produced by the brewery whilst being able to examine the various implements used over the years by the brewery to make their beers and to read in more detail about the history of the brewery that has always been on the site it occupies in Chiswick. It had proved to be a very interesting and fascinating visit which I am sure had been enjoyed by everyone in our party especially the tasting session!

John C Oxley

The OE beer connoisseurs were Donald Robertson, Colin Miell, John Oxley, Alan Rowland, his son Stephen Rowland and his two grandsons, Victor Boulter and a friend Munjal Joshi.



Visit to Osterley House & Gardens **13th September 2012**

When the visit to Osterley Park appeared in the O.E.A programme of

events for 2012, it promised to be very popular. Unfortunately by the time the event took place many members had been overtaken by other priorities and were unable to attend.

Nevertheless, the event was held and on the due date Alan Rowland and myself, accompanied by our respective wives, Dorothy and Lesley met up in the car park at 2.00pm. For those of us getting on a bit and unable to walk very far, there is a complimentary

buggy service to take you from the car park, alongside the lake and parkland, to the house.

Osterley Park is situated between the M4 and A4 close to Osterley tube station and has been part of the National Trust since 1949. Approaching the estate along the very busy A4, one takes a side road off this main road, towards the Park and it is quite a surprise that within a few hundred yards of this busy road, you enter this enormous and tranquil Park.

After the hot spell of fine weather the forecast was that it would be rather changeable. However, we were blessed with a fine day, although a northerly breeze and a slight chill suggested that autumn was not

far away.

In the 16th century, Sir Thomas Gresham, financier and adviser to Elizabeth I, began amassing land at Osterley and in 1565 he built a house here in a very similar location to the present one.

Nearly 150 years on, in 1713 the Osterley estate was acquired by the Child family who were successful bankers, originally from Wiltshire. Their advancement began with goldsmithing in the City of London, with strong interests in the East India Company, and were involved in trade as well as banking. Two extremely wealthy brothers (Francis & Robert Child) commissioned Robert Adam to remodel the house.

The interior is one of the finest and most complete by Adam still in existence. In addition, the rooms contain almost all of the original furniture designed by Adam, specifically for each setting and often produced by the furniture maker John Linnell. Much of the house is open to visitors and covers 3 floors. The National Trust has gradually added furniture, and there are many pictures both belonging to the Trust and also on loan from other major collections.

The property has not surprisingly been used to make films and the income from these ventures helps the

Trust develop the House and undertake redecorations; the current exhibition being called 'Reel to Real'.

Regrettably, we only had time to tour two of the floors, (the Long Gallery, Tapestry Room and the State Bedchamber were particularly impressive) but there was so much to see and admire that we ran out of time to complete our visit and will have to return at a later date.

By this time, it was 4.30pm and time for tea!!

Leaving the house we made our way across the courtyard towards the stable buildings which now house a large second hand bookshop, the gift shop and a very good cafe, where we rounded off our afternoon with a delicious cream tea.

Within the Osterley estate, there is Mrs. Child's Flower Garden and an American Garden (which we didn't have time to visit) plus a well laid out picnic area, two large lakes to walk around and several acres of parkland to explore, plus a Farm Shop selling fresh produce.

As previously mentioned the property is now National Trust and for members is free to visit but for non-members the car park is £3.50 and entrance to the House & Gardens is

£8,70 per person (£9.65 with Gift Aid).

All in all a very good visit and a place we will certainly visit again next year.

Jim Wisden



Visit to History on Wheels **Museum, Eton Wick** **Saturday 29th April 2012**

Miserable weather and a partially flooded car park did not deter eleven intrepid visitor from their planned visit to this fascinating museum, which is situated in Eton Wick, close to Eton College and within sight of Windsor Castle.

Originally constructed as an indoor riding school, the principal building was converted in the late 1970's to house the Tony Oliver private collection of vehicles and militaria.

The Museum was first opened to the public in 1980, and in addition to the truly unique collection of motors, both military and civilian, and militaria from 1900 to the 1950's, from all conflicting Nations, the museum contains artefacts illustrating memories from both
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THE RULES OF THE OLD EALONIANS' ASSOCIATION

TITLE

The name of the Association shall be "The Old Ealoniains' Association ("the Association").

OBJECTS

The Object of the Association shall be:-

To promote and encourage true comradeship and healthy recreation among past members of Ealing County School, Ealing Grammar School for Boys, Ealing Green High School, Ealing Tertiary College and the Ealing campus of Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College.

MEMBERSHIP

- All ex-students of the School and Colleges shall be eligible to become members.
- All members of the teaching staff, both past and present, shall be eligible to become honorary members.

SUBSCRIPTION

- Each member shall subscribe annually to the Association.
- Annual Subscription shall be effective and fall due on the 1st January each year.
- Subscriptions shall be declared in advance of the financial year and remain unchanged until varied at an AGM or EGM.
- Alternatively, members may take out a life-membership, the subscription for which shall be £100.
- Subscriptions for Students will not become payable until the second January 1st after leaving the College.
- Members whose current membership is unpaid by the end of February in any year shall cease to be members until their membership is paid.

OFFICERS

- The officers of the Association shall be Full Members of the Association, either subscribing or honorary.
- The officers shall be elected at the AGM and serve until the next AGM when they may stand for re-election.
- The Officers shall be the President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A committee of members shall be elected to oversee the running of the Association.
- The Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer and up to five other Full Members of the Association to be elected as Ordinary Members of the Committee at the AGM and serve until the next AGM.
- Upon the resignation of a member or other inability to continue to serve, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt a Full Member of the Association to serve as a replacement on the Committee until the next AGM.
- Nominations of candidates to serve as Officers or Ordinary Members of the Executive must be made with the candidates' approval and shall be received by the Secretary prior to the AGM.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- The Committee shall meet at least four times per year.
- A quorum at meetings of the Committee shall be one-third of its members, including at least two of its officers, one of whom shall be its Chairman or Vice-Chairman.
- In an emergency, any three Officers of the Association shall have the power to act as an ad-hoc Committee to make decisions which shall be reported upon at the next formal Committee meeting.
- The Chairman shall take the chair, or in his/her absence, the Vice Chairman.
- All Officers and Ordinary Members attending meetings shall be entitled to one vote each on any matter. There shall be no voting by proxy.
- Decisions shall be made by a simple majority of members present.
- The chairman of the meeting shall have a second and casting vote in the event of a tie in voting.
- The Committee shall have the power at its discretion to determine that a matter discussed shall remain confidential.

FINANCE

- The financial year shall run from 1st January to 31st December each year.
- The funds of the Association shall be paid into one or more bank accounts held in the name of the Association.
- Cheques drawn on the account(s) of the Association shall require two signatures from a maximum of three signatories from the Chairman, Secretary and

Treasurer. One of the signatories should normally be the Treasurer and no officer should sign a cheque which is a payment to him/her personally.

- The responsible expenses incurred by Officers and Ordinary Members of the Committee incurred, such as postage, cost of telephone calls and emails etc, in carrying out the business of the Association shall be paid out of the funds of the Association.
- Other necessary expenses may be paid at the discretion of the Committee.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- An Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) of the Association shall normally be held in March/April each year.
- A minimum of fourteen days notice shall be given to all members together with an agenda and any proposed rule changes or Notices of Motion that shall have been sent to the Secretary at least thirty days in advance of the proposed AGM.
- The purpose of the AGM shall be:-
 - to receive and approve Annual Reports from the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
 - to receive and approve the verified Accounts
 - to set or confirm the annual subscription
 - to appoint an Honorary Independent Examiner to verify the accounts for the financial year
 - to elect the Officers and Ordinary Members of the Committee to serve until the next AGM
 - to debate and vote upon any amendments to these rules that have been duly proposed
 - to debate any Notices of Motion that have been duly proposed
 - to elect the President to the Association.
- All paid-up members of the Association as at the previous 31st December shall be entitled to attend the AGM.
- A quorum shall be ten Full Members and/or Officers as at the previous 31st December and must include the Chairman or Vice-Chairman who will chair the meeting.
- Amendments to these Rules shall be carried only if at least two-thirds of the votes cast are in favour of the proposal.
- Notices of motion and changes to subscriptions to the Association may be carried by a simple majority. In the event of a tie in the voting, the chairman of the meeting shall have a second and casting vote.

- Officers and Full Members are entitled to one vote per person. There will be no voting by proxy.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

- An Extraordinary General Meeting (“EGM”) shall be called by order of the Committee or within thirty days of the receipt by the Secretary of a written requisition signed by any fifteen Full Members of the Association, supported by reasons, with any proposed Notices of Motion, proposed changes in subscription rates or amendments to these rules.
- Notice of not less than fourteen days of the EGM together with the written reasons for its requisition and any proposed notices of motion, or amendments to the rules shall be given to the Officers and to each member at the time of the requisition of the meeting.
- The conduct of an EGM will be as for an AGM in Rules 9 (e) to (h).

COMMUNICATIONS WITH MEMBERS

- Members of the Association should receive at least two newsletters each year.

AFFILIATED CLUBS

- Affiliated Clubs or Societies shall use the name “Old Ealonians” and their rules will be approved by the Executive Committee of the Association.
- Members of Affiliated Clubs or Societies must be members of the Association, except that the Executive Committee may, at its discretion, admit to membership of such clubs, students and staff from the School/College. Officers of Affiliated Clubs or Societies must be Old Ealonians.

DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Should the Association be wound up following a valid vote in favour of same at an AGM or EGM, the residual funds of the Association after all debts have been paid will be distributed on a basis to be determined by the Executive Committee.

MATTERS NOT COVERED IN THESE RULES

The Executive Committee shall have the power to determine any course of action not specifically covered in the rules.

Donald Robertson

Hon Secretary

18th May 2012

Visit to History on Wheels Museum (continued)



the civilian and wartime home fronts.

The dozens of historic vehicles date from c1920's to the 1950s, many of which are unique, and include civilian vehicles, modest, grand and sporting, commercial vans & trucks and military, wheeled, amphibious, half-tracked and tracked, vehicles.

Among the vehicles on display are a 45mph 1924 sporting Amilca, a 145mph 1958 sporting 300SL Mercedes, General MacArthur's Cadillac, Postman Pat's Post Office van, a WW2 Ford Amphibious Jeep and a WW2 Stuart Tank.

The group were lucky to be shown round by Tony Oliver in person. He is a natural raconteur and his passion for the collection was plain, as he entertained and informed us for well over a hour with his accounts of the history of each vehicle in the main gallery.

We were then given the opportunity to enjoy a cup of tea and biscuits or cake, for the more digestively challenged (there was one ready customers but no names will be mentioned here!)

Mr Oliver then continued his talk on the militaria contents of the museum.

We owe thanks to Brian Edmondson for his excellent organisation of the visit and , in addition to Brian, those attending were Donald Robertson and two guests, Derek Bryan and Alan Lamont, Jim Wisden and his wife, Leslie, Bert Longhurst and his sons, Chris and Clive, and John Holdstock.

John Holdstock

Reverend Canon Alan Wait **(1933 – 2012)**

O.Es of 1950's decade will be saddened to hear of the death of Reverend Canon Alan Wait on 1st August 2012 in Bethersden, Kent at the age of 78. He was a devout and distinguished clergyman throughout his life.

Alan was head boy and captain of soccer at Ealing Grammar School from 1951 -53 during the era of Mr Sainsbury Hicks, probably the only prefect to occupy the post for two years, which was a reflection of his outstanding contribution to the School. He went on to read geography at St Catherine's Society, Oxford, before embarking on national service with the RAF. He then attended Mirfield College to read theology and was then assigned to the challenging parish of Charlton in the east end. A myth circulated that Alan with his burly physique was a former all-in wrestler; as a result, the combative pugilism at the youth club dropped dramatically!

Alan married Pam in 1970, and they later had two boys, Matthew and Julian, now in their thirties. They moved to several parishes within the diocese of Southwark ending up in Purley, from where Alan retired in 2001. He and Pam then retired to a beautiful oast house in the village of Bethersden, near Ashford. However, retirement was a misnomer, as Alan was in constant demand as a locum vicar and wise counsellor in neighbouring parishes.

Alan's funeral in Bethersden was attended by a congregation of over 300, which was a fitting testament to his huge popularity and charismatic status in the local community. His bluff and jocular personality, coupled with his extraordinary devotion to duty, will be sadly missed by all those who had the privilege to have known him.

Andrew Preston (1951 – 1959)

Raymond Charles Reffold **(1937-2011)**

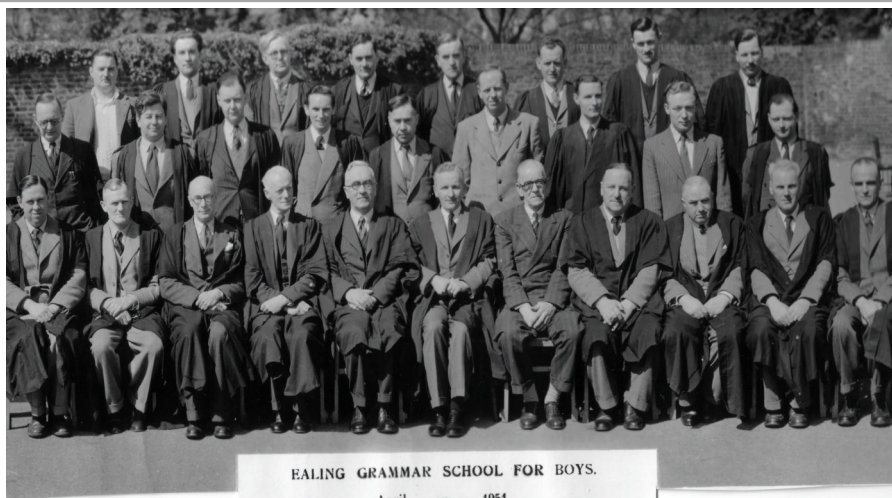
(School years 1948-55)

The Association's Newsletter (Spring 2012) recorded the news that 'Reffold', as he was known to his close friends, had died last year in Thailand. The mystery shrouding his last few years makes sad reading for the Old Ealonian who enjoyed a full life and a promising career brought tragically down when he was stabbed by a school boy at Raynes Foundation School in Stepney.

Two of his closest friends have spoken of their knowledge of his early years. David Padbury met Reffold when both were National Servicemen at RAF Steamer Point, Aden and after demobilisation, found they lived near enough to keep in touch. Reffold went up to Oxford to read Modern Languages at Oriel College and on graduation, joined Martin's Bank as a management trainee. After a year or so he decided that banking was not for him and he became a teacher, joining the languages department of Orange Hill Grammar School for Boys, Edgware. He later went to Raynes Foundation Church of England School, becoming Head of the languages department and then Deputy Head Master.

His teaching career came to an abrupt end when one of his pupils, a disturbed youngster, stabbed him in the back, the trauma having a profound effect on his life. After a long period of convalescence, he decided to abandon teaching in the UK and moved to Thailand where, for a while he had a bistro. Cool drinks under sea-side palm trees seem to have revived his spirits as did his ownership of a succession of amiable pet dogs. Both Padbury and Evans had spasmodic contact with him during the Thai years, without knowing precisely how he was occupying his time.

Roger Evans knows that, during his first years at school in Ealing during WW2 - prior to Ealing County - Reffold was evacuated to Wendover and was looked after by two ladies of whom he became very fond. He continued to visit them



EALING GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

April 1951.



This photo of the staff was taken in 1951. How many of them can you name?

and the attachment was probably closer than that with his own family.

It was in 1961, while at Orange Hill School teaching French, that he had met Evans, who was teaching English and where there began a life-long friendship, often travelling to France and Greece as well as in the UK. Sadly, it was Evans who had the unpleasant task of collecting Reffold's blood-stained clothes after the stabbing incident.

The trio of friendship was one of almost eccentric good humour and to be in its company were encounters to be savoured. Reffold, the Old Ealonian and his chums were welcomed at the Association's Annual Dinners on several occasions and shared some possibly wry exchanges with their fellow diners. Pad-

bury, Evans and I meet two or three times a year, always happy to recall the boy known simply as Reffold.

Keith Hutton (1942-46)

The Ealonian Room

The photo shown on the next page was recently sent to me by a contemporary from my year group, 1952 to 1959.

I think that I recognise Dave Gardner, seated front right, and Cocker, standing. I do not know his first name, nor do I know the names of the other two who are seated. The abstract sculpture was called 'Flight', I recall. As many of you will know, the room was destroyed in a fire and was rebuilt not long ago. JH (Ed)



The Ealonian Room circa 1958

THE LAST WORD

So, there it is! My first Newsletter for the OEA. Following in the capable footsteps of George Barker, it is a privilege to produce this edition. I wish him a speedy return to better health and hope that this meets with his approval.

If you have any suggestions regarding the newsletter or would like to contribute to it with letters, articles, photos, recollections, etc, please do not hesitate to contact me, using the information given on the last page.

The revised constitution has been placed on the centre pages, so that you can pull them out for future use. The Booking Form for the Annual Lunch appears on the next page, so that you can detach it and return it to Donald Robertson.

Keep well and best wishes. *John Holdstock*



OLD EALONIANS ASSOCIATION— BOOKING FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE PERSONAL DETAILS AND EMAIL ADDRESS

NAME: **YEARS AT SCHOOL**

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

Annual Lunch, Thursday 15th November 2012

I will/will not be attending the Annual Lunch to be held on Thursday 15th November 2012 in the TASTE Restaurant of the Hammersmith Campus (Barons Court) of Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College in Gliddon Road, Barons Court W14 9BL, commencing at 12.30pm.

[Please delete as appropriate]

I will be bringing guest(s) for lunch.

Name(s) of guest(s)

I will/will not require directions to the Hammersmith campus.

I will/will not require car parking space at the Hammersmith Campus

Signature:

Please return the form to:

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