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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As we approach our Centenary your Committee has prepared some important recommendations concerning changes to the Society's rules and subscription arrangements, which will be put formally to the AGM to be held in Tallow Chandlers Hall at 6 pm on 9th April 2002 - the hundredth anniversary to the day of our foundation. The background to these proposals is set out elsewhere in this edition of *Aldenhamiana* but, in essence, they are intended to ensure that we move with the times and continue to meet the reasonable aspirations of all OAs and attract their support in a manner that is financially viable and affordable. In order to support these changes more effectively, your Committee has also agreed to a major enhancement to the OA website which will provide increasing opportunities for OAs, wherever they are, to keep in touch with each other, the Society and the School.

OAs will also see in this edition of *Aldenhamiana* details of the major events that are being arranged for our coming Centenary Year. Much thought and effort have been devoted by your Committee members to these events and we hope that they will attract the widespread interest and support that they deserve. So do, please, make a special effort to join us on these occasions, which I am sure will provide some memorable opportunities to meet old friends and, at the School itself, to see how its imaginative development continues apace.

I cannot conclude this letter without mentioning the death last year of Donald Parren. John Handcock has written for us a memorable appreciation of 'DMP' who made a quite remarkable contribution to Aldenham and, especially, to those generations in School House Evens, like mine, who benefited so much from his enlightened guidance and encouragement. To acknowledge his remarkable association with Aldenham, our Chapel Service at 11 am on OA Day, Sunday 19th May, will include a special tribute to 'DMP'.

Whether you receive this Centenary Edition of *Aldenhamiana* through the post, or draw it down from the OA website, I hope you enjoy reading it. And I look forward to meeting many of you at the various events now being arranged for the special year ahead.

Dick Vincent

EDITOR'S NOTES

This edition of *Aldenhamiana* is packed with information, reminiscences, and invitations to events - all in all, a good read, we think! There are some key dates for your diaries, being the various events which are being planned to celebrate the Centenary of the OA Society. We do hope that you will join us at these events, and in particular please see the yellow "flyer" for the Ball in the middle of this issue. It promises to be a truly splendid occasion. Now is the time to get your table together!

One of the pleasures of being the Editor is to receive the "hard copy" letters, emails, photographs which you send. We try to include as many of them, or at least extracts from them, as space permits. This edition of *Aldenhamiana* is as always a celebration of the diversity of the people who have been lucky enough to spend some years at the School. You will discover in this edition that we have an OA who is an archery champion, another who has been a "jackeroo", another (**Richard Seville (K73-78)**) who having been one of the driving forces behind the first Eros to Eros Run, hopes to travel from Australia to take part in this year's Run. **Jim Robinson (CR74-85)**, co-initiator of the first Run has kindly sent a message of support (see OA News Home and Abroad). Response to our call for runners is, I have to say, on the low side! Your Editor will be running. Please join us - the more the, er....., merrier.

Thank you for your response on photographs. We have managed to spice up this edition with some good ones - my favourite this time is the one of the R101 airship over the School Library. I am indebted to **Tony Laurenson (M71-75)** for the photo below, which is from Visitation Day in 1973 and shows a fine body of musical military men, of whom I recognise (right to left at the



front) **Neal James-Crook (M70-75)**, Tony and your Editor (K71-75). If anyone else recognises himself, please let me know. I think "Chief" must have had nightmares about the hair protruding from under berets and hats! Certainly, when I entered BRNC Dartmouth a few years later, the Naval barbers took a less indulgent approach to the hair fashions of the 1970s.

Finally, to whet your appetite for the OA Dinner this year, a copy of the menu for the first ever OA Dinner appears below. Clearly, no-one went home hungry that night.

*Old Aldenhamians
First Annual Dinner*

- Menu -

Hors d'Ouvres

SOUP

Tomate Consomme a la Wiggins

FISH

*Turbot & Lobster Sauce
Filleted Soles & Tartar Sauce*

ENTRÉE

*Vol au Vent a la Letchmore Heath
Saute of Chicken*

JOINT

Saddle of Mutton

GAME

Pheasant & Salad

DESSERT

COFFEE

Miss Wiggins was Housekeeper/Matron of the School. Details of this year's Annual Dinner can be found inside.

Please continue to send your news to us, no matter how brief. If you only have time to send an e-mail, that will do nicely, thank you.

Trevor Barton

HEADMASTER'S LETTER

It gives me great pleasure to be writing to you once again in this edition of *Aldenhamiana*. The School continues to thrive with a successful hockey season in full swing and excellent achievements in the academic and extra curricular spheres a regular occurrence. I am delighted to see that in its centenary year the OA Society is stronger than ever and I look forward very much to joining you in the various celebrations in the course of this year.

As I write we are busily working on development plans to take the School forward for the next decade and I hope to have news of this to pass on to you later in this academic year. We have recently established a Development Office staffed by John

McAllister, who will be well known to many of you, and Molly Barton who divides her time between her work as secretary to the OA Society and to the Development Office. No doubt you will hear in due course of various events and plans emanating from this office and I look forward to keeping in touch with you through this initiative.

May I draw your attention in particular to the Celebration Ball to be held at the School on Saturday 29th June. Further details can be found in a special flyer inside this edition and I look forward very much to seeing as many of you as possible at that event, which celebrates amongst other things the Centenary of your Society, the Queen's Golden Jubilee and a range of School anniversaries! There is certainly much to celebrate in 2002.

Richard Harman

REPORT FROM THE OA WEBSITE

WWW.OLDALDENHAMIAN.ORG

I am pleased to report that the OA web site is now fully operational again. (The site was "off-line" for the last few weeks in December and January while a new fibre optic Internet link was installed, which proved highly problematic for the contractors).

I am also pleased to report that the Committee has approved the purchase of Scholastica.net, which will provide all the features we need for Phase II of the web site development. The system will be implemented over the coming months, with details, instructions and user names being sent out with the October issue of *Aldenhamiana*.

The new section of the web site will permit users to edit their personal records on-line and decide how much information to publish to other members of the Society about themselves in an on-line directory. The download area for all publications will be moved into the secure area. There will also be discussion threads and eventually an on-line booking system for all OA events, with a list of those who have already booked.

We are always looking for contributions to the current web site, either stories or photographs or any other material. Please send it either by post to the OA office, or via e-mail to mark@compuhire.com, or oas@aldenham.com

Mark Jordan

THE OLD ALDENHAMIAN SOCIETY NEW SUBSCRIPTION PROPOSALS FOR 2002 ONWARDS

Key Points:

* Existing Members: not affected, except will benefit from improved levels of service. Once of 20 years' standing, will be invited to make voluntary annual subscription, amount at their discretion.

- * New Members: will pay a 20-year subscription, with option to continue thereafter at an index-linked annual subscription.
- * New members will receive *The Aldenhamian* by post for 5 years only.
- * Improved OA Society Website due late 2002.
- * All publications available via the Website.
- * OA Society rules to be amended accordingly at AGM 2002.

Introduction: -

The recent Life Subscription debate, the successful establishment of the OA web site, the ever-increasing cost of printing and distributing *Aldenhamiana* and the need to ensure that the School does not continue to bear the full cost of distribution of *The Aldenhamian* to OAs have now focussed the Committee of the OA Society on specific proposals for the future.

The Proposals: -

Initial subscriptions (currently for life at £126) should cover a fixed period of 20 years from the time that a pupil leaves the School, and should commence at £198 (the equivalent of 20 years at £9.90 per annum). Furthermore this subscription will only entitle an OA to receive a hard copy of *The Aldenhamian* by post for 5 years.

After 20 years OAs will be invited to continue their membership with an annual subscription of the monetary equivalent of £9.90 today. After the first 5 years *The Aldenhamian* may either be downloaded from the OA web site without charge or, alternatively, a hard copy would be available by annual subscription directly to the School of the monetary equivalent of £5 per annum today.

All OAs who are able to do so will be encouraged to download *The Aldenhamian* as well as *Aldenhamiana* from the web site, a process that has already started with the February 2001 issue of *Aldenhamiana*.

In conjunction with these changes all current OAs of 20 years plus standing will be invited to make a voluntary annual subscription to the Society of what they believe to be an appropriate sum taking into account such factors as having an address overseas which incurs greater postage, unwillingness/inability to download *The Aldenhamian* and/or *Aldenhamiana*, etc.

Mechanics by which the School collects Subscriptions: -

Currently subscriptions are charged to each pupil's fee statement on a termly basis over 6 terms at the rate of £21 per term, a total of £126. Normally, these are charged over the 6 terms of the 4th and 5th forms, but for 16+ joiners over the Lower and Upper 6th forms.

Under the proposed new scheme we would like the School to deduct £22 per term over 9 terms. The costs to be charged over the 9 terms of the 3rd, 4th and 5th forms, but for 16+ joiners it would be necessary to increase the rate proportionately in order to charge over the 6 terms that they are at the School.

Collection of Annual Subscriptions by the Society: -

Both the voluntary subscriptions for existing OAs and the on-going membership subscription in 20 years time will be collected directly by the OA Society.

Charging by the School for *The Aldenhamian*: -

The School would charge the OA Society for the distribution cost only of the hard copies of *The Aldenhamian* sent to all future OAs in the first five years, unless they chose to download it from the web site.

Thereafter all future OAs who do require a hard copy of *The Aldenhamian* to be sent would be required to pay an annual subscription charge directly to the School.

Of course, for existing OAs who continue to require a hard copy of *The Aldenhamian* the School would also charge the OA Society for the distribution cost only.

Conclusion: -

By adopting these proposals the OA Society should be placed in a very much sounder position to enable a broader and more professional service to be provided to all OA members. Furthermore the cost to the School of the production and distribution of *The Aldenhamian* should be significantly reduced.

Proposed Implementation: -

Your OA Society Committee put forward these proposals with the full approval of the School, and the Society's rules were amended as necessary for adoption at the AGM on 9th April 2002. The new arrangements will be effective for all those pupils joining the School from September 2002 onwards.

OA SOCIETY - PROPOSED NEW RULES

The Society was founded at a meeting held on 9th April 1902, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London. The proposed new rules, which will replace the current rules (last updated in 1992), will be put to the AGM on 9th April and are as follows:

OBJECTIVES

- a. To keep a register of the addresses of past members of the School;
- b. to maintain a means of communication between the School and Old Aldenhamians and between Old Aldenhamians inter se;
- c. to arrange, if possible, for at least one number of *The Aldenhamian*, containing a summary of events of interest to Old Aldenhamians, to be sent annually to all members who shall have paid their subscriptions;
- d. to arrange for an Old Aldenhamian Dinner to be held from time to time;

- e. to promote communication between Old Aldenhamians by means of Annual and other meetings;
- f. to enable Old Aldenhamians, by means of their Committee, to take united action in any matter concerning the interest of the whole body;
- g. to further the interests of the School and of its past and present members in such other ways as may from time to time be possible.

RULES

1. The Society shall consist of all Old Aldenhamians existing on 9th April 1902 (designated original members) and others from time to time to be elected under the following provisions.
2. Each original member of the Society is requested to contribute £1.05 towards the funds thereof.
3. All boys and girls educated at the School shall, on or at any time after leaving, be eligible for election as members of the Society on payment of such subscription as may have been determined by the Committee from time to time.
4. a) Every member of the Common Room who has been at the School for five years shall be invited to become an Honorary Member of the Society.
b) The Society may confer Honorary Membership of the Society upon any person not being an Old Aldenhamian in appreciation of services to the School or the Society.
5. Membership shall be for an initial period of 20 years from the time that a pupil leaves the School and pays his or her subscription. Members thereafter shall be invited to continue membership at an annual subscription to be determined by the Committee (see Rule 3). Voluntary donations and legacies are invited.
6. The management of the Society, election of the new members, and the administration of funds of the Society, shall be vested in a Committee, consisting of twelve members elected by the Society, and having full powers.
7. The President, Honorary Treasurer, and Joint Honorary Secretaries for the time being, and such Vice-Presidents as may from time to time be elected by the members of the Society, shall be ex officio members of the Committee. The President of the Society shall hold office for three years.
8. At meetings of the Committee four shall form a quorum, and the Chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of equality.
9. The Committee may delegate any of their powers to any sub-committee appointed by them for any specific purpose or purposes.

10. Casual vacancies on the Committee or among the officials of the Society in any year may be filled by the Committee, but any member or officer so appointed shall only hold office until the next annual general meeting; and any vacancy or office not filled at any annual general meeting may similarly be filled by the Committee subsequently, if so authorised by such meeting.

11. Committee meetings shall from time to time be called by the Joint Honorary Secretaries as they shall think fit, and in addition they shall call a meeting at any time within one month after being required in writing to do so by two members of the Committee, stating the objective.

12. One third of the elected members of the Committee shall retire at the Annual General Meeting in 1903, and one-third at every subsequent annual general meeting; but those retiring shall be eligible for re-election. Those members who shall have been longest in office shall be those to retire each year, and in the event of parity of service the selection shall be by ballot unless otherwise arranged.

13. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held every year before the end of April at such place as the Committee shall arrange, and at least fourteen days' previous notice thereof shall be given to the members by the Joint Honorary Secretaries, stating shortly the business to be transacted; if however, the Old Aldenhamian Dinner shall be fixed for any date between April and August in any year, the Committee shall at their discretion have power to postpone the Annual General Meeting for that particular year, until the date of the Dinner.

14. Such other meetings of the Society shall be held from time to time as the Committee shall think fit.

15. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Society and shall make up and present at each annual general meeting of the Society a balance sheet showing income and expenditure, and the financial position for the time being of the Society.

16. The Rules of the Society shall not be altered except at the Annual General Meeting, and unless the alteration be carried out by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting. Any member desirous of proposing any alteration in the rules of the Society, or bringing forward any resolution at the Annual General Meeting, shall give notice in writing of such proposal to one of the Joint Honorary Secretaries by 1st December previous. Proposals, of which notice shall have not been given as above, shall only be put at any meeting by leave of the Chairman thereof and two-thirds of the members present and voting.

17. Any group of Old Aldenhamians who propose to form a club or society for the purpose of playing games or engaging in other pursuits shall not use the style "Old Aldenhamian" in describing their activities unless the approval of the Committee has first been obtained. The latter must be endorsed by the Annual General Meeting.

**OLD ALDENHAMIAN SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AND RECEPTION
AT THE TALLOW CHANDLERS' HALL
Tuesday 9th April, 2002 at 6.00 pm**

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence.**
2. **Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 20th March, 2001.**
3. **Election of Officers.**
4. **President's Report and adoption of new Rules and Subscription Proposals.**
5. **Headmaster's Report.**
6. **Secretary's Report.**
7. **Treasurer's Report.**
8. **The Aldenham School War Educational Trust Fund.**
9. **The Friends of Aldenham School.**
10. **OA Day and OA Society Dinner.**
11. **Any other business.**
12. **Date of Next Meeting.**

This meeting will be held on 9th April 2002 - precisely 100 years to the day from the Society's inaugural meeting - at Tallow Chandlers' Hall, Dowgate Hill in the City of London starting at 6.00 pm promptly. It will be followed by a reception in the Hall with sparkling wine, wine and a light buffet supper. Numbers are limited so please APPLY EARLY. The cost is £25 per head and guests (particularly wives, husbands and partners) are welcome.

The Hall, which is the finest small Hall in the City, was rebuilt in 1672 following the Great Fire of London and survived two World Wars though suffering some damage in the Second World War. The Court Room is the oldest working Court Room in the City. The Tallow Chandlers' Company began as a Craft Guild in about 1300. Its most treasured possession is the Grant of Arms in 1465, which is the oldest operative grant in existence to any Livery Company. It is displayed in the Parlour in which we will circulate during the Reception. The Company to this day (in addition to its charitable and educational work) maintains close trade links with the Federation of Oil Seeds and Fats Association, through which tallow is still traded, and with BP in particular.

Directions: The Hall is opposite the side entrance to Cannon Street tube station and also close to Mansion House and Bank stations. Buses 15, 17, 25 and 521 pass the top end of Dowgate Hill near the Hall and there is an underground car park in Upper Thames Street opposite the lower end of Dowgate Hill, which is easily accessible on foot.

Please complete and return this form together with your cheque made payable to "Old Aldenhamian Society" to: Molly Barton, OA Office, Aldenham School, Elstree, Herts, WD6 3AJ or telephone 01923 858122

Name, house and dates at Aldenham: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No: _____ e-mail address: _____

I would like _____ tickets for the Reception at £25 per ticket and enclose a cheque for £ _____

Full Name of each Guest Please _____

Diary Dates 2002

1. OA Society Committee Meeting, Tuesday 12th March 2002 at 6.00 pm, at the School.
 2. OA Society AGM, Tuesday 9th April 2002 at 6.00 pm. This will be held at the Tallow Chandlers' Hall to commemorate the first Annual Meeting of the OA Society and will be followed by a light supper including wine costing £25.00 a head. (See previous page for details and application form.)
 3. OA Day/Family Sports Day, Sunday 19th May 2002, at the School, incorporating a Chapel Service with Memorial Tribute to Donald Parren, Drinks and Lunch, Sports for all the family and Barbecue. (See separate advert and application form at the back of *Aldenhamiana*).
 4. Aldenham School Celebration Ball, Saturday 29th June 2002. The Ball will be held in a marquee in the magnificent setting of the School grounds. Champagne reception at 7.30 pm, Dinner at 8.00 pm and Breakfast at 1.00 am. (See separate flyer enclosed, and also feature about how to advertise in the Ball Programme).
 5. Eros Run, Saturday 6th July 2002. (See feature below).
 6. OA Society Annual Dinner 2002 will be held at the RAF Club in Piccadilly on 15th November. Tickets will be priced at not more than £40 and will include half a bottle of house wine per diner. Wives and partners are most welcome. Application forms and final details will appear in the next edition of *Aldenhamiana*.
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Eros Run

We are still looking for OAs to take part in the Eros to Eros run as part of the Centenary celebrations of the OA Society in 2002.

The run takes place on the last day of the Summer Term, which this year will be Saturday 6th July, and starts at Eros, Piccadilly Circus at approximately 5.30am!

You can contact Molly Barton in the OA Office to express an interest, tel: 01923 858122 ext 612, e-mail oas@aldenham.com. (Application form and details available from the OA Office.)

MARKETING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR COMPANY

ALDENHAM SCHOOL CELEBRATION BALL 29th June 2002

The Ball will not only raise lots of money, but is also a wonderful marketing opportunity. Guests will be former pupils from many walks of life and current parents and friends of the School with diverse professional interests. A glossy Commemorative Programme is being professionally produced and there are a range of advertising opportunities.

Quarter Page £25
Half Page £50
Full Page £100

In addition there is the opportunity for special (full colour, silver or gold) pages

Centenary Page £250
Jubilee Page £500

Various levels of sponsorship are also available. Perhaps you or your company would like to sponsor a particular element of the event - the pre- or post-dinner drinks, the casino, the balloon centre pieces, or simply fill a table with your guests.....

If you are interested in these advertising or sponsorship opportunities please telephone Tracey Krieger on 020 8958 8476 or Molly Barton in the OA Office on 01923 858122.

CLUB REPORTS

OA Football Club

Paul Clemow (K88-93), Chairman of the OAFC, sent the following report for the first half of the 2001/2002 season: "It has been an indifferent season for the OA's this year. For the 1st XI, we have picked up some good results, beating Haberdashers' in the local derby 2-0 with a very impressive performance from the whole team, especially from **Tim McAllister (P88-93)** and **Andy Berg** in the midfield. We also had a 10 goal thriller against Wellingborough, which we eventually won 6-4; with good performances from the eventual Man of the Match **Kevin Worsnop (B92-97)**, and also another solid display from **Andy Berg (B92-97)**, in the centre of midfield and a spirited performance from **Martyn Berg** and **Nick Corbett (M89-94)** up front, who caused their defence problems for the whole game. We also picked up a 2-2 draw with Winchester, although we should have comfortably beaten this side.

Hopefully this year could kick-start a push for promotion next season. If we can keep the 14 players who have been the key players this year together, then promotion could be a reality. A number of players seem to have settled into the team this year, with a better of understanding of the type of football Martyn is looking for. The four key players this year have been **Andy Berg, Matt Butcher (R92-95), Nick How (M92-97)** and **Kevin Worsnop**. If this quartet can keep up this form then it will be a strong basis for the future. Unfortunately we have to work on beating sides like Forest & Westminster who have been the strongest two teams in the league this year. We have home games against both teams before the end of the season, so hopefully it will give us an opportunity to really assess how far we have come this season. The second half of this season gives an opportunity to set ourselves up for a successful season next year.

The 2nd XI games have been disrupted by the weather and they have only played 6 games. **Tony Coccozza (M80-85)** has been working hard to play the same players every week. Some old faces have returned, with the likes of **Roger Sugarman (B82-86), Alan Cinnamond (S81-86), Nigel Fenn (M81-86)** and **Simon Purton (S81-84)** being available this season and they have added to the regular players **Andy Carroll ((L90-95), Mark Robinson (M84-87), Toby Jenner (M84-87) & Hanif Moledina (S82-87)**. They have picked up some good wins and draws and hopefully if we can keep these players together then the 2nd XI will have another good season and be able to remain in this division.

Special thanks to Martyn, Andy & Tony for their continued hard efforts this season. I would also like to remind all OA's that we are always looking to recruit new players especially those between 18-21. I know a large number of people head off to University at this time, but if there is anyone interested in playing a few games when they are home from University, or have just finished University and would like to play Saturday

DEATHS

The OA office has already written to a number of OAs from different generations inviting them to put together a table for the Ball. However, any OA is of course very welcome to get a table together. We do hope that you will do this, so please look at the yellow flyer, contact your contemporaries at Aldenham, and make the Ball a memorable reunion and successful event!

The OA office is happy to assist you in contacting your old friends from Aldenham days.

football, then please contact Paul Clemow or Andrew Berg for further details as soon as possible. We still have a number of games to play before the end of the season, so there is still plenty of time and opportunity to get involved.

If anyone is interested in playing for the OA's next season, or becoming involved in any capacity, then please contact Paul Clemow (tel. 07973 336073 email PaulClemow@aol.com) or Andrew Berg (tel. 07979 603398 email andrewberg79@hotmail.com). You are also welcome to join us at our regular training sessions on Tuesday evenings at 8pm on the School Astro turf. Our fixtures are played on Saturday afternoons.

OA Golfing Society

Hon Secretary - **Ian Eggleton (S58-63)**, 2 Merchant Court, 61 Wapping Wall, London E1W 3SJ Tel: (Home)020 7702 0028 (Office) 01277 695852.

Halford Hewitt 2002

This is the premier Old Boys' team event, the largest knock-out tournament in Europe. We have enjoyed some success in recent years, reaching the last sixteen in 1998 and 2000. We are probably the best supported school in the Tournament but we would still like to get a few more to join the merry band of OAs who travel to encourage our Hewitt team.

We have been drawn against Blundells this year and the match will be played at Royal St George's in Sandwich on Thursday 11 April starting at 10.15 am - we might just get back in time to enjoy the magnificent lunch on offer in the Clubhouse. Please make a note in your diaries and do try to get there. It is a great experience for the supporters as well as the team. Our President, **Bob Coombes (S44-47)**, has been playing in this competition for many years - this will be his 53rd consecutive year!

Dates for 2002

April 11	Halford Hewitt at Royal St George's, Sandwich
April 23	Spring Meeting at West Hill
July 24	Summer Meeting at Ashridge
September 13	Autumn Meeting at Beaconsfield

We are always keen to welcome new members - golfing ability, age and beauty are not assessed! If you are interested, contact the Hon Secretary.

HONOURS & APPOINTMENTS

The Society congratulates the following OAs:

Professor Sir **Martin Sweeting, OBE FRS (B64-70)** was appointed Knight Bachelor in the New Years Honours 2001. He was also elected a Fellow of the Institute of Physics.

John Hancock, CVO (S44-47) was awarded a CVO for exceptional service to the Royal Family, for his work with the Prince Philip Trust.

Christopher Beale (S53-58) sent a copy of the following press release dated Wednesday 4 April, 2001: "The Institute of Directors has appointed Christopher Beale as the new Chairman of its Council. Mr Beale currently runs his own consultancy firm with offices in London and Geneva. Having a strong international client base Christopher Beale Associates handles a broad range of assignments across industrial, commercial and professional sectors.

"Prior to starting his own company Mr Beale had built up a wealth of experience working for large multinationals such as the Bowater Group and the Getz Corporation in senior management positions all over the world.

"In 1989 Christopher Beale brokered the first major acquisition of an East European company by an American Group when he bought a state-owned Hungarian company on behalf of Getz.

"Mr Beale has been a member of the Institute since 1984 and has already served as a Chairman of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Branch. He currently sits on the Policy and Executive Committee and chairs the Membership Committee.

"Looking forward to his three-year term of office, Mr Beale said: 'This is a very exciting time to be taking on such a role. The business environment is changing faster than ever and the Institute of Directors is at the forefront of this evolution.' Commenting on the appointment, the IoD's Director General, George Cox, said: 'We are very lucky Chris Beale has accepted the role of Chairman. He has proven his talent on various IoD committees over the years and we look forward to his increased input.'"

John Baugh (S69-74), currently the Headmaster of Edge Grove Preparatory School, has been appointed to be the Headmaster of the Dragon School from September 2002.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement is announced between **David Bamford (B81-86)** and Sally Milburn.

The engagement is announced between **Alexander Hancock (L87-92)** and Nicola Heaton-Watson.

MARRIAGES

The marriage took place on Saturday 25th August, 2001 between **Andrew Howel (R89-94)** and Louise Turner.

DIAMOND WEDDING

On November 22nd, 1941 at St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, **Peter Crassweller (S29-33)** to Catherine.

J.P. Allen	(M26-30)	2 January 2002
B.G. Almond	(CR51-52)	10 October 2001
Dr I.G. Anderson	(P24-27)	12 October 2001
J.L. Beck	(P25-29)	7 October 2000
P.C.L. Bedford	(M45-49)	26 November 2001
A.B. Cozens	(P26-31)	November 2001
I.F. Carpenter	(B28-32)	24 July 2001
A.D. Dawkins	(S28-32)	29 August 2001
M.C. Dunkerley	(M35-38)	15 January 2002
C.D. Field	(B29-34)	13 April 2001
J.W. Franklin	(B24-27)	19 October 2001
J.P.O. Green	(B34-36)	1 November 1996*
G. Lorimer	(S35-38)	24 November 2001
J.S. Metters	(M34-37)	5 October 2001
D.M. Parren	(CR43-60)	20 May 2001
Maj R.B. Poulter	(P30-34)	5 February 2002
D.G. Seward	(S39-43)	3 July 2001
A.T. Thompson	(S55-59)	2001
R.T.C. White	(P25-29)	9 October 1997
J.M. Wilson	(S26-30)	8 September 2001

* = Correction

OBITUARIES

John E Handcock (S44-47), previously mentioned in OA Honours and Appointments, for the award in the New Year's Honours List of a CVO, kindly sent the following obituary remembering **Donald Parren (CR43-60)**: "Donald Parren, who has died at the age of 98, was the last of the remarkable team of Masters who served under George Riding in the years during and either side of the Second World War. They were men of towering and individual personality and teachers of unmatched ability and dedication. The several generations of boys who were their pupils could count themselves fortunate indeed to have been educated at Aldenham during those years.

"In his seventeen and a half years at Aldenham, from 1943 to 1960, Donald Parren - DMP as he was generally know (or more surreptitiously "Oily P" seemingly from his propensity for gliding with quick, short steps, before suddenly and silently appearing apparently from nowhere, when least expected) - impacted memorably upon his students. This was particularly so for those in School House of which he was the House Tutor of Evens from his arrival, and Senior Tutor in School House following the retirement of **A C Webber (CR15-45)** in 1945.

"As Senior English Master, DMP was in a class of his own. All reminiscences are, of course, subjective but there is no reason to believe that the love of literature and of the English language imparted by DMP in that well-remembered class room on the first floor of the New Block was not to his pupils an asset of lifelong enrichment. It was said of Cesar Franck that 'he taught more than music, he taught the love of music'. DMP not only taught English, he taught an enduring love of English and the glories of English literature. Well do I remember, in a set essay (on 'The Spy' as its title) using an over-the-top sentence: 'he poured the password, banana custard, into my attentive ear'. The

odium publicly poured upon my far from blameless head was of excoriating virulence. When I met Donald in after years he invariably chuckled about this inexcusable solecism.

"DMP's talents were not confined to the classroom. As House Tutor he displayed a sympathetic understanding of the boys under his care. He possessed a wry humour which often kept one guessing. He might have been Dickens's Mr Tigg observing to Mr Pecksniff 'life's a riddle; a most infernally hard riddle to guess'. From his quizzical smile and equivocal 'you know?' or 'don't you know?' it was difficult sometimes to discern whether he was chaffing or not. Eventually the twinkle in his eyes would give the game away - but he made one think: as somebody once said 'surely the secret of life is to live, not dangerously, but curiously'.

"Beyond House and classroom, the stage and drama during the war years and until his retirement constituted another unrivalled contribution from DMP in the realm of both School and House plays, a milieu where his inspired encouragement born of profound thespian knowledge extracted and sustained the potential abilities of all those sufficiently wise to be involved. In the field of the School Certificate examinations and the school garden, DMP also showed his mettle. His love for Aldenham and all it stood for was absolute and unbounded.

"In after years, a number of his former pupils remained in touch with him in the mellowness of retirement in Huntingdon and after his move in 1980 to a nursing home in Cambridge, he continued to sparkle until the last darker years. 'Don't grow old' he wrote to me in a letter of September 1990 when he was compelled to surrender his driving licence. The letter, nevertheless, was replete with characteristic quips.

"For some years a group of his old Evens pupils would entertain him when he came to London to invigilate for one of the Examination Boards. We would see a show and thereafter dine together (it was at the Savoy on one such evening that the determination to replace the stolen Eros War Memorial was conceived). In the note which now hangs framed in the School Library describing the Eros replacement I wrote 'In 1985 a small group of OAs dining together with DM Parren.....determined to attempt once more the replacement of the missing figure'. I subsequently received a letter from DMP: 'you have made my name remembered in the Library Garden. A compliment indeed'. He was immensely proud of 'his boys' and of their post-Aldenham achievements. 'Obviously', he remarked in the same letter 'the acorns - saplings in my gardening days - have matured. It seems that some of my fingers were a bit green!!' In an earlier letter (I have kept them all) Donald remarked in 1983 'it is so good for a School Master to have contacts with his ex-victims. It flatters and pleases and gives the feeling that it could have been only some of the time of his ex-victims he wasted when he was casting imitation pearls before - the listeners!'

"I am only one of Donald Parren's 'ex-victims' to acknowledge the fine influence he exercised on both my school and *European Drama* (1962), *Drama in Schools* (1978) and *A*

subsequent career and to venerate his memory. As an epitaph, adoption of Churchill's eulogy on Arthur Balfour is in no way to trespass on hyperbole which DMP would have deplored: 'the best mannered man I ever met - easy, courteous, patient, considerate in every society and with great and small alike.....his presence was a pleasure and his conversation a treat'.

"I must stop lest, fifty-five years on, I stray again into the discredited quicksand of banana custard..."

The following obituary for Professor **John Allen (M26-30)** appeared in the Daily Telegraph "Professor John Allen who has died aged 89, played a prominent role in the development of drama and dance education, after an early career in avant garde theatre.

"Allen was appointed HM Inspector of Schools with national responsibility for drama and dance in 1961, at a time when those activities were very much poor relations in school curricula. He brought to the job a passionate belief in the value of performance in personal development, and in the importance of teaching standards. He also brought a vast circle of contacts acquired in the London theatre, at Glyndebourne, at the BBC and in Unesco committee work. He was the author in 1968 of an influential government report, *Trends in Education: Drama*.

"In 1972 Allen moved onto become principal of the Central School of Speech and Drama in London. Tall, energetic, kindly - and in later years handsomely bearded - he became something of a guru, loved by his students and widely respected in educational circles. He was particularly good at bringing talented younger people together to spark ideas.

"John Piers Allen was born in Chelsea, west London, on March 30 1912, the son of the drama critic Percy Allen. He was educated at Aldenham School, Elstree, and at St John's College, Cambridge. Whilst still an undergraduate, he made his London stage debut, in 1931, in the Westminster Theatre's inaugural production of James Bridie's *The Anatomist*, directed by Tyrone Guthrie and starring Flora Robson. He also began lecturing for the Workers' Education Association and directing operettas for the Royal Arsenal Operatic Society.

"From 1933 he spent two seasons at the Old Vic under Lilian Baylis, as well as acting in and helping to run Group Theatre, an avant garde company based at the Westminster Theatre which brought dance, poetry and improvisation into its work. W H Auden wrote *Dance of Death* and collaborated with Christopher Isherwood on *The Dog Beneath the Skin* for the company; others who worked with it included Stephen Spender, Louis McNiece and Benjamin Britten.

"In 1936, Allen joined a group of dedicated young socialists in the development of the Left Book Club, the publishing venture created by Victor Gollancz to counter the reluctance of the mainstream book trade to distribute Left-wing material. The club attracted more than 50,000 subscribers, each paying half a

crown a month to receive its yellow-bound volumes; many also joined summer schools and discussion groups, and a theatre guild run by Allen.

"Immediately before the Second World War, Allen was working with the director Michel St Denis at the London Theatre Studio. He also directed *A Pageant of Music for the People* at the Albert Hall and several radical new works for Unity Theatre, including *The Star Turns Red* by Sean O'Casey, to whom he became close.

"After one fiercely Left-wing piece, Clifford Odet's *Waiting for Leftie*, the audience rose to its feet chanting 'Strike! Strike! Strike!': a small man standing on his seat waving an umbrella turned out to be H G Wells.

"Having seen Nazi Germany at first hand as a traveller in the early Thirties, Allen had no hesitation in volunteering for war service. He joined the Royal Navy and served first as a stoker in a fishing trawler in the North Sea, on watch for enemy warships but armed only with a rifle. He went on to train as a motor mechanic and was commissioned as an engineer lieutenant in motor torpedo boats, taking part in D-Day operations.

"After demobilisation, Allen was invited to become the first director and administrator of the Glyndebourne Children's Theatre, beginning his long association with work for children and young people. In 1951 he joined the BBC as a writer and producer of programming for schools, and drama on the Third Programme. He also became chairman of Unesco's children's theatre committee, travelling widely to international conferences.

"He retired as principal of the Central School of Speech and Drama in 1978, and the next year became a visiting professor at Westfield College, London University. A founder of the National Association of Drama Training, he was chairman of the Council's Accreditation Board, from 1979 to 1983.

"Although his own field was drama and the written word, John Allen empathised strongly with dancers and with the disciplines of dance teaching. He was chairman of the Council for Dance Education and Training from 1982 to 1995.

"He retired to the village of Lastingham on the North York Moors, but remained active in a wide range of interests, becoming a visiting lecturer at University College, Scarborough, and chairman of the Old Meeting House arts centre in Helmsley - where in his mid-eighties he delivered, without notes, a lecture series on the history of the theatre, remarkable in its breadth and resonance.

"Reflecting his belief in the value of amateur theatre, he was also founder president of Helmsley's 1812 Theatre Company, for which he directed the premiere of James Robson's *Beulah* in 1994.

"Allen's numerous published works include *Going to the Theatre* (1949), *Masters of British Drama* (1957), *Masters of*

History of the Theatre in Europe (1983).

"He was appointed OBE in 1979.

"He married first, in 1937, Modwena Sedgwick, by whom he had two sons. He married secondly, in 1945, Anne Preston, by whom he had two sons and two daughters. He married thirdly, in 1982, the actress and teacher Margaret Wootton."

Prompted by the letter we know many of the more mature OAs have received from the History Department at the School, **John White (P70-75)** e-mailed to say that sadly his father, **R T C White (P25-29)** had died in 1997, and sent us the following news of him: "In September 1932 he went out to Canada for a year to live with relatives in the back of beyond in British Columbia. When he came back he joined the Metropolitan Police and pounded the beat around Bow before being fastracked for promotion into the newly created Police College at Hendon. Whilst in the Force he represented them in their tennis, squash and athletics teams.

"In 1936 he spent a week in Germany watching the Olympic Games and also representing the Met in a competition against the German Police Force. While there they layed a wreath at the war memorial at Unter-den-Linden with the co-operation and assistance of the local force and there was an address by the overall German Chief of Police (I have a 6 page letter from Dad to his Canadian relative covering the whole episode in detail - night clubbing in Munich in 1936!! - if you are interested in the detail). He got to the rank of Inspector before joining the RAF and flying Whitley Bombers. Unfortunately he was shot down on his first op and spent four years in one of Hitler's best hotels!! (Stalag Luft 3 - The Wooden Horse Escape Camp) While they were tunnelling they had only 3 planks on each bunk - head, bum and feet!

"After the war he was disillusioned with the Police and became a herdsman milking cows etc. Later he married the boss's daughter (always a good tactic!), became a partner in the business and did alright for us. We sold up in Surrey because of the M25 going through our farm, and moved back to his home county of Devon - he was born in Ottery St Mary.

"Going back to his time at Aldenham, he used to refer to Beevor's and McGill's as Loppers and Berties - presumably to do with the House Masters at the time. The chapel alongside the road which is now the Music area really was the Chapel in his day. Unfortunately, like me, he had very little or no contact that I know of with fellows from Aldenham. He was born in 1911 so would have been 91 this year."

Tim Lorimer (M67-72) also wrote to tell us of his father's death. He was **George Lorimer (S35-38)**. Tim says: "after a long battle against cancer my Father passed away on 24th November 2001 in Buckingham Hospital. He was always a keen supporter of the school and both I and my brother **Peter Lorimer (M64-69)** were educated at Aldenham. His entire working life was spent practising as a partner in Lorimers Solicitors in Buckingham, retiring in 1996 having spent the last

two years as a consultant. The following is an article from the Buckingham Advertiser and is a very good summary of his life: "A Thanksgiving Service for the late Buckingham solicitor George Lorimer is due to be held from noon today, Friday. Mr Lorimer died on Saturday, November 24, aged 81. He leaves his wife Daphne, children Peter, Tim and Sarah, stepson David and eight grandchildren. Mr Lorimer, of Woodlands Close, Buckingham, was a partner at Lorimers solicitors in West Street, Buckingham, from 1978 to 1994, and remained as consultant at the practice until he retired in 1996. He first joined the practice, known then as Hearn and Athey, in the 1930s as an articled clerk and spent most of the following 60 years there.

"In World War II, he joined the Northants Yeomanry and became an officer in the Royal Corps of Signals before being demobbed in the mid 1940s.

"He married in Brackley in 1950 and he and Daphne lived in Cheltenham for about three years before returning to Buckingham and the West Street practice. Mr Lorimer was a long-standing member of the Rotary Club of Buckingham and helped set up the Winslow branch, was president and captain of Buckingham Golf Club, a member of Buckingham Probus Club and the Milton Keynes and District Law Society, and was involved with other organisations in Buckingham."

The OA office received a very nice letter from Mrs Carpenter, sadly informing us of the death of her husband **Ian Forbes Carpenter (B28-32)**, in which she relates: "though he never travelled to reunions he was always interested in the magazine. He often commented on the fact that he did not see names that he knew having left school so many years ago. He served in the Royal Artillery during the war and was a Major in the 16th Field Regiment and won the Military Cross fighting in Burma so the school can be proud of him!"

OA NEWS, HOME AND ABROAD

Ben Stimpson (S24-27) sent the following letter: "Having read issue No 23 with much interest, I enclose 2 snaps which you may keep. George Vasey in the nets Summer 1927, he also had a concrete net at the back of the Lab where he coached the very keen before breakfast. I wrote at considerable length about George on 28 October 2000, has this ever been published? (note from Editor "yes, in *Aldenhamiana* 22, February 2001") I still have one of his top hats. Fred English and I sorted his possessions when he died.

"The second photo is more recent. It shows three OA Radio



The next picture was taken at Tidworth Park Camp 1927, I am on the extreme right with white lanyard. Five from me also with white lanyard is **H P Sugden (S25-27)**. The white lanyard denoted Demonstration Platoon. We had a lot of fun.



Mr Stimpson also asked a question about the naming of the School houses. This is a query the OA Office often receives, and we have attempted to provide an answer. There are now six houses at the School. They are as follows:-

- The long established McGill's, Beevor's and Paull's.
- Kennedy's - founded as a boarding house in 1962.
- Leeman's and Riding's - in 1991 School House "Evens" became Leeman's and School House "Odds" became Riding's. These are both housed on different floors of what used to be School House.
- A seventh house, Martineau's, should also be mentioned. This is a junior house for boys aged 11-13, and was opened in 1993.

There is also a Nursery, opened in 1992, (boys and girls aged 2fi - 4) and a Pre-Prep, opened in 2001, (boys and girls aged 5-7). Both are located in the former Sanatorium. The Sanatorium is now housed, on one floor, in a wing of the old School House.

The abbreviations we use in *Aldenhamiana* are as follows:

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| S | School House |
| P | Paull's |
| M | McGill's |
| B | Beevor's |
| K | Kennedy's |
| L | Leeman's |
| R | Riding's |
| CR | Common Room. |

Simon Parker (M85-90) spotted his name and his brother's name, **Nick Parker (M87-92)**, listed as lost on the OA website and sent the following update: "I am working for Nelson Bakewell Property Consultants in Sackville Street in London as a property auctioneer and chartered surveyor. Having left school I went to the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester and then qualified as a rural practice Chartered Surveyor in Colchester where I worked as a livestock auctioneer. From there I spent 6

months working in France as a Maitre D in a ski resort and then spent 6 months travelling the world. On my return I worked for Strettons for 2 years where I met up with **Spencer Simons (S85-88)**. I moved again in November last year to my present position. I still keep in contact with **Charles Lassman (P85-89)**, **Vicky Ryland (P88-90)**, **Corrina Griffin (P88-90)**, **Kirsten O'Halloran ((B88-90)** and through Nick, **Ben Gibbs (M87-92)**.

"Nick Parker is now currently a Captain in 1 Regiment Royal Horse Artillery based in Tidworth near Salisbury. Nick has recently returned from a 12 month posting in Brussels."

Tony Scott (S63-68), responding to the Editor's plea for photos sent the following:

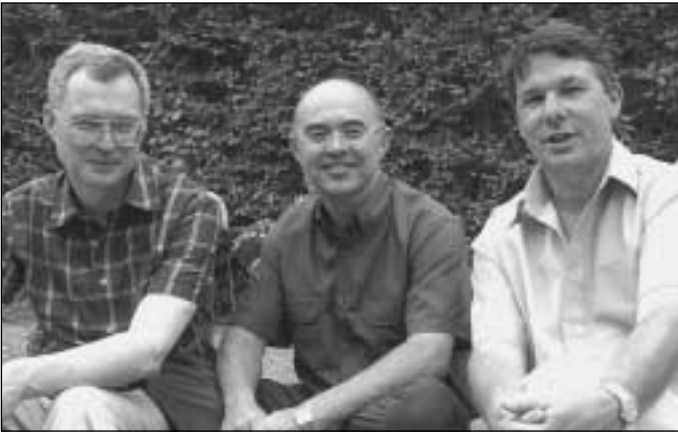
"I enclose two. The first is an old photo I discovered while going through my father's -**Harold Raymond Scott (S28-34)** - possessions sometime after he died 10 years ago. It is an old 8 by 6 cm sepia photo, no doubt taken by one of the 'Box Brownies' I found at the same time, of an airship taken over Aldenham.



"The shot clearly shows the front right corner of the then almost new (1923) school library with the 'acorns', or were they 'pineapples', and the airship sailing majestically low overhead. Enlarging the picture, I see that the air-registration number, G-FAAW, is prominent on the side and R101 is just visible near the tail. A little research revealed that the R101 only made 12 flights between October 1929, when she was launched and October 1930 where she crashed at Beauvais in France.

"When first built, the ship was the largest man-made object ever to fly. Following her initial trials, however, it was discovered that the original disposable lift was not as high as had been anticipated, and it was agreed that the ship would need more lift if she was to be a commercial success. During the winter of 1929 to 1930, the R101 was brought in to the hangers at Cardington and was then cut in half! This meant that an extra bay for another gasbag could be inserted to give more lift. This brought her volume up to five and a half million cubic feet.

"I wonder if any other OAs recall the R101 over Aldenham? She must have caused a sensation in her day!



'Hams' at a party to celebrate David Wicks' 50th birthday. From left to right (with their amateur radio call signs) **David Wicks (S65-70)** (G3YYD), **Martin Sweeting (B64-70)** (G3YJO) and **Tony Scott (S61-68)** (G3YRE). All three started their interest in amateur radio while at school and spent much of their free time on the CCF inter-schools radio net. The signal from Aldenham School's increasingly powerful wireless sets was invariably the strongest around! The School callsign at that time was 11A. (One One Alpha)"

Mark Oliver (S74-78) sent this brief update by e-mail: " I attended Aldenham between 1974 and 1978 in School House Evens. My housemaster was Richard Wood. I currently live in Geneva, Switzerland where I'm the General Manager and Editor-in-Chief at World Radio Geneva, a station which broadcasts in English to the region."

Frank Rogers (S53-58) sent two e-mails, the first in response to a visit to the OA Website: "Doesn't time pass quickly. I looked for a website for Aldenham what seems like a year ago but it must have been more! Just taken tour around school, recognised the place, but why no pictures of Cookes Fields or the swimming pools? Read with sorrow about David Wallace-Hadrill but remembered his uplifting and thought provoking sermons especially the one where he produced a lump of coal! He was also great in lessons at falling for the "red herring" where we learnt most interesting things that were not in the curriculum. He was also a fearsome sight coming to bowl! Many happy memories."

He sent the second email as a result of seeing the announcement of the death of **Dolf van Zalingen (S54-57)**: "As a contemporary of Dolf's I would like to remember a very good friend by recalling some of his attributes. He was one of the most positive people I have met with a great sense of humour. He could speak numerous languages, coming from Holland of course, including some Turkish. He would receive long letters and would laugh at the jokes in them in the dormitory whereupon he would try and translate them into English . Unfortunately the humour did not translate very well but we would all finish up in convulsions at his attempt to translate them in a way that would be amusing. He and I also started a "press up" competition inspired by **Ean Kinmont (S51-55)**, who must have been one of the finest gymnasts the School produced. The competition lasted three years and ended up with Dolf doing just over 150 without resting. I am afraid I faded at

124! He also excited the whole of School House by his display in the finals of the table tennis competition where his smashes and ability to return from distance were marvelled at. He also was Captain of Swimming where he was rather in a class of his own. He could also entertain by doing a whistling dive from the top board. He was a great Captain of House and I remember him well. Unfortunately I will not be able to return to him a French dictionary loaned to me some 44 years ago."

James D Young (B32-36) sent the following letter with news of his life since leaving Aldenham: "I regret that my experience of Aldenham School in 1932 to 1936 was not such that I hastened to relate my experiences since leaving. I have never been a games player, and a tendency to asthma and bad veins in the legs reinforced that inclination to be Kipling's 'cat that walked by himself'. The School library and its quality I remember with gratitude, since it pointed me to my career in life. I enjoyed as many others did not the teaching of F H English, H R Roach and R J Evans, and have since regretted often that I did not learn Spanish while I could. I had hoped to graduate in Foreign Languages, but family grounds ensured that I took a London degree in Economic History at a low level.

"Because the army medical officer had judged me unfit for active service I was able to complete my degree course. Eventually I was admitted to two years' training in library methods, and found my first branch librarian's post in 1945. Between 1941 and 1943 I had worked in the New Forest with Italian POWs and had shaken my Latin into a semblance of Italian. In 1948, between jobs, I joined a working party of English and German youth-hostellers in Cologne 'for a fortnight'. Pneumonia caught me on the last day but one, and sent me to an Army hospital for three weeks. In the last week, I was allowed into the nearest town of Wuppertal, and was introduced to the public library there. That introduction led, after I had completed basic qualifications, (with Roach's foundation in German) to the Fellowship of the Library Association with an elementary history in English of public libraries in Germany from c.1540 to 1960. That entailed membership of a German library association and travels every year for about 16 years in West Germany. I could regret that I never rose above branch librarian before I retired in 1982.

"In 1948 I took up needlework as a hobby. It is very suitable for a bachelor, because it brings little 'extra baggage' and the makings can be found easily in most towns. It is also a good introduction to 'company' and give one a point of view on places which one may visit. I am now 'into' church needlework; I have made two priest's stoles and have one to finish: I have fitted out a Catholic church with a pall for funerals and a decorated cover for one of their ceremonial vessels.

"I achieved marriage in 1960 and we have one daughter, now herself married and working in computers - at a salary which we envy! We take our holidays in October, in countries of the Mediterranean. I write now from a hotel west of Faro in the Algarve. Both German and French have their uses in Greece and Portugal.

"I hope that the School will improve its academic standard, and that scholarship will gain on games, as I regret it did not in my time. I have agreed to leave my books to the school library in my will, as a measure of thanks for the one part of the School that made it tolerable for me. I doubt whether I have many first editions, and the librarian may have to sell some of the books - but at least that will bring in income, and I shall have given the thanks that are due for service given."

Another e-mail with a change of address and news, this time from **Timothy Carr (M78-83)**: "Having left Aldenham and tried a few odd jobs for a couple of years (lorry driver, messenger, chauffeur) I finally settled down to a career in Distribution. This led me to Spain in 1989 and I have stayed here ever since. Having worked for Exel Logistics and Tibbett and Britten, I am now European Logistics Manager for Deluxe Video Services, part of the Rank Group, basically servicing the major Hollywood studios with video duplication and distribution services across Europe.

"I am married, to Maria Jesus, and we have two children: Rebecca (5) and Michael (3). We now live just into the mountains to the north of Madrid, following a brief 2-year stint in the UK. Life is good, but with more travelling than one would like with a young family."

James Goodwin (K80-85) wants to find his old friends and e-mailed to the Editor: "Thank you for the most recent copy of *Aldenhamiana*. I would be grateful if you would include the following in your next edition, so that I can be remembered to Aldenhamians with whom I have lost contact.

"I have recently graduated with a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Westminster, London. I am currently seeking a new career direction, having worked in sales for over ten years. I am presently living in London and would welcome hearing from other Aldenhamians." His e-mail address is jamesdgoodwin@hotmail.com

Roger McDonald (M85-90) emailed to notify his changed of address and took the opportunity to let us know what he and his brother **Peter McDonald (M86-91)** have been up to: "I went on studying after leaving Aldenham and received my PhD from the University of Kent at Canterbury in 2000, in The History and Theory of Art. I have also been working as an independent curator, making several exhibitions of young British and Japanese artists. I was the assistant curator for the recently held Yokohama Triennale of Contemporary Art 2001. I teach and give lectures at art schools in Japan, and am due to present a paper at a large conference organised by Tate Britain in December 2001 on Japanese Museums and Museology.

"Peter went on to art schools. He studied BA Sculpture at Central St. Martins School of Art and went on to study painting at The Royal Academy Schools from which he graduated in 2000. He has had several exhibitions in Tokyo and London, most recently at The Mizuma Art Gallery in Tokyo (December 2001)."

Holden Lim (P77-82) e-mailed the following snippet of news:

"Working in San Francisco with Sonnenblick-Goldman Company, a real estate investment-banking firm, specialising in the lodging industry. Married with 2 children."

R H G Hoff (S38-41) writes that while looking for OA information in the *Aldenham Register*: "I was most surprised that **George Vasey's (CR09-44)** name was not to be found under 'Assistant Masters' in any of the last three editions of *The History and Register of Aldenham School*. This seems to be strange omission since he was almost an institution in his own right, a wonderful friendly character with a most accurate throw of a hard india-rubber! He is mentioned in many accounts by OAs of their times at Aldenham, and I have very fond memories of him." Dick Hoff asks 'Am I correct in saying that his name is not recorded as stated or have I become even more senile?'

We were happy to reassure Dick that he is not going senile and that had he got copies of the *Aldenham Register* fourth to ninth editions he would indeed have found George Vasey's name. From the tenth edition onwards the names of some of the earlier Assistant Masters were not reprinted. If you have any queries such as this about former staff or pupils, you are always very welcome to contact the OA Office and we will do our best to help.

A brief email from **Richard Seville (K73-78)** in Australia to say: "Please put me down for the Eros Run next year. Achilles tendon injury permitting I will be a participant. It will be 26 years since I organised the first Eros to Eros run with **Jim Robinson (CR74-85)** in 1976. I have often toyed with the idea of running it again but have never managed to get over from Australia."

Coincidentally, **Jim Robinson** himself recently wrote as follows: "I was very pleased to read that (a) you are now Editor of *Aldenhamiana*, and (b) you are looking for 100 OAs to run the Eros to Eros to mark the OA Centenary.

"Richard Seville, as Captain of Cross-country, and I were initiators of the run on Friday 9th July 1976 at 5.00 am. I am pleased to note that it has continued for a further quarter of a century so far, and in that time must have gained many thousands of pounds for charities. I hear rumours that Richard might be running in 2002, but have no confirmation of that.

"I'm afraid my running days are over as, after a lengthy period teaching in Africa (Zimbabwe and South Africa) and a three-year respite teaching in England, I returned to Kenya in 1996 and after nine months contracted transverse myelitis (after a run!), a spinal infection which put me in hospital for 18 months (in Nairobi and Hexham), and in a wheelchair for a considerable time thereafter. However, I am pleased that I am now very much on my feet again, and enjoying retirement in Yorkshire! I am also fortunate in that I've never had to stop driving, but my speed on foot has decreased considerably.

"I hope that all is well with you, and that the 2002 Eros Run will be a great success"

Martin Field (CR89-) a member of staff at Aldenham for 13

years contributed the following item: "Some OAs will remember that in 1998 I was carrying out research into the relationship between Aldenham and GLENARTNEY (see *Aldenhamiana* 14, February 1997 and *Aldenhamiana* 19, February 1998). The fruit of this research, which yielded an enormous amount of information from OAs and members of GLENARTNEY's crews, was a memorable Service of Remembrance and Dedication during which a plaque honouring our relationship was unveiled in the school chapel.

"Since that time hardly a term has gone by without my receiving some information, letter, card or memento related to Aldenham and GLENARTNEY.

"Just before Christmas 2001 **Geoffrey Smethurst (P44-48)** sent me a couple of wonderful photographs taken during a ship visit on the 13th May 1948."

Featured from left to right are : M S Baxter (S46-52), K J



Prosser (P47-51), R J Griggs (CR44-71), I J Evans (B46-51), S N Hatcher (S45-49), G E F Rawlins (P44-49), M English (First Officer), D A K Gibson (P47-50), H R M Roberts (S45-50), host from the shipping line, C C StG Sproule (M44-48), A E Grosset (S44-48).

Jeremy K Wilkinson (S47-51) wrote: " I read the fond remembrance of RMB Kerr by his son Nicholas with sadness, uplifting though his account was.

"RMBK was School House Captain at the time of the first dance held after the war, which I attended along with most of the boys. With great trepidation I asked an unattended girl to dance and was taken aback when refused. This same girl was still alone a little later and this time my request received the unexpectedly tart reply 'you don't have to you know'. Subsequently I discovered that Mary Frances Kerr, the House Captain's sister, had earlier been fed a supply of prospective partners under orders from her brother and was not happy about it.

"Mary and I, having at one stage cleared the floor with what turned out to be an exhibition polka went out for a walk in the grounds. Hours later, it must have been well after midnight, search parties set out to find us.

"The level head and even then quiet understanding of RMBK

saved me from severe repercussions - and our dazed, transparent innocence. In fact action was taken (see note).

"Recently, friends returning from the UK, knowing I was a Londoner gave me their street finder. I spend many a nostalgic and happy moment looking up places of interest and I have scoured the Palmers Green - Winchmore Hill areas searching from memory but in vain for the Kerr home. When Nicholas wrote of Woodberry Avenue, memory flooded back and I flew to find it.

"Doctor and Mrs Kerr (Sr) who had met my parents (how significant that was) kindly offered me their spare room on a number of occasions until National Service and the Army sent me overseas. Alas, after four years, Mary terminated our relationship just days before I embarked from Port Said for demob.

"Hilton Press took me back in a lowly position until after eighteen months I accepted an offer to work in Australia as a jackeroo. It was a wonderful experience but after two years I returned to help my mother and stepfather run a pub in East Sussex. When this didn't work out, I kept going with a variety of temporary work until joining Hector Whaling for the 1958-59 Antarctic season (where astonishingly I met **Tim Kneuth***)

"I then spent a year with a delightful wine merchant in Bexhill and would have happily remained in this trade had I not now been too old for the offered apprenticeship - and newly married. So it was back to London where I was a rep. For an Artist's Agency and then Picture Editor of Tit Bits (you may laff, but it was a great job). When Newnes became IPC Norma and I set off for Australia. She found work easily but I kept going with a different variety of much harder temporary work, including in the sheds 'back o'Bourke', until I found myself in the sales office of a white goods manufacturer in Brisbane.

"At the age of 33 I decided to aim for a career and began a four-year part time advertising diploma course at the (then) Central Technical College in Brisbane. From then until retirement (with some hiccoughs) I worked in the advertising and graphic arts industry in Brisbane, finally being retrenched at 61 from the position of advertising manager of a statewide chain of hardware stores. The Australian government, bless 'em, offered me early retirement which I accepted with alacrity.

"I have been married three times and have no children: indeed no family, being the last survivor and having left the third marriage six years ago. Life is peaceful and contented now with Liam, a five year old Irish Setter and a companionable cat (not called Wilhelmina).

"Community volunteer work takes up some time and Liam and I train for a variety of trials: obedience, agility, retrieving (annoying the purists) and tracking. We have a reasonably full trophy cabinet and several titles, but in maturing he has acquired a troublesome attitude: where from I cannot imagine.

"NOTE. I was caned once by Mr Parren, the morning after a

fracas caused by an apple pie bed. I remonstrated vigorously with attending prefect, complaining with good reason that the ensuing disturbance was quite unnecessary. The charge was gross insubordination. In later years I might well have been shot: no prizes for guessing the name of the prefect."

***Jeremy Wilkinson remembers this OA's name as Tim Kneuth, but we can find no reference to anyone of that name. If any OA can help identify him please get in touch with the OA office. Jeremy says "he would have been a few years younger than I and his family owned an orchard, perhaps in East Anglia. He played an indifferent game of cribbage!"**

A brief telephone call from Marion Ridgway, mother of **James Ridgway (K88-91)**, let us know that James is currently Deputy Head, and teaching RS, at Oumsdale School, Womborn, Wolverhampton and also studying for a Diploma of Education Management at Staffordshire University.

Christopher Beale (S53-58) writes: "The quality and scope of your October issue was such as to trigger a certain guilt - given the time elapsing since I last was in contact with Aldenham.

"Earlier years - with others, saw my regular visits to assist Bob Stokes with his lower LVI Career Lectures. The fact that I then rejoiced in the title of 'Brand Manager - Andrex' seemed to add a level of humour for those who would ultimately face the prospect of earning a living. Since then, a diet of extensive business travel throughout the United States, Europe, Africa and Far East plus a growing, and now fully grown, family seemed to take up all the hours that have been available.

"And so it continues. Whilst my more sensible contemporaries are contemplating retirement - if indeed they haven't already, my own activities continue as a 'headhunter' operating out of London and Geneva. To which has fairly recently been added a part-time role, the detail of which is enclosed(see Honours and Appointments). Early months have seen less of the part and great deal more of the time - but none the less enjoyable. With kind regards - and very real congratulations on the presentation of your first edition. I will try to 'do better' in the future..... !"

The following is part of an email sent to **John McAllister (CR67-)** from **Sian Edwards (P84-86)**: "Dear John, How nice to hear from you. The company I run does Film and TV production out of New York. I run the company with another English woman and we do a lot of programmes for the BBC and other clients who include most other UK TV stations and in the US HBO, Court TV and VH1.

"I have to say it is a dream come true to work here. I came to New York to do a masters in film at Columbia University 6 years ago and won an award for producing that led to working for Woody Allen and then running my own company and I really love it. We are doing our first feature film in Thailand next year.

"I'd love to hear about everything going on at Aldenham.

I have recently been in touch with the Paull's girls who are all thriving: both **Adrienne Taylor (nee Phillips) (P84-86)** and **Jessica Bickerton (nee Irvine) (P84-86)** recently got married. **Sue Raison (nee Trewartha) (P84-86)** has three kids, **Simonne Friese (nee Amegashie) (P84-86)** one and **Hashia Atta ((P84-86)** used to work for the UN and now has a T-shirt printing business in Ghana"

Prompted by the letter from Maurice Sharp in *Aldenhamiana* 23 **Keith F W Tooley (B36-40)** sent the following: "I was interested to read the article from Maurice Sharp (also Beevor's) about the excellence of the masters who kept Aldenham going during World War II. Maurice was a Classical Scholar, and I admire his choice of bouquets, which surely were well merited.

"Being rather lower in the educational pecking order - Geography was my subject - I had a great admiration for Jock Evans, and I still have, he was the very best as far as I am concerned. He had a very different approach to the subject. Briefly, take a country, consider its climate, what can it grow, when will it be harvested and ready for shipment? Who wants the crop! He would have liked to have been into shipping himself, and recommended it to us all to consider.

"Quizzes were virtually unknown in those days. Jock having fired my imagination and interest, seems to have ensured that Geography questions are passed over to me still. No offers or challenges, thank you."

Tony Weston (B83-88) who had some bad luck when he was in a motor bike accident 2 years ago sent us the following news: "What a bizarre couple of years! I have been competing at the highest end of the Amateur International Field Archery Circuit since 1991, and towards the middle of 2000, I had finally managed to get everything in line to attempt an assault on the only Professional Archery Circuit in the World, which is, of course, in America, for the 2001 series. Then my world was literally turned upside-down as I flew through the air having just been hit head on by an oncoming car on the wrong side of the road. Having been assured by the Doctors that I was never going to be able to compete at this level again, and that my newly rearranged arm was always going to cause me a lot of pain, I decided to make sure this wasn't the case.

"After a few operations, a phenomenal amount of physio and on



going acupuncture (sceptical as I was - it does help a great deal) I managed to get myself barely fit enough to compete in the International Field Archery Association 2001 European Championships. I was also given the role of England Team Manager for the event (very much a double edged sword). It's obviously a great honour, but it's b-----y hard work - which they always manage to forget to mention at the time of asking you to take on the role. The England Team did fantastically well and much to everyone's surprise (including my own) I managed to hold onto a small third day lead to win the event.

"Having won 22 National Titles in the past ten years, this was my first European Title, and one I am very proud of. So to the future, well I still haven't fulfilled my dream of competing on the Professional Circuit in America, so America will be my first port of call next year and now I've got to defend my European title, which is being held in England for the first time since I can remember. Unfortunately I've still got to have further surgery on my arm, which is lined up for the end of February, but hopefully this shouldn't put me out of action for too long.

"If all goes to plan during 2002 I will be competing in 22 major tournaments being held in America, England, Scotland and South Africa and continuing my role as the England Team Manager. If anyone would like any further information on archery or can help with the difficult issue of sponsorship however limited, I would love to hear from them.

"Contact: Tony Weston, 11 Longcroft Ave, Harpenden Herts, AL5 2RD
Tel: 0797 141 7770, Fax: 01582 623846, or email: toxophilytony@aol.com"

Roger Lloyd-Taylor (S51-56) was listed as a lost OA but thanks to his brother **Peter Lloyd-Taylor (S43-45)** we located him and he sent the following letter: "I often think of my days at Aldenham. It was one of the best periods of my life. I had a lot of very good friends. Also some great masters - all perhaps in their own individual ways! Messrs. Kennedy, Parren, Bolt, Harrington, Robertson, Tyson, Wright, Pollard, Mason G, Waddell and so on.

"At one time I had close links with Aldenham. My two elder brothers - **Peter** and **Alan (S44-46)** - had been there before me. Then came my nephew **Michael Frey (S73-76)** and finally my son **Robert (M80-84)**. For some years I played cricket, football, hockey and fives for the OAs and was a frequent visitor to the school.

"I was called upon to do my two years National Service in the 16/5th Queen's Royal Lancers and then followed a successful and rewarding life in publishing which took me to all parts of the world.

"I retired early and came to Spain about seven years ago. I play tennis nearly every day at the famous Lew Hoard Tennis Club. Lew was the great tennis champion of the 1950s. I seem to be very busy with a variety of activities. Also I have tried to absorb myself into a Spanish way of life (with its plethora of culture

and history) living amongst these interesting and friendly people. I live inland in a small house - part of an old farmhouse - in a pueblo set in the hills and countryside just far enough away from the tourists and beaches of the Costa del Sol!

"It goes without saying that I would be pleased to see any OA who is ever in these parts."

Hizwani Hassan (M81-86) emailed us the following news: " Since I left McGill's in 1986 I have never gone back to Aldenham nor have I been good at keeping in touch. I have tended to look forward and have never looked back from wherever it is I have been. Of course I remember the past, but I do not dwell on it. I have procrastinated about sending news to the *Aldenhamiana*. With e-mail, there is simply no excuse. I think most people will remember me as Ronnie, the name mistakenly given to me by **Nigel Fenn (M81-86)** on my first night at Aldenham. My English was probably very bad then and I had the task of trying to talk and listen in a foreign language, outside a classroom environment, whilst trying to deal with the concerns about being alone in a foreign land. All I had to look forward to was the fact that I was now near to Highbury, to see my heroes that I had only ever seen on TV.

"Before I proceed, I would like to thank the individuals who I am indebted to for helping mould me into the person that I am today. This is in no particular order. I thank MAH, TAF, JBT, the Wilcocksons and Chris Arkell (not only did I have to master a new language - English - I also had to pick up from scratch French). To them, thank you for your belief in me. I am now firstly a husband to Nora, who is a kindergarten teacher. And I am a father to three girls and a boy under age 6.

"Chronologically, when I left Aldenham, I headed to the LSE to study Economics having been inspired by TAF. It was great, but certainly challenging. I have never considered myself brilliant academically. It was through sheer hard work. For my A-levels, I only had one goal; that was to go to the LSE. I used to stay up till 2 am in the drying room in McGill's bathroom and get up at 6am to study. I knew that the world does not owe me anything. I had to go and grab it.

"During the time I was at the LSE I was very active in the arts - dance and acting. I learnt to understand the British sense of humour and I learnt to read the *Economist* and the English broadsheets. I also made a decision that I needed to become a chartered accountant. Why? I hated and was not good at figures, but I saw that it was passport to opportunities in the corporate world.

"Talking about not liking figures, the one regret I have about Aldenham was not taking Maths A-Level. I think my maths O-Levels was not great; I got a B. I think I was told not to take Maths A-level. With hindsight, I should have insisted. That would have made life easier when I did my degree and my ICAEW exams.

"I joined Ernst and Young, London for my articles and managed to get promoted every year. I had a good time. Being a boyee at

Aldenham was good training for the initial stages of my articles. I specialised in the insurance industry. I qualified in 1994 having failed my exams at every level. But I never gave up as I wanted it bad.

"I went home to Malaysia in 1995. These were the boom years. There were opportunities galore especially for people with my qualifications and experience. I went against convention and joined a commercial bank that was newly set-up in Malaysia. I managed to get myself noticed by the management and set-up and managed several departments. My main task was to set up the policies and processes of the bank and handle corporate planning. In the course of 5 years, I was promoted 4 times. I had always planned to leave after 5 years (as by that time I would be able to exercise my stock options).

"In 2000, one of our bank clients was awarded a privatisation project and I was offered the job as their Chief Financial Officer. It was a brilliant time as I was their first staff and it was just a start-up. There were times when we did not have the cash to pay the salary. But the shareholders were the nicest people you can work for. Working till 7 am was normal.

"After one year, I had done all the financing work and getting the terms and conditions sorted out with the Government and I was asked to consider a position as the Senior General Manager for a semi-government financial institution, the Employees Provident Fund. It is the biggest financial institution in Malaysia and is probably the biggest and oldest government provident fund in the world. I do not think there has been any person in my position who was not at least 40 years old. So, it is an honour. All employees in Malaysia contribute to this fund. The purpose is to provide people with a lump sum upon the age of retirement. I am here on a three-year contract. I took a pay cut to work here as I believe it is about time to serve my nation. After my contract is up, I do not wish to be an employee any longer.

"That is my story so far. Perhaps I have procrastinated in not writing because I think my story is rather boring. I have intermittently kept in touch with these wonderful people - **Simon Fong (M81-86)**, the late **Mark Neave (M81-86)**, **Simon Harris (M81-86)**, **Mark Pritchard (M82-87)**, **Gordon Guy (82-86)**, **Julian Cocking (M82-87)** and **Richard Bartlett (M82-87)**. Anyway, it is not too late to start again, right guys? So, for those who want to reach me, you can send an e-mail to hizwani@hotmail.com.

"The biggest thing that I learnt at Aldenham was that it does not matter whether you are good at something or not. All that matters is that you have a go and give it your best shot. That is what matters. It is better to regret doing something than to regret not doing something."

The following is an article written by **John Woodrow (B46-51)** and **A N Gillman (P31-35)** which also appeared in the most recent edition of *The Aldenhamian*: "In the early 1950s the formation of an association with charitable status was put forward as an idea to raise funds for the School. Some concern

was felt at the time whether this would undermine the Aldenham School War Memorial Fund. As, however, the objectives of that fund were primarily to help pay the fees of the sons of OAs killed or adversely affected financially by the 1939-45 war, the conclusion was reached that the wider objectives envisaged by the Friends would not conflict but would appeal to a far wider range of contributors.

"And so in May 1952 the Association was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee. The prime movers were a number of the most distinguished and active OAs of that period - **Sir Wallace Akers (S01-06)**, **C R Akers (S01-08)**, **T H Savory (P07-15)**, **Maurice Berkeley (M15-22)**, **A N Gillman** and **Ernest Perkins (P30-34)** among several others.

"During the next twenty years many more distinguished OAs became associated with the Friends - including such well-known figures as **Gen. Sir Richard Gale (S11-13)** and the ubiquitous Jack Waddell, not to mention the current Headmasters and members of Staff.

"During that period the Association was very active. Amongst other things it provided finance towards the football stand on Cooke's Field, the new Art Block between the Science Block and the old swimming pools, and the Sixth Form Common Room. The Association also took an active role in the promotion of the 1963 appeal.

"There followed a period from 1974 to 1985 which might most kindly be described as hibernation. No company returns were filed and the Company was struck off the Companies Register. It was then discovered that a fund of money remained at the Midland Bank, Poultry, which had become bona vacantia ie. had passed to the State. John Woodrow by that time was a partner at Norton Rose, Solicitors. **David Brimacombe (B72-76)** restored the Company to the Register in 1985 (and recovered the money). **James Bateson (K75-80)** redrafted the Articles of Association in 1989. Both were then Assistant Solicitors at Norton Rose!

"The income of the Friends since restoration has been very small. However when the Appeal was launched in 1997, it was decided to run a raffle through the Company as it has Charitable status. The Treasurer **Tony Hunt (B49-54)** organised this so superbly that it was decided to hold another raffle in 1999. The major prizes, a Harley Davidson and a Peugeot 206, were organised by parents of boys at the School. Indeed the Parents' Association has been involved with the Friends since 1995 and has a representative on the Council.

"Both Tony Hart and John Woodrow would like to retire from office as Treasurer and Secretary respectively, but feel that the future of the Friends should be established before we do so. Any ideas (or volunteers!) would be most welcome.

"The above appeared in the last edition of the *Aldenhamian*. Since then, the Friends Council met on 16th January 2002 and came to the conclusion that as the Aldenham School General Charitable Trust has become the main fund raising vehicle for

the School, the Association has probably become redundant. It was therefore decided that unless a specific reason could be found for retaining the Association, it should be terminated as at 31st March 2003 and the then remaining assets, which are very unlikely to exceed £2,000 after expenses, be donated to the School in compliance with the association's Memorandum of Association.

"It was decided to retain the Association for the current year in order to give OAs and the Parents' Association or anyone else connected with the School the opportunity to consider whether it could be used as a separate fund raising organisation.

"If you wish to air your views, please write to John Woodrow either at the School or at Pendley Wood House, Pendley, Tring, Herts HP23 5QY before 31st December 2002."

For the keen skiers amongst you the following letter from **Richard Evans (M82-87)** will be of particular interest: "Since leaving Aldenham I have spent several years in direct sales hitting monthly targets in various direct sales jobs broken up by a couple of ski seasons and a round the world trip. A couple of years ago I sold the client base of my telecom's dealership and packed a rucksack and spent five months backpacking round South and Central America - an amazing continent which I would recommend to everyone. I then spent a couple of months skiing various resorts in the US before returning to the UK and then to France in search of a chalet.

"I have set up a chalet company - Altitude Holidays Ltd. We have two chalets in Courchevel that sleep 12 & 14, close to the slopes and village centre. We specialise in attention to detail and personal service that the big boys don't or can't offer. I would be pleased to offer all OA's a 10% discount - find out more on the web at www.altitudeholidays.com or call us for a brochure on 0870 870 7669. It would be good to meet up with some familiar faces on the slopes or for the après ski and meet new ones - I hope to see some OA's in Courchevel this season!!"

Timothy Glazier (P47-51) sent in this report titled 'Round the World in 180 Days': "All our children get 'years out' and exotic overseas school trips these days, so my wife Victoria and I decided that the time had come to make up for our deprived formative years and so it came about that two sixty-something backpackers set off in November 2000 for Chennai (Madras). Other than the fixed air travel destinations of our round-the-world air tickets we had few other firm arrangements, intending to organise our itinerary and travel arrangements as we went. We spent three amazing months in India - Victoria called it 'awesome' India, to cover both the testing conditions that India offers in smell, poverty, crowds and confusion, and the breathtaking sights, sounds, people and spirituality that quite literally filled us with 'awe'. Our accommodation varied between religious ashrams and the quaint old colonial clubs that still flourish, including the Madras Gymkhana Club, the Ootacamund Club in the old hill station area of the Nilgiri Hills - traditionally known as 'snooty Ooty' - the Bangalore Club and the Delhi Gymkhana. "Our travels unfolded in a wonderful fashion - journeying some 5000 miles by the superb Indian train system, the not so

wonderful - in fact positively terrifying - buses and only slightly less testing taxis and rickshaws. Our adventures included a visit to the Christian Ashram that had been the home of the visionary Benedictine Monk Father Bede Griffiths in Southern India, two weeks over Christmas on the sunny beaches of Goa and joining a party of friends from England for an Anglo-Indian ecological conference in the holy city of Vrindavan. We also visited a remarkable hospital and medical college set up to service the needs of the village people in the foothills of the Himalayas, but the highlight and focus of our journey was spending three weeks with a party of 500 Westerners at the Kumbha Mela in Allahabad. This is the sacred festival that takes place every 12 years on the banks of the Ganges which was attended this year by an estimated 50 million people, making it the largest sacred gathering of people in history. You may have seen the coverage in January 2001 on Channel 4 television - suffice it to say that being there was a truly incredible and a life changing experience!

"Our tour continued to Singapore, ten weeks in sensational



Australia, including a camping safari around Ayers Rock and six weeks in Victoria which culminated in the wedding of my eldest son to his Australian fiancée. The global circumambulation was continued by visiting friends on the East Coast of America, revisiting the then undeseccated Big Apple and marvelling at Niagara falls. Then home, full of wonder, humility and gratitude at the vastness, glory and variety of this extraordinary, bountiful and precious planet and the richness and diversity of our fellow human beings!

"We strongly recommend to OAs of a certain age to get your year out in - before its too late."

Edred N Bowman (M48-52) writes from Shaftesbury: "Whilst in Uganda as Managing Director of Barclays operations there from 1984-1990, I was appointed a Lay Reader in the Church of Uganda serving in Kampala and Namirembe Dioceses. I also was a visiting Lay Reader in Busoga and Mbale Dioceses. I was appointed by the Norwegian Government to be their Honorary Consul for Uganda and so re-establishing a local diplomatic presence which had been closed in the mid-1970's (during Idi

Amin's regime). Life was very busy as I was Chairman of the Uganda Bankers Association as well as Vice President of the local Institute of Bankers Centre.

"Retiring in 1990, I became a Sarum Reader in the Diocese of Salisbury and completed a BA Hons with the Open University. My wife, Ida, is also a Sarum Reader so living as we do in rural North Dorset, we are both kept very busy - particularly on Sundays. I have recently been appointed Lay Chaplain to the Barclays International Pensioners Club - with over 2,000 members, many of whom I have worked with when Barclays had a larger presence in the Caribbean, Africa, USA and the Far East, than they do now. It is certainly an interesting way to keep in touch with former colleagues.

"Retirement is full of surprises and the cliché that when the big door closes, many little ones are opened, is certainly true in my case."

Another e-mail, this time from **Simon Gotelee (S71-76)**: "Thank you for sending the most recent copy of *Aldenhamiana* to me - it is interesting to see what is happening at the school these days and to find out what contemporaries are doing these days.

"I recently met up with three of them at **Nicholas Davey's (S71-76)** wedding to Cicely Corke, **Andrew Sanderson (S70-75)**, **Roger Welch (S70-75)** and **Simon Mills (B71-76)** and had a very enjoyable day together. On that occasion, we did not talk much about Aldenham, possibly because wives were there too, unlike other occasions when we meet up on our own!"

Simon also notified the OA office of his new address. If you would like to contact him or any friends from your Aldenham days, the OA office is always willing to help you find them.

A D L Smith Hilliard (M40-41) wrote to us commenting on items in the last edition of *Aldenhamiana*: "At the end of Page 12 there is a reference to the School's Home Guard doing ARP guard duties at night. I do not remember there being a Home Guard, but I well remember spending, with one or two other 'guardians', much of many a night cramped in the telephone box in the nearby village very close to the school, we being said to be watching out for incendiaries for the protection of the local inhabitants, although I cannot recall that we had any sand or implements with which to attack an incendiary if one were to fall by the telephone kiosk.

"I am intrigued by the report at page 7 by Richard Cutler following the death of John A Martin of the Aston Martin Family. During my time Astons were somewhat unreliable cars. I remember a local builder, named Lewis, who had a Mercedes SL for use when his Aston would not start. When I decided to change my Jaguar XK 140 I went down to the Aston factory to ask which I should have between another Jaguar or a DB5. I was unofficially advised to have another Jaguar, it being half the price and twice as reliable. I eventually ended up with one of the first E-types. I later bought - and have scarcely ever used -

a Princess Diana type Jaguar XJS Cabrio, except that hers was green, whereas mine is Carmen red, as a colour repeat of my bright red E-type.

"And I see that John Martin was a Radio Operator/Gunner on Blenheims and Bostons in WW2. For a time I saw myself flying Bostons, but my fastest twin was a P61 Black Widow. My last flight was on Tuesday 14th August 1945, the Bombs having been dropped on 6th and 9th August. Onto my USAAF flying cap I have since put '82', the number of the Enola Gay B20."

Mr Smith Hilliard also draws our attention to **Karren Brady (B85-87)** (Managing Director of Birmingham City Football Club) being an eminent OA. We agree and hope this will prompt her to write to us with her reminiscences (and perhaps some free match tickets!).

FREEMASONRY

The Old Aldenhamian Lodge, No. 4884 (founded 1926)

The Old Aldenhamian Lodge, which exists primarily for past members of Aldenham School, its Governors and its teaching staff, present and past, meets at 10 Duke Street, St James's, London SW1 on the second Wednesday in January, the first Wednesday in March, and the third Wednesday in June and October.

Full particulars of the Lodge can be obtained from the Secretary:-

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OLD ALDENHAMIAN DAY

Sunday 19th May 2002

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- 10.30 am OAs from the 1920s and 1930s gather in their houses for coffee.
- 11.30 am Chapel Service which will incorporate a Memorial Tribute to Donald Parren.
- 12.30 pm Drinks on the School House Lawn.
- 1.00 pm Lunch
- Lunch in the School Dining Hall hosted by the School for those who entered the School in the years from 1919 to 1938 .(Separate invitations will follow)· OA Day Lunch (**pre booked/ticketed**) also in the School Dining Hall. **See separate application in *Aldenhiana*.**
 - Reception and Lunch in the Library for lady OAs.(Separate invitations will follow)
 - Alternatively you may want to bring your own picnic, weather permitting on the edge of the Main Field.
- 2.00 pm Family Sports Day featuring:
1. Penalty Shoot Out
 - 2.00 pm 5yrs and under
 - 2.45 pm 6 - 10 yrs
 - 3.30 pm 11yrs and over and Parents
 2. Target Golf
 - 2.00 pm 6 - 10 yrs
 - 2.45 pm 11 yrs and over and Parents
 - 3.30 pm 5 yrs and under
 3. Kwik Cricket
 - 2.00 pm 11 yrs and over and Parents
 - 2.45 pm 5 yrs and under
 - 3.30 pm 6 - 10 yrs
- 4.15 pm Prize Giving at the Cricket Pavillion.

OA DAY BBQ

**5.30 pm onwards BBQ in front of the Tuck Shop.
Please see application form.**

Please come for all or part of the day!

OA DAY LUNCH

In order to receive tickets for the lunch please complete and return this form together with your cheque made payable to "Old Aldenhamian Society" to: Molly Barton, OA Office, Aldenham School, Elstree, Herts WD6 3AJ or telephone 01923 858122.

Name, house and dates at Aldenham:

Address:

Telephone No: e-mailaddress:

I would like tickets for the Lunch at £10.00 per ticket and enclose a cheque for £.....

FAMILY SPORTS DAY

To help with the arrangements and to ensure you all have an excellent day it would be useful for us to know in advance who is going to enter the Family Sports Day, so please complete and send the application form below to: Molly Barton, OA Office, Aldenham School, Elstree, Herts WD6 3AJ or telephone 01923 858122.

Name, house and dates at Aldenham:

Address:

Telephone No: e-mail address:

Number of Children: aged 5 yrs and under

..... aged 6 - 10 yrs

..... aged 11 yrs and over and parents

OA DAY BBQ

This will be the third OA BBQ. Over 100 people attended last year and it was a great success. For tickets for this year's BBQ please complete and return this form together with your cheque made payable to "Old Aldenhamian Society" to: Molly Barton, OA Office, Aldenham School, Elstree, Herts WD6 3AJ or telephone 01923 858122.

Name, house and dates at Aldenham:

Address:

Telephone No: e-mail address:

I would like tickets for the BBQ at £6.00 per ticket and enclose a cheque for £

