

Old Raineians' Association NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2009

AGM

**The 2009 AGM will be held
on Friday 8th May at**

**The Civil Service Club
13-15 Great Scotland Yard
London SW1A 2HJ**

**Meeting commences at 18.30
bar & refreshments**

The Winter Reunion 2008, held at the Civil Service Club in London, was well supported and a very enjoyable evening. An excellent DJ provided the background music, with many members taking to the dance floor. Our esteemed President took full advantage of his powers of office and had female members falling at his feet (simply because they were dropped from a great height whilst he was impersonating John Travolta). See website under Reunions for proof !

It was good to see new faces as well as regulars, including several non-members who had contacted the committee via Friends Reunited.

The Civil Service Club

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CHERRY ANN BRIGGS (WOOLVERTON) – 1954-1960

On leaving school, I worked in the City, working my way up from clerk, to shorthand-typist and then a secretary for a senior partner in a firm of solicitors. I married in 1965 and moved to Sutton, Surrey, where I worked locally until my husband died in 1985. Having had an early background in dance (I was on the stage at 3 years of age until I attended Raine's) I attended local classes for tap, modern dance and Keep Fit, where I later trained as a leader. Being more of a performer than a teacher, I found teaching was not really for me, and so when I joined Ernst & Whinney (later Ernst & Young) in London in 1983, it was somewhat of a relief that time did not allow for taking a class.

Working in London again after so long was wonderful and I was able to indulge in going to the theatre, ballet, concerts and attend lectures.

I moved down to Hove in 1996 to live with my partner, Derek and later gave up working in London as the commuting was a bit tedious and time consuming. As Derek was a member of a local amateur theatre group, I would tag along but then decided to become a member myself. I then expressed an interest in costumes and now find myself responsible for the Wardrobe and 'dressing' the productions. The other year, I was elected on to the Committee where I am the Secretary. The shorthand has been resurrected, but is very rusty! I also liaise with other local amateur societies and exchange publicity. There are so many good amateur societies about that there is never a lack of a theatre to attend. Also, Brighton has so much to offer in the way of art and culture. Being a Regency City, I have joined the Regency society where we have monthly lectures, and the AGM is held in the Music Room of the Royal Pavilion, which is a bonus. I have also joined the Hove Civic society and the Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society, again attending monthly lectures. To keep the little grey cells alive and active, I attend a course each year, which usually entails some written work for assessment. At the moment I am studying Art and the Impressionists.

About once a month I go to London to meet friends, either for the theatre,

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I look back on my days at Raine's with affection, and still have my badge taken from my hat as a permanent memento.



**Cherry Wolverton and Sylvie reminisce at
The original GIRLS entrance.**

**Thanks to Cherry also for the 1955 School
Panorama on the website**

New Members

David Powell 1958 -63

Events

This year's Winter Reunion to be advised.

The Committee is proposing to attempt the ORA Walk again, hopefully in May or June. If anyone is interested, please contact any Committee member for details.

Thanks to all our contributors and Committee members for their articles
Photographs and memories.

We depend on your letters and photos and look forward to hearing from
anyone with an interesting story from their time at Raines.

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