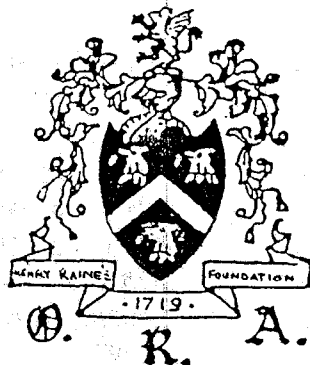


# OLD RAINEIANS' ASSOCIATION



## NEWSLETTER

November 1988

Dear Old Raineians,

We were delighted that the July Newsletter brought a good response, and had the postal strike not intervened, I am sure even more folk would have written with their news. Several responded by becoming life members, and if they have not yet had an acknowledgement, we apologise - there is an information chain within the committee which can be slow to function, and again, the G.P.O. didn't help. It was nice to see almost forty of you, in a widespread age-group, at the "Blind Beggar" at the end of September, and in October the School Parents' Association held a Quiz Night and we managed to assemble a team of Old Raineians, who not only enjoyed the evening and the supper, but came second - winners being a table of Staff!

Some items of School News first. Regrettably, Mrs. Anne Johnson has taken early retirement because of ill health; Mr. 'Reff' Reffold is also taking early retirement at the end of this term. The O.R.A. are greatly indebted to him for his 'rescue operation' about four years ago, when the Association seemed to be in danger of sinking into oblivion, and his loyalty to the school and interest in the pupils will long be remembered with affection. Our good wishes for long, happy and above all, healthy retirements go to both these long-serving and dedicated members of staff.

Next term the geography department will include another O.R., Douglas Marks - congratulations on his appointment. Now we might hear more of the Marks clan. Congratulations too to the present head girl and head boy, Samantha Sawyer and Sam Bentley.

Congratulations also to ex-pupils recently gaining degrees - apologies for any omissions, but information has to be given to us.

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| M.Sc. | David Spencer                                                                                                                                                                           |
| B.Sc. | Terry Ann Bryan                                                                                                                                                                         |
| B.Sc. | Jonathan Fitt                                                                                                                                                                           |
| B.A.  | Harry Sherwood - He left Raine's in 1939 and went into dentistry, and after retiring in 1983 undertook a History course at University College - thus proving that it is never too late! |
| B.Sc. | Paul Kloss                                                                                                                                                                              |
| B.Sc. | Grace Lee                                                                                                                                                                               |

The last Newsletter and campaign to recruit new members brought quite a good response, and some interesting letters, also some of the missing addresses. We apologise to anyone whose name appeared as a 'lost' member, as the lists became confused - never mind, it made people write and complain that they didn't like being considered 'missing'! Alan Oates is director of a container firm based at Southend, Sue Wyburn sent her new address; James Keen, who left in 1949, would like to renew contact and friendship with contemporaries. Does anyone know Tracy Richter's present address? - her newsletter was returned by G.P.O.

Tom Howgill sent us several addresses and also pointed out that we had included some members who were deceased on our lists - we send sincere apologies to relatives of W.G. Howgill, A.D. Taylor, J.D. Wale and particularly Stan Matthews.

We welcome as new life members:-

Tom Duncan who is Editor of Docklands Recorder. He entered journalism via the E. London Advertiser, two years in Fleet Street and became News Editor of the Ilford Recorder before becoming an Editor. He has also just completed a 3-year course of training for a lay ministry and was admitted and licensed by the Bishop of Stepney on November 1st.

Paul Kloss, a previous head boy, and now doing an M.Sc. course at Warwick.

Sam Morley who sold up an engineering business and is now a self-publishing author of "Victory in Site" and his latest "If it wasn't for Golf" - anyone interested in purchase, please contact us.

Nicola Killick - a veterinary nurse at Blue Cross Animal Hospital.

Wendy Kendall - training to be a nurse.

Jean Hunt (Jacques) lives near the Lower School, has been married 21 years and has two daughters - she works part-time as a chemist's assistant and would love to get in touch with any contemporaries.

Beryl Woodridge (Cadman) left in 1938 and bemoans the fact that there is seldom information about pre-war pupils - she is interested in modern sequence dancing.

Hilary Selby (Tear) lives in Chislehurst and together with her husband, set up their own company furnishing and making ready for letting, property owned by ex-patriots in London.

### "Blind Beggar" News

J. de'Ath is a Senior Officer in Customs & Excise, brother David has moved to S. Africa and has a year old son.

Brian Chaperlin is married, living in Beckenham and is a Chartered Surveyor.

Patricia Lowe is studying at polytechnic.

Samantha Marsan is a Dealer's Assistant in a Norwegian bank.

Tony Vowell is a money broker, brother John works in Computer Dept. at Lloyds Bank. Lian Ashby is studying Physics at university.

Terry Pryer is in New York at Football College! Debbie Halls works for a stock-broking firm, and Michele Davies is a Recruitment Officer.

A group of nurses-in-training, Angela Perry, Wendy Kendall and Leigh Oliver - their contemporaries - Julia Harvard is a jewellery supervisor at Argos, June Baker is in a solicitor's office and Sarah Parkinson is studying Theology.

A group who left in 1982 are all banking in the City, Pat O'Cavanagh, Gillian Groves and Alan Thornton. Tracy Barrow (Robinson) of the same year lives in Blackheath and is in contact with Kerry Goodall, Andrea Brable, Debbie Brown (Edmead), Debbie Vernall (Knight), Jenny Casey (Farrant), Jayne Marshall (Neighbour), John Neighbour, Jason Orgles and John Meredith.

Norman Holland brought along with him Dave Arter, whose son is at Davenant where Richard Tillbrook teaches, M. Robinson and Bert Lawley. There was quite a large contingent of 1967/68 leavers, Alan Johnson and his wife Sandra (Dorris), Jacky Brown (Cramer), Carol Cafferty (Slater), Terry Plummer and wife Ann (Levy), Glennys Hughes Jenkins and Fred Groom. Fred is Deputy Head of a school in Barnet and lives in Barnet with his wife and 2 children, another addition imminent - he regularly sees Howard Tracy and Alan Revil. Stuart Howson was one of the "Tower of London" inmates and remembered Micky Russell, Helen and Nicholas Beeson, Karen Bailey and Jonathan McCoig. Jonathan and Micky were keen skiers as is Robert Morgan, living in Purley and working as a regional Managing Director for Dollond & Aitchison - he would like to know the whereabouts of Terry Chimes, Glenn Cole, Brian Parker and anyone else from his year. Tony Kay is an insurance broker and financial adviser, and has bravely sent his elder daughter to Raine's! (and says he still has to do homework). Vic Hills, working at County

Hall, is awaiting the demise of ILEA with interest, Dave Lloyd works for much-maligned British Telecom! Siân Lewis and Jane McGregor appeared briefly and gave news of Karen Gregory's engagement and Michelle Waller. John De'Ath lives with his wife in Essex, Geoff Cowen has just become a father.

Tom Howgill is now over 80, but delighted to have ORA news, and he supplied us with several addresses, and endorsed our suggestion that the annual membership of £1 be phased out, but felt that provision should be made to increase the £10 life membership fee if the rate of inflation made it necessary. John Bowman was a contemporary of Stan Matthews, he married Mary Craner, also a Raineian, and their son was for a time a School Governor - he has a building contractor's business in Stepney (founded in 1905). John Chappell (twin of Geoff, brother of Barry) wrote from King's Lynn where he teaches, and he became a father in June. Barry is still taking exams to qualify as a Company Secretary, and Geoff is managing an asbestos firm which deals with the U.S.A. and Hong Kong, and also had some responsibility for the removal of asbestos for ILEA, where his contact was Victor Hills! Geoff's wife Lorraine, together with 2 associates, has opened a shop in Wymondham selling toiletries. John's suggestions for increasing membership were as follows:-

- 1) To invite pupils within certain years to attend a reunion;
- 2) To invite previous members of staff such as 'Biffer' Broughton to functions, so that ex-pupils met their staff;
- 3) An O.R. Day to be permanently fixed in the calendar for people to keep free and attend a function.

Thank you, John - now send us your life membership!

Apologies to Ken Fennell for including him on a non-paid-up list, also to John Roberts and Joyce Curtis (Roberts). In answer to his query about an O.R.A. tie - the stocks are exhausted, but at the recent committee meeting, it was agreed that more be ordered - their cost will appear in the next newsletter. Ken was a former school swimming captain, he now lives in Upminster and works as an engineer. Joyce Curtis lives near Victoria Park, her daughter Lyndsey also attended Raine's. John Roberts lives in Gidea Park and is a money broker - he was a member of the British Rowing Squad in the Moscow Olympics and has rowed in many parts of the world, being at one time World Silver Medallist. Mike Futter lives in Staffordshire and is Managing Director of an industrial removal firm - in 1957 he went to Finnish Lapland as a member of the British School's Exploration team; he later founded an East London climbing club (The "Elm" Boys). A member of that club, Harry Roberts, lives in Toronto and is a teacher. Teddy Roberts also lives in Toronto, dealing in exotic scrap metals for a firm based in Stoke-on-Trent. Alan Jones (1950-55) lives in Upminster and is a project engineer for British Gas - some of his work has been on offshore gas platforms. Two other contemporaries, Malcolm Boyce is now a doctor in Kensington, and Les Lester works for B.T. at the Post Office Tower.

Sam Morley has memories of Mr. Dagger's bronzed and burnished scalp and of receiving six-of-the-best from him. Contemporaries of Sam's were Reg Parker (whose sisters Vera and Gwen also attended Raine's), Albert Finton and       ?       Sullivan.

"Bunny Vine" (1925-30) suggested that Frank Morris might be able to furnish us with some addresses. He also remembered the Dramatic Society and its performances in the Cripplegate Theatre with Claud Walters and Sybil Lammis and interval music provided by the school string quartet. Yes - the book of remembrance is still in a glass case in the entrance lobby.

More apologies! - this time to John Hooker and his wife Joan (Cooper) for having their names on the "lost, stolen or strayed" list. They have two sons, both now at work and regularly contact Brian Weeks, Ron Harrad and his wife Suzanne (Quinton). Pauline Smith (Joel), Alan Ward, Annette O'Sullivan (Ashcroft) and Alan Oates. Suzanne also wrote to us (apologies also to her and husband Ron) - they live in Bristol and also keep in touch with this group.

Glennys Hughes-Jenkins tells us that Terry Day has a network of his O.R. contemporaries on a computer file, including Tony Rush, Tony Elliott, John Reeves and Bob Simmonds. She also has contacted Barry Walsh who is in touch with several of his year group - he is married to Bronwen (Griffiths) and sees Dave Elliott, Pete Wilmshurst, Doug Wilmott, Glyn Griffiths and Lorely Hay. She supplied us with addresses of Elaine Quinn (Golding), Terry Walsh, Tony Sculz, John Whittle, Alan Revil and Peter Brill.

David Spencer also provided some missing addresses - having just finished an M.Sc. in Structural Geology at Imperial College, his thesis involving a two-month trip to Pakistan studying the 'geological' contact between India and Asia in the Karakoram Himalayas, he is now at the Geology Institute in Zurich beginning work for a Ph.D. He has been in touch with Dave Watts, Ti Ullah, Sue Yeats (a radiographer who X-rayed him at London Hospital), Jean Tompkins, Carole Day, Brian Stanislas and John Coster.

Mary McCurry has just started teaching Maths and has discovered what an exhausting job it is - she spent six months in India after qualifying, working in a Cheshire Home for mentally handicapped and in a leprosy village for half the time, and travelling for the remaining three months. She sees Sarah Smith, Robert Stuart and Jonathan Doherty. Her brother, Patrick, is a freelance journalist.

Barbara Donovan (Page) who appeared in several school Gilbert & Sullivan productions is now in the chorus of the New Sadlers Wells Opera and appearing in "The Gondoliers" and "La Belle H  l  ne" - after the London performances, there is a 5-week tour including Southampton, Bath and Oxford. Peter J. Holloway was Oliver in our 1984 production, more recently he appeared in "The Franchise Affair" on BBC T.V. Tommy Watkins (1961-66) is the Manager of several pop groups including Bros!

I encountered Ian Shapoznic outside the Lower School one afternoon who sang a verse of the school song and recalled being evacuated during the war together with Davenant. He had memories of Mr. Bentz, the history master, a chemistry master and his "madamazonga" and Nobby Clark, the music master.

Thank you to everyone who has provided any items for this newsletter - we are always delighted to receive letters/news.

Forthcoming events:-

Thursday 8th December      7pm onwards      "The Blind Beggar"

Please turn up in your thousands!

Thursday 15th December      Upper School

Retirement party for Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Reffold  
(please see separate sheet)

