

Old Raineians' Association

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Old Raineians,

I hope you have all had a good summer and enjoyable holidays whether in this country or exotic places - Reff Reffold has been in Thailand again and Ching Fun Lee in Australia, Janis Fuller and Graham Willett as reported in the last newsletter were sailing from New Zealand to Australia but jumped ship at Samoa and have since been in Fiji, the Cook Islands, Singapore, Malaysia and saw Reff in Thailand. They are now doing a grand tour of Australia before returning to these shores.

Now please make a note of the December reunion.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6TH AT 7.00PM
RAINES UPPER SCHOOL
APPROACH ROAD, E2.

We know many of you come to this event to see inside the Arbour Square building - but - at present it is being re-furbished and isn't available until February, so the Headmaster, Gareth Lewis kindly said we could use the present building - so - do please turn up in your droves as you have done the last two years - and bring along non-members too!

The next batch of news was gleaned by Sandra Johnson at the July 'meet' at the "Blind Beggar". As a result of that function, Paul Smith has become a member - welcome!

Note that those names in capital letters were present during the evening.

TONY VOWELL (1979-1986) - is a Money Broker in the City and still meets up with Gary Bishop, John Wyatt, Jimmy Thompson and Terry Kavanaugh. Terry is a Money Broker as well. Tony still plays rugby for the Raven's Rugby Football Club.

JOHN WYATT (1972-1979) - is still working with Telecom and living in Bow. John also plays rugby for the Ravens Rugby Football Club.

GARY BISHOP (1969-1976) - is in touch with a great many Old Rainians through the Rugby Club. Among those he mentioned were John Meredith and Tony Simpson. John works for a Computer Company, is married and lives in Chelmsford. Tony works in the City and is married with one child.

ANDREW CAPPAERT (1981-87) - works for the Daily Mail in the promotions department in Kensington. His girlfriend is Kirstin Berry (81-87) who works for Nat. West. Andrew's sister Alison (78-83) and husband David Jones also went to Raines along with his cousin Jacqueline Allen (78-83). Andrew also had news of John Featherstone (81-89) who is a student at the London College of Printing, Jane Gilbert (81-89) who is a Student Nurse in Manchester and Giles Bates (81-89) who is at Coventry Polytechnic.

ROBERT BAKER (81-89) works for Customs and Excise in Stratford.

RICHARD MAHONY (1980-85) works for stockbrokers in Liverpool Street and had news of Cecil Bartholomew (80-85) who works for the London Borough of Chelsea as a Computer Technician.

SAMANTHA CULLEN (Nee Marson) (1979-84) has a five month old son named Joseph and works for a Norwegian Bank in the City. Samantha keeps in touch with Jackie Smithers (79-84) who is a Life Guard at St. Georges in Wapping. Patricia Lowe (79-84) is a Micro-Biologist at a hospital in Croydon, Michelle Davis (79-84) is married and has a three month old baby and lives in Southampton and Liam Ashbu who is engaged to Julie Cade (78-83).

PAUL THIENEL (1976-81) and Paul Casali (1976-83) are both spending a lot of their spare time body-building. They are soon to go on holiday to Swansea and, among others, Steve Gumb is also going. Apparently the girl/boy ratio is 3/1, so we do not need to think too long and hard about why they picked that location! Paul Thienel is very interested in Mini-cross and Grand Prix racing, and is in fact planning to go to Le Mans next year, so if there are enthusiasts among you who would like to accompany Paul (the more the merrier) to either a Mini-cross meet or Le Mans, then let us know and we can put you in touch with him. Paul's sister Karen (79-84) still sees Karen Hewlett, Debbie Baker and Andrew Manners.

PAUL SMITH (1976-83) works for a computer Company called Computer Centre - near Gatwick. Paul is in contact with Steve Gumbs (hope you are taking note Nick Kaimakame - see last newsletter) who has left the police force and is training to be a Chartered Accountant in the Tower of London vicinity.

TOMMY NUNN (1963-68) and his wife Janet (1964-70) have a daughter Emma attending Raines. Tommy would like to get in touch with Bernard Smith (63-68) and does anyone know the whereabouts of Albert Aldridge, Stephen Threadgold, Ian Adlington, Raymond Rainbird, Clive Woods, Eric Farley, Peter Hawney, John Oakenden, Raymond Hill, Bradley Clarke or John Edwards? (All 1962-68 thereabouts).

Some more information from the three Paul's, is that Martin Lake has recently had his son Joshua christened with the support of some Old Rainians in the congregation. Martin works for Customs and Excise. Stephen McDuel (1976-83) works for GSI Computer Systems in the Isle of Dogs, is now engaged and lives in Poplar AND is still an avid 'Police' fan (the group of course). Stephen's sister Sue (79-84) is now a top British model.

John Wyatt suggested that it would be nice to have an Old Rainian Rugby Team. The fixtures would probably be set for a Sunday, so we hope there are lots of you out there who would be interested. It really is a good idea and would be good for the association to have something to support, so all those interested give us a ring and we'll put you in touch with John.

Others present: MICK HAWKINS, JOHN MCCORMACK, TERRY PLUMMER, STEVE SOLLY, BRIAN CHAPERLIN, JOHN DE'ATH, MARTIN BELLIS, GEORGE LEWZEY, PHIL PUPPICK AND GILLIAN, BILL RICHARDS AND SANDRA JOHNSON.

Sandra Johnson and Sue Smith (nee Holden) recently met up with Carol Batchelor (nee Hitchcock) (1962-66) who would be interested in any news of the following from her year - Linday Bellamy (Dilly), Janet Gray, Lyn Atkinson, Janice Priestley, Jean Cecil, Susan Love, Linda Havell, Rita Hutton or Janet Boston - and anyone else who started Raines in 1962, whichever class they were in (male or female).

I was at school in July for yet another retirement, that of John Blundell of the Art Department and farewell to Barry Jones of the History Department, now Head of Department in a North London school. Some O.R.'s were present - Annette Bugansky (now married) who gave news of her sister Leda who has four children, and Elise who has two. Maria Killick is in the Bank visited Dr. Feroze Antia (present Head of Maths) and her sister Nicola is an animal nurse. The successful Chess Team of 1983 were all present - Terry Webber is in banking, Steve Everton is currently working on his MSc. thesis and Gary Trew is a publican. Gary's sister Dawn has an Employment Agency and brother Colin is also a publican, Barry Everton's wife produced a son in June. Congratulations to Iris Tomlinson (Lyddon), married on a superb September Saturday.

We have been notified of address changes by Joan Anderson (Barry), Sharon Bailey and Marcus Naraidoo. Marcus, having successfully gained B.Sc., M.Sc and Ph.D degrees now works at the British Aerospace Research Centre and is now working for a D.Sc. He has good memories of staff and pupils, particularly the Maths Department members, Mrs Susan Frost, Tony Perrett, Gerry Calvert and especially Zippy Auerbach and the Scientists Dr. Cioci and Bob Hudson. He says Steve Johnson and Gillian Cleeve awoke his interest in English Literature and that Reff would be surprised that his French no longer suffers from a London accent (West country instead -?) He wonders how his contemporaries remember their time at Raines - he remembers Andrew Boylett, Shahjehan Fayyaz and the dry humour of Gary Sellick and Thomas Dennis. He would like to know what became of Susan Turner and Jackie Brown (sister of Maxine).

A sincere apology to John Barry who lives in Erith - he was searching for copies of school photos - we think the firm no longer exists.

Another nonagenarian has been in touch with school - she is Elsie Tarrant (Wood), now living in Pershore, who started at Raines as it opened in Arbour Square - the headmistress was Miss Roden and her form teacher Miss Foxon. School lunch necessitated good behaviour, and many girls lived at Ilford and travelled to Stepney East station - she has happy memories of her schooldays, but despite travelling widely has never come face to face with another O.R.

George Pinckney (61-68) has lived in Canada since 1978, has a Canadian wife and two daughters. He has been living by a lakeside in Calgary, enjoying Superb sports facilities (because of the 1988 Olympics), good theatre and social activities. In September he moved to Jakarta, Indonesia, to become Mobil Oil Indonesia's Exploration Geology Manager, with home and servants provided! He would be glad to meet up with any O.R.'s in that part of the world - the only O.R.'s with whom he still has contact are John Masson and Doug Willment.

Marian Mole, wife of Tony, has two children and is doing a B.Ed. at Kingston Poly. Susan Daycott (Mole) now has three sons and her sister Janet Mole is a Tax Consultant. John Chappell has two children, Geoff Chappell is Managing Director for an asbestos contractor, his wife Lorraine (Sims) is considering doing PGCE. Barry Chappell also has two children and is Company Secretary for Mann Egerton. Gary Woods has re-married and works for Coutts, Martin Carter works for Midland Bank in Sheffield. Gary Preston works for a Computer Company, his wife Candy (Seven) is in M & S at Epsom. Jimmy Varma is also in the Computer business. Terry Chimes, drummer with Clash had 'Rock the Casbah' as a Video Number 1. Lesley (Cater) and Jimmy Adshead have two children - he is a Fire Officer. Adrian Gurr (now known as Bob), is now a police officer and met Richard Tillbrook in a pub. Joanne Marshall is working at the Britannia Leisure Centre. Elizabeth Simpson for a computer firm.

Now for some more up-to-date school news. The school has 'opted-out', so we wish it success. Before breaking away from Tower Hamlets, staff were offered the opportunity of Voluntary Severance, with the result that over the next few months the following long-serving members of staff will be leaving - Jim Everton (Head of Lower School and member of the Science Department), Barbara Thompson (wife of Tommy) Head of Year and Head of Home Economics Department, Ed Croom (Head of Geology) and Bob Philpott (Head of History). More details will follow in the Spring newsletter. Whatever they do after leaving the well-loved postals, we wish them happiness and success.

Congratulations to the new Head Girl and Head Boy Karina Cox and Richard Harris, and to their deputies, Jocelyn Chunda and Nick Dennis - we hope they will maintain links with the school by becoming actively involved with the O.R.A.

Congratulations to Christopher Fitt and Simon Kavanagh on gaining first class degrees. I apologise to any others who have graduated, but I have had no further information - yet - so I hope to include successes in the Spring newsletter. Also by then I expect to be able to list the whereabouts of those who have just left.

If you have found no news of your contemporaries - send me some for inclusion in the next edition!

Most important - brave the wilds of Bethnal Green and turn up en masse on December 6th at 7.00pm.

Gwynneth Jackson.


P.S. I wonder how I found time to teach - I am now wardening in the National Park and at Fountains Abbey, singing in two choirs, walking and checking all the footpaths in the Parish so the definitive map can be updated, and have just got involved with a production of 'Wizard of the Oz' (for the third time!).



Christmas



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THE DECEMBER REUNION THIS YEAR IS AT:

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY 1992