



Caius Old Boys & Girls Association

Spring Newsletter 2012



Hi Everyone,

2012 is here and we are all poised awaiting the Olympic Games in August. Hope you got all the tickets for which you applied. **But, first you should be looking forward to the Reunion on 28th APRIL.** Unlike the Olympics you will not have the same problems applying for tickets. Just write or email me at 115 Fleetwood Close, Tadworth, Surrey, KT20 5QL. Please remember that Spouses, family and friends are welcome. The hotel gives a special rate for those who attend the function but you have to ask. We are up to 27 so far would like to get at least 40.

With postage increases it is important for me to use email and the web. Some ex-pupils forget to update me with their new email addresses and new home address. Please remember me in any changes.

IN MEMORIAM



Ann Lewis 1942 to 6th December 2011 Daughter of Evelyn and Frank Lewis (affectionately known as The Old Man) Headmaster of Caius School. Anybody who attended

Caius School knew Ann either as a student or as an administrator. About 30 ex-pupils attended St Julian's Church for Ann's funeral and interment in the family grave.

Ann was a very private person. After her education, at Caius, she continued with the school's administration. Frank and Evelyn with Ann retired moved to their cottage in Dorset. She loved her parents caring and nursing them to their end. Ann spent the years following the school closure contacting and meeting many who had attended Caius. She carried on her business dealings in a quiet and efficient manner. She loved the Brighton area often returning for business and to visit her maiden Aunt, Daisy and her cousin. She always attended the family grave at St Julian's on Birthdays and anniversaries etc, to lay flowers.

Her hobbies included craft fairs and antique furniture. Over the last 20 years she enjoyed a loving companionship with Bernard. When we resurrected the Old Boys and Girls Association in 1995 she became an active member and was invited to become our President, which she fulfilled handsomely. She was so delighted when we placed a blue plaque on the school wall celebrating the school and her father. Ann was a larger than life bubbly character. She would talk the hind leg off a donkey. You knew when she was in the room. At our meetings it took a strong chairperson to quieten her down when she went off at a tangent. I have been known to say "shut up Ann that is not what we are talking about". She took our ribbings in good part. She was always even tempered, a great companion with a huge laugh. In her last year, whilst suffering from pancreatic cancer, she was always upbeat, optimistic and steadfast. Her email to me on the 26 November said I hope to see you all on the 28th April 2012. After I published her death to ex-pupils I had men on the phone crying and messages from all over the world from ex-pupils expressing their shock and how they would miss her.

Peter Twentyman: "I don't know what to say. Ann was the pillar of the old students gathering, as are you. The flagship of Caius, the delightful daughter of the "old man". In honour of her we must make this the biggest and the last reunion, I can't imagine the meeting without her continual bubble of conversation. God bless you Ann, you will be truly missed from our lives.

From Pakistan Tommy Mumtaz Talpur: is sitting with me and recalling the pious memory of Ann with great fondness. He recalls her as a very “Noble” person of immense Quality. He remembers the great Quality & Sincerity of their relationship and thus it was because of her attachment to him it influenced Mr F.S.Lewis who also gave Tommy great support in every sphere of life...

Dane Olivier: It did occur to me that we are all seeing the final end of the Lewis ‘dynasty’. There are many who have a special place in their hearts for the particular experience offered by the Lewis family.

Diane Cullen Nee Rattley: Her presence filled the room whenever she entered. Her voice, filled with laughter, encompassed the whole room, commanding every body’s attention. She was always a bright, bubbly person with a vivacious personality. She was so full of life and vivacity. Her memory was faultless, always knowing names and history of most, if not of all of the pupils; what they did at school and giving out some small anecdote about them. A faultless memory regarding her life and colleagues while at school.

From Rose Mari in Denmark: I started Caius aged 8 and being about 5 weeks older than her, yes, we do go back a long time. She was always a very caring person, interested in what others had to say and that’s what struck me when meeting her so many years later – she hadn’t changed, always ready to help and listen, give someone a lift in her car – light hearted and a nice warm smile; of course, she could be serious just like everyone else. Ages 15 or 16, we girls would gather around the radiator by the stairs in the hall to keep warm and have a good old natter, considering she was the Headmaster’s daughter we all knew that whatever had been said never went past that radiator! And what a good memory, she could certainly jog ours!

Robert Delacour: Ann will always be remembered as the ” Old Man’s Daughter” but to us she was much more, she was the association “President” also a bundle of fun and joy. Bernard our deepest sympathies go out to you and yours. I hope you are able to attend this years reunion and any more should there be any.

Mary Parker Nee Andrews: Hi Malcolm,

I was delighted to receive your message back in October. Please forgive me for not contacting you sooner but at that time, having just retired, I was frantically catching up on household and garden repairs. Then there was the flu and then a stay in hospital for a hip operation. So I am only now getting back to LIFE!

Yes, I would love to attend the re-union on 28th April although I don’t suppose I will recognise anyone as I lost touch so many decades ago. I would love to know of anyone who lives now near Lewes or who shares my interest in horses, sailing or aircraft.

I was very sad to read of the passing of Ann Lewis. I remember her well.

I hope you like the attached photo. I am the girl just above Mr Lewis' left shoulder. To my right is Ann Ford, then Jean Gawn, another four to her left is Ann Lewis. On the far right hand side of the photo in the teacher's row is Jean Coe. Immediately behind Miss Gladys is Annette Austin, on her left is Elaine Pearson, on her right is Pauline ?.

Immediately behind Mr Lewis is Margaret Batten.

