



Caius Old Boys & Girls Association



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I sit here at the computer starting to compose the winter newsletter and I expect I will finish it round about January. As I sit I think of the past, only the good times of course and the bad times I laugh about. I suppose that is normal at the age of seventy three. Waking up each day taking a deep breath and saying "every day is a bonus".

Do you ever think what the future holds for you? Our expectations lower and instead we take the easy way, softly softly catch the monkey so to speak. I like the story of the old bull and the young bull in the field. The young bull says to the old bull, "lets run down to the herd and have a cow each" The Old bull replies " No lets walk down and have two".

Our School closed in 1968 nearly 45 years ago. The

Association has had a good run and I have always been amazed at the interest shown by many of the ex-pupils in meeting up again. I especially love the contacts from overseas. Not all pupils enjoyed being at Caius school, some enjoyed it, others, like myself, are thankful to it for what it gave them, however, all things must come to an end. Roger Dice once said to me lets go on holding reunions until we only need a telephone box in which to meet. To do that one needs a younger man than I but none have been forthcoming. Lasy year, I was asked to give it one more So from my point of view the next will probably be the last reunion.

So I encourage you to join me on the 20th April 2013, especially if you wish to take over. If it is anything like last year then it will be a great day.

OLYMPICS

The last UK Olympics were held in 1948 about a year after Caius opened in Sussex. We had to visit the cinema to see the highlights in the newsreels, no 24 hour T. V coverage for us. They were held in a time of shortages around the world and it is thanks to the powers then to go ahead with them. I believe had they not held the Olympics they could have faded for all time. Each year at Caius we held our own Olympics called 'Sports Day' when we all tried to win a trophy. I wonder what happened to all those trophy's? The sports were held in the field over St Julian's lane, until it was sold for housing, then it moved to the front of the school. It was a field of endeavour for many of us. The day, for 21 years, were well organised by Miss Wilde. I was always an also ran as I was a bit over weight but enjoyed trying. Those lovely cakes afterwards were great, especially during rationing times. I thought the 2012 Olympics were brilliantly organised and when I heard an Australian say so, adding it was better than Sydney Olympics, WOW.

The Para-Olympics were brilliant and an eye opener for many. I attended a swimming event and when I saw a man with one arm and one leg swimming faster than I could, I was in Awe. I hope you all enjoyed the 2012 summer of sport? especially the Tour de France win and Andy Murray at last coming good. Oh! For a Wimbledon win.

EXTRACT FROM 1950 s Caius School Prospectus

EDUCATION, it aims at providing a thorough, progressive education extending beyond the formal limits of the classroom and covering, by distinct yet continuous stages, the whole of the normal span of school life from 5 to 18 years of age: and in combining the best traditional elements of corporate loyalty and discipline with full attention to the needs of individual development. The boys are encouraged to do work on the school estate, this giving them

valuable mental rest by providing a regular mid-week break in preparation hour. (CHEAP labour). It may be said that the school gives feeling of unity: that there is a spirit of friendliness between staff and also between older and younger boys, that can be partly attributed to this marked corporate sense. The needs of boys of varying ability and temperament are met by a full elasticity in the time table.

OH! So that what happened to me was It??

REUNION 20th APRIL 2013

All are welcome to the reunion at either or both venues at no cost. We will be pleased to meet your family and friends at both venues.

Tea and coffee will be served at the school from 2.30pm until about 5pm.

We will then reconvene at 6.30pm meal at 7.30 at the Langford's Hotel, Third Avenue, Hove.

If you wish to join us for the buffet then it is £ 20.00 per head.

The Association welcomes donations for the raffle.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR ATTENDING THE EVENING ONLY IF YOU REQUIRE MEAL.



BONFIRE NIGHT

What a picture, are they Klu Klux Klan or the male version of Saint Trinian's School. They are quite a frightening sight and look so unhappy. To me that night it was always the highlight of the autumn term meaning that the Christmas festivities were on the way. The evening also meant that we would be out in the dark associating with the girls without the teachers seeing and keeping us apart. We often threw bangers and jumping jacks to scare others. In hindsight, how dangerous those actions were. World War 1 only ended about 5 years before so many were used Bombs,

explosions and seeing films with hand grenades being thrown. How careless we had become. Hot Cocoa with loads of sugar and biscuits afterwards, yummy! Do you wonder what happened to those in the picture. Reading left to right: Terry Downing resides mostly in France. John Hodges, engineer, worked mainly overseas retired to Alderney. Back with Dark Hair is Martin Marks who, as a young man, with his family moved to South Africa. Tony Powell now retired after a lifetime in a Cheshire Church as a Pastor. Rear left William Paton Maclay, driving school owner, retired to Newquay. The White top and the two behind unknown to me. John Harris (with glasses) travelled the world in the leisure business now a casino owner residing in Las Vegas. Behind him appears to be John Rigby (deceased) or John Buck. Last on the right is a Persian boy I believe to be Sheshi. Can you help with the identification?

Reunion Costs

As you all know costs are rising, therefore, we have to price the reunion meal at an economic price. The proposed three course meal that the hotel are charging is £21.00. We have decided to keep the price to those attending at £20.00 and make up any shortfall from the funds and may hold a raffle during the evening. The current funds are approximately £600. The postage, stationery and cards etc will be about £110 and I estimate the loss on the evening will be about £60. This should leave us with adequate funds. Unless I receive monies with the ticket order I will not order a meal. Last year two failed turn up or pay. It is also one last thing the organisers need to do on the day.



Eisenstein, Burrage, Poter, Addis, Riley, Thornton, Bawa, Chung

Where are the above runners above? Can you help? I know Jacques Eisenstein returned to live in France and the above copy of the photograph is his