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## *Old Paludians Newsletter*

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Two years ago we celebrated our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Although it is not a big occasion for everyone this year there will be some members present today who will actually be celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their first meeting. Perhaps there will be others too, maybe celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> or 40<sup>th</sup> anniversaries. It is always pleasing to meet up with old friends and amazing that often, as the conversation starts to flow, the years fall away and nothing has changed except perhaps that we are older and wiser!

Reading through the contributions, it seems that there have been several other mini-reunions during the year not to mention unexpected meetings in the most unusual places. Two members actually met by accident on a boat in St Petersburg. It is to be hoped that the Old Pals network will continue to grow and go from strength to strength in this way. Understandably some members are wary of coming to the reunions because there might not be anyone from their era. If you know just one person, that person will know others and so on - this is the way to ensure there is a crowd of your fellow pupils present and thus add to everyone's enjoyment.

Once again our thanks go to Mrs Lenton for letting us invade the School and also to the staff who help both in the run-up to the Reunion and on the Day itself. It is an occasion looked forward to by many as a chance to meet up with friends and to exchange news. We hope everyone will have a happy and memorable day.

#### **FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

It is 92 years since the Association was formed in 1915, and whilst many similar School Associations have faded away ours is still flourishing. The ongoing success has been due to the enthusiasm and dedication of committee members over many years, and to our wonderful web-site [www.oldpaludians.org](http://www.oldpaludians.org), which has had over 16,000 hits since its formation in March 2001. We are grateful to everyone who has played a part, especially Ian Cairns our Web-master, for the fact that the Association is doing so well at this current time.

This year we have welcomed two Old Girls to the Committee. Firstly, Shelagh Rothero (née Jacques) who has edited this year's Newsletter, and secondly, Jennifer James (née Bond), who has processed all of the replies to the invitation letter. We are grateful to both ladies for giving us so much of their time during February and March. Please note that we are still looking for a Treasurer, perhaps one of the Old Boys would like to offer.

At last year's reunion we presented two cheques to the School. The first, for £100, to Mrs Jo West for prizes for Speech day, including the Old Paludians' Prizes. In December these were presented to Kavanjot Benepal and Natasha Jain last year's Head Boy and Head Girl. The second for £1000 was given to Jane Brown for books and teaching material for the Library. The books purchased included those bought in memory of members who had died in 2005/6. These donations were possible because of the generosity of the membership. Jo and Jane thanked the Association on behalf of the School.

We hope to make similar presentations this year.

I have been aware that we have been sending out letters and newsletters (both by post and by email) to people who may no longer wish to receive them, or more sadly are no longer with us, which is why I asked for an acknowledgement to this year's invitation letter. This will enable us to bring our database up to date, an exercise which should be repeated in five/six years time. We will, of course, look carefully at the names of the people who have not replied to avoid removing known active members from our mailing list.

As I write this I am looking forward to meeting many of you at this year's reunion on March 17<sup>th</sup>. I would like to express my thanks to the committee and the members who have offered to help on the day, also Mrs Lenton, our President, for her continuing support for the Association.

With best wishes to you all,

Jean Tyler

Chairman.

*I should like to thank everyone for their support in the publication of this year's Newsletter - but my special thanks must go to Valerie who has been a tower of strength and has continued to keep me well informed, up to date and highly amused with her responses to my many questions. I apologise unreservedly for any errors and omissions - these are entirely mine. I know that it is always eagerly awaited by those members who are unable to come to the Reunions because of distance, other commitments or increasing years and I have tried to follow the original format as far as possible. Please keep your contributions coming in. They are all highly valued - Ed*

**THE ARCHIVES** Our Archive is developing into a remarkable record of the story of the Schools' history thanks to the continuing support of former pupils and staff. New contributions are always welcome and we are grateful to all those who have donated memorabilia this year. As usual, we never cease to be amazed not only by the variety of the donations but the fact they are in such excellent condition after what can sometimes be 75 or even 80 years!

We appreciate and will look after everything we are given. Regrettably, however, lack of storage space does make it difficult for us to display as much material as we would like. The Archive room is high on the 'must see' list for those attending the Reunion each year. **David Rogers** - Archivist.

#### **\*\*STAFF NEWS\*\***

**Revd Ivy Halden (1941-74)** wrote: I am grateful for your invitation but I am 93 years old and disabled by an accident which caused me to have a hip replacement. I also have severe rheumatoid arthritis and glaucoma, so I go out only in a wheelchair or in a car. I gave up my car last year. However, I should love to see anyone who feels inclined to call on me (but not anyone who is allergic to cats, as my beloved Pussock lives with me). I get quite a lot of visitors so it is essential to phone first. Thank you very much for thinking of me.

**Miss Margaret Rowlands (1945-78)**. Not a lot has happened this year. I still work at Wexham Park Hospital with the W.R.V.S. and am involved with some church activities. In both connections I often meet ex SHS pupils. The other place where we meet is Sainsbury's. I am fortunate in that I can still drive -in daylight and short distances. On holiday in Somerset I had longer drives through lovely country and also visited Mr & Mrs Binstead in Frome. On Boxing Day Miss Booth and Miss Saunderson came to me for a Christmas lunch (total age 264) which we all enjoyed. Recently, out of the blue, I received an e-mail from an ex-pupil from 50 years ago!!! I enjoy my computer but have to confess I probably spend more time playing free-cell and spider solitaire than surfing the net which I sometimes resort to when stuck with crosswords which is another of my time-fillers. I look forward to meeting other Old Pals at the reunion

**Miss Stella Sanderson** (1947-85). I am so pleased to know that people are rallying round Jean. I do so enjoy the March meeting and reading the newsletter which I appreciate takes a lot of putting together. I was able to attend Mrs Boul's funeral service at Slough Crematorium last year. Her son David spoke movingly about her remarkable early life of which she rarely gave any hint when teaching. I am still in touch with several of the staff and many ex-pupils via Slough Philharmonic Society, church, telephone and not least Sainsbury's at Taplow.

**Mrs Maureen Hancock** (1950s). I finally sold my house in Slough and moved to my other home in Co. Kerry in May. It is a beautiful spot and the pace of life is so much slower. Mind you, it seems to have rained and poured and tipped down quite a lot - and the wind blows - but no-one seems to take any notice. Before I went I managed to meet up with Valerie Storie after so many years of receiving the Newsletters so we were able to say a quick hello and goodbye. I was back in the UK to spend Christmas with family but I have returned home again now. Best wishes to everyone - especially Valerie.

**Valerie Benjamin** (1961-63, 1970-76). From 1961-63 she taught the Pre-nursing Course and Human Biology. Between 1970-76 she taught 'A' level Zoology and General Science. In 1972 she became Head of Biology Department and was also a 6<sup>th</sup> Form tutor. She set up new courses: "Dangers in the Home" and "Infant Welfare Classes for the Lower Streams" and created the animal reserve and pond. She played in the staff versus pupils tennis matches (and is still playing!). She remembers: **Mrs Binstead, Miss Booth, Cynthia Darling, Dee Hudson, Pamela Reakes, Margaret Rowland, Beryl Sing, Stella Sanderson, Margaret Snow, Val Taylor**. Subsequently she became Deputy Head of Lady Verney High School, High Wycombe, and in 1978 became Head of the School. She retired in 1991 and currently resides in Chalfont St Peter. SGS ex-pupil **Bob Moss** sent this message: 'I usually manage to bump into someone with SGS/SHS associations, providing an item for inclusion in the annual newsletter. Normally it is an ex-pupil, but this time for a change it was a teacher - Valerie Benjamin, who taught science at SHS. We both happened to be aboard a Saga river cruise from St Petersburg to Moscow, which took place in May 2006. This was my first Saga experience and as regulars will know, there is plenty of opportunity to chat with other group members. So it was that, during a wander ashore, we became aware of the mutual Slough connection'. *Many thanks, Bob, for this news. It really is a small world!-Ed*

**Mrs Janet Sumner** (1961-80). I am sorry not to be fit enough to travel the distance in a day. My husband George died in June. My best wishes to all. *We are sorry to hear about your husband - Ed*

**Mrs Pat Purdue** (1964-80). Wrote in April 2006. She had been unable to attend the reunion as her husband was seriously ill and in a Nursing Home.

#### **\*\*IN MEMORIAM \*\***

**Miss Gwenneth E. Allen** (Staff 1934-36 SSS, 1936-39 SHS). These notes in appreciation of Miss Allen are based on those she penned herself for the Millennium Book together with memories from Ann Neale. Back in 2002 Miss Allen was interested to learn of the School's 90th Anniversary and said in her notes for that year's Newsletter "*I too, have celebrated my 90th and I am always thrilled to get visits from David Neale each year.*" After graduating from Bristol University with an MSc. Gwen Allen began her teaching career at the Grammar School in 1934; although her subject was biology, it was botany which specially interested her. During her time in Slough, she was also involved with the Slough Girl Guides. After leaving Slough, Miss Allen went to Portsmouth but was soon evacuated to Winchester where for the duration of the War not only was she teaching full-time but was firmly involved with the Girl Guides, the Red Cross and supervised some otherwise homeless 20 evacuee children in a Hostel.

The War over, she returned to teaching in Cowplain and, after several other moves she finally became Head of Natural Sciences in, what is today, part of the University of Surrey. Her love of botany led her to writing a number of books - her 'Clue Books' were re-published in pocket form by Oxford University Press. The subjects ranged from *Plants, Insects, Birds, Freshwater Animals, Flowers* and *Seashore Animals* and a complete set of the books was presented to the School Library in 1998.

Gwen Allen retired to Milton-under Wychwood in rural Oxfordshire where she took great delight in maintaining her beautiful garden, happily gathering seeds to pass on to her many admiring visitors. Former pupils continue to write and visit her on a regular basis and she took an active interest in the Old Paludians. Finally she had to move to a Nursing Home near Burford.

One of her abiding memories of her days at the School is of a "Staff versus Students" hockey match. It was probably one of the last matches ever played fielding teams of mixed sexes and it took place on a very wet afternoon. The pitch quickly became a complete sea of mud but nothing daunted, the match went on. Playing on one wing with Miss Cooke on the other, a large part of the game was spent in trying to remain upright - everyone agreed it was an hilarious afternoon and even today, well over 60 years later, it still remains vividly in the minds of those who were present and is a talking point whenever former students meet with her. **Ann Neale** (Keeping 1945-50) wrote: It was with sadness I learned of the death of Miss Allen. She was my late husband's Biology Teacher when he attended the Slough Secondary School in William Street. We started visiting Gwen in her lovely Cotswold cottage after reading in the Newsletter she would love to see any Old Paludian who was in the area. This was the start of many happy visits to her lovely home and truly wonderful garden over the next 15 years. She always made us very welcome and we always came away with new knowledge about plants - often with a few cuttings or seedlings she wanted us to have. She made her own bread, scones and jam and so afternoon tea was always an enjoyable experience. She loved to reminisce and always liked to be reminded of that very famous hockey match! We will all miss Gwen Allen, a truly remarkable lady in every respect. *We send our condolences to her brother Peter and for those with internet access she is pictured on both the 1936 and 1938 SHS school photographs - such a lovely gentle looking lady - Ed.*

**Mrs N Boul** (SSS 1936-1939, SHS until 1973). Mrs Boul (familiarily known as Joy) died on 12 September 2006, aged 92. She had been very frail for a number of years before going into residential care in Woking about 4 years ago to be nearer her son, David. As a child, for family reasons, Mrs Boul went into care. From here she was fostered and eventually won a scholarship to Guildford High School - a very great honour in those days. Because she lived too far away to travel to school daily from her home she had to stay with another family during the week. In spite of all this she gained a place to study French at Reading University. Meticulous in all she did, she began teaching, as Miss Aley, at Slough Secondary School in 1936. She married and became Mrs Boul before moving on to Twinch Lane in 1939. She had a short break when her son David was born before resuming her teaching career in the latter end of the 1940s. For many years she attended the Old Paludians Reunions until her deafness made it too difficult for her. She always took an avid interest in her former pupils and was a great source of information as she was always meeting pupils on buses and would pass on their names to us, thus drawing in more members to the Association! We extend our condolences to David, his wife Marian and their family. She will be missed by a great many Old Pals.

*Editor's Note: Sometimes we are unaware of the passing of members and are informed too late for inclusion in the Newsletter for that particular year. Even if a considerable time has elapsed we like to include notes about those who have died because their former colleagues, school friends and contemporaries like to recall happier times. The gift of a book is given to the School Library in remembrance: each book has a special nameplate recalling names and years at the School and in this way their presence lives on in a practical way. Where possible the Librarian tries to match the interests of the member with the subject matter of the book.*

**\*\*1920s\*\***

**\*\*IN MEMORIAM \*\***

**Robert John Sands** (1923- 28). Sadly Bob died on 17 July aged 94. He was the last of the 'Sands dynasty' who became living legends in their time at our Schools and one was of six, all of whom were Old Paludians. There were two boys and four girls and all were talented on the sports field and academically. Bob had been a long serving member of Burnham United Reformed Church with his brother Alf but latterly had lived in Cookham. He died peacefully in hospital and a Thanksgiving Service was held for him in September. *We offer our condolences to his family - Ed.*

**\*\*1930s\*\***

**Mary Shirland** (Jennings 1931-37). I am unable to come to reunion as I live in the US. Best wishes to everyone.

**George Pontin** (1931-36). Thank you for the Old Pals letter. Nancy Bywater, my fiancée, would like to attend once again. She will be 90 on her next birthday. I have been put on the list for a hip joint and they say I should wait no longer than 6 months, but that's a joke, I have been waiting over 16 years now! The NHS moves in funny circles. **Ian Bryant** (1937-42) came over from Spain last August and Nancy and I met up with him at Winnersh and then drove down to Barnham, East Sussex and met **Doug Nicholas** (1938-1943) and his wife Pat and we all enjoyed a very nice lunch. I am looking forward to seeing all our other friends at the reunion.

**Irene Anderson** (1931-38) Sorry I am not able to attend but send my best wishes for the meeting.

**Hilda Halls** (Milcoy1932-37). I'm sorry I cannot make the long journey (250 miles each way) to Slough but I had a hip replacement operation last September and although I am recovering well, and am much more mobile than I was a year ago, no long journeys, I'm afraid.

**Muriel Chant** (Ball 1933-39). I am sorry that I will be unable to come to the reunion. I look forward to receiving the Newsletter and it would be lovely if there was any news of my friends from 1933 to 1939, most of whom I've lost contact with. I enjoyed reading "School Ties" and have passed it on to my nieces Elizabeth and Deborah (also née Ball) who were pupils in the 60s. I would like to send greetings to anyone who was at school 1933 - 39, and old form-mates who remember **Muriel Ball** and/or **Beryl Davies**. Best wishes for a very happy reunion.

**Eileen Weller** (Kell 1933-39). Sorry not to be able to attend but I shall be in Dorset for my great-grandson's christening.

**Gwen Kent** (Pugh 1935-40). I won't be able to attend this year. I am sorry to inform you that my husband Denis Kent, also an Old Pal, died of cancer in September 2006. He was at the Secondary/Grammar School 1934 -1939. Perhaps you could let any members who still remember him know via the Newsletter. Thank you. *We were sorry to hear your news - Ed.*

**John Ware** (1936-41). My Old Pals roots go back over quite a few years. My brother Denis went to Slough Secondary School in 1929 and I started Slough Grammar School on its opening day in September 1936. I still work virtually full time in my accountancy practice in Burnham although middle age is creeping on! (I will be 81 in March but still quite fit). I shall not be able to make the reunion this year and send my best wishes for a happy and successful day.

**Derek Elliott** ("Del"1937-44). It was great to meet up with two old chums recently- **Ron Hackshall** and **Paddy May**, and to be reminded of "The Seven Sinners" singing group! It must have been 1943, or was it '44, and I recall **Dick Ford** and **Gerry Deeks**, but who were the others? I think **Denis Kerridge** may have been one, was **George Power** the seventh? We sang "Don't Fence me In" and "Apple Blossom Time" amongst others, and if only we'd been 20 years or so later we may well have become rich and famous! Hope to see you on 17th March.

**John Hales** (1938-1942). What a small world it is these days. Whilst visiting Canada last year I happened to meet **Christopher Redrup** (1978-1984) at his home in Guelph, Ontario.

**Irene Goodchild** (Pagden 1938-43). I'm moving to Bournemouth shortly so will be unable to attend this year.

**Betty Britten** (Boys 1939-42): Sorry cannot attend but many thanks for all the work you do.

**Christine Gibbons** (1939-45). I am sorry I am again unable to make the reunion but I already have another commitment. My best wishes for a successful day and remembrances to anyone who might still remember me. One of these days I will make the reunion.

**Betty Absolon** (Chapman 1939-45). I am unable to attend but thank you all again for all the work done to keep the OPA active.

**Joyce Amoroso** (Kirtland 1939-45). I am very sorry I cannot make it to the reunion. The journey for my husband and me is now too difficult. 'Old age' is not very funny at the moment. My family are all well, the grandchildren are making us very proud. My husband and I still play indoor bowls - trying to keep the old bodies moving a bit, and having some success with our team. Regards to anyone who remembers me.

**Jean Jones** (Grant 1939 - 42). Writing from South Africa: 'Thank you. I love to read all about the marvellous facilities, meetings etc. It makes me home sick though!' *Still our sole S Africa link - Ed.*

**Pamela Kilpin** (Brown 1939-47). I shall not be able to come to the annual meeting though I may be 'over home' (Ontario) some time this summer as my girls have suggested a trip for my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday! I am still in my own home, one which my husband and I built in the 1950s. He has been in a retirement home for six years now as I was unable to manage the help he needs. I had a hip replacement last September but am managing very well now. I would be grateful if you could pass on this news.

#### **\*\*IN MEMORIAM\*\***

**Dr Jack Brittain** (1934-39). Jack had been an Old Paludian for a number of years but has been unable to attend Reunions recently. When he attended some 6 years ago he said he always looked forward to these occasions because recollecting his schooldays with his former school friends made growing older a little easier. He leaves his wife Sheila, three children and six grandchildren behind. He was a doctor for over 50 years, 25 years in general practice and 30 years working as a medical officer in the chemical and shipping industries. When he wasn't doing all that he enjoyed reading, walking, playing golf and watching Morse! We offer our condolences to his son Jon and all the family.

**Denis Kent** (1934-39). Gwen Kent (née Pugh) wrote to tell us that Denis died of cancer last September and asked us to pass on this message via the newsletter to any members who knew him.

**Jean Williams** (Eldridge 1935-40). It is with regret we have learned that Jean died on 30th June 2006. **Irene Akery** (Morgan 1934-39) told us 'she was a great and loyal friend, remembered by many'. She will be remembered at the reunion and we offer condolences to her family and friends. Jean and Irene came to almost every reunion between 1941 & 2006. Sadly Irene will not be able to attend this year. *My thanks to Shirley Lane (1952-58) who also passed on this information - Ed.*

#### **\*\*1940s\*\***

**Reg Ohlsen** (1940-48). New Life member. I had not realised that the Old Paludians was such an active Association in monitoring the activities and whereabouts of its many members. Reading the Newsletters back to 1998 was a very pleasant trip down memory lane and the list of names - and faces - which I recall is just too long for me to include. Though I was particularly interested in the mention of several fellow Old Datchetonians (or whatever we are called!). **Egon Braun** and I often helped each other with English homework; **Vernon "Hooky" Amos** was a very good cricketer - we went on several tours together and **Norman "Nat" Taylor** and I cycled to school together every morning often with **Len Butler** and **Bob Berryman**. Except for a brief stint back in England, I have lived abroad since 1959 - in Holland and the United States - New Jersey, Virginia and currently in Pennsylvania. Of course I

had many contacts with Old Pals before going overseas through my work at Glaxo Laboratories in Stoke Poges and then at Mars Confectionery as well as through playing local cricket and hockey and from visits to the club house in Taplow.

Unfortunately it is now too late for me to be at the March 17th, 2007 Reunion but I would definitely like to, and will try to, attend in 2008 - has a date for that one been decided yet so I can plan around it? I am certainly eager to read the upcoming Newsletter and I hope we will get to meet next year.

Meantime I wish the 2007 event every success and my best wishes to all those who remember me.

**Fred Collins** (1941-47). I regret that we will not be able to attend the AGM in Slough this year. It looks like our days of overseas travel may be at an end. Many car rental companies will not allow me to rent their cars due to my age and also out of country health insurance is getting extremely expensive. I am still flying the old Cessna 180 but not so much in winter time as I am only rated for visual conditions and my plane is not equipped for instrument flight, particularly if there is any icing present. We drove to my daughter's for Christmas in the interior of British Columbia - took nearly 15 hours whereas we went in the Cessna last summer for my niece's wedding and it took 2 hours and 5 minutes!!

Mary & I had a great bus tour of the Maritime Provinces (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island) last fall, in time to see some of the brilliant colours of the maple trees. We ended up in Quebec Province where we stayed a couple of days in Quebec City and a couple in Montreal. While we had visited Prince Edward Island and Quebec City previously, it was our first time in most of the rest of the places. It is a beautiful part of Canada to visit, but I sure am glad we live in B.C. I am still very active in Rotary, the Shriners (a branch of the Freemasons), Probus and teach a course in "Magnetic Compass" to would be boat operators through the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron. Mary is very involved in an embroidery club and produces some very skilful pieces. I get the pleasure of building wooden frames for some of them, having a nice workshop set up in our aircraft hangar. Our greetings and best wishes for a successful AGM.

**Dawn Dudbridge** (Smith 1941-44). Regret not being able to attend reunion but the journey is rather taxing. I was at SHS after grammar schools in Coventry and Northampton due to being bombed out in 1940. SHS days were the 'happiest days' and after that I became very friendly with **Mrs Boul** and baby sat for her and Arnold. She and Arnold were so close to us over the years and I used to visit her from Barton on Sea too - and not to put it too quietly - she was the most wonderful teacher ever and loved by all of us. I do keep in touch with **Barbara Palmer-Hall** (née Gibbons) and retirement is great down here - plenty to do and I'm well enough to do it!

**Gwen Gale** (Knight 1941-47). Thanks to all who continue to keep in touch. It is very sad that **Mrs Boul** and **Miss Gwen Allen** are no longer with us. They were both very good friends of the Old Pals. One of the highlights of my year was meeting **Betty Cohen**. I had not seen her since 1946 so we had a lot of catching up to do. Best wishes to everyone.

**Bill Eastwell** (1941-47). Unfortunately I cannot make the reunion, but please accept my apologies. If Mavis Admans (née Westbrook) is there please convey my sadness at hearing about David (I only recently heard).

**Peter & Audrey (Egelstaff) Raymond** (1941-47). We have decided to become life members, although it is a bit late in the day, so to speak! We are looking forward to meeting everyone and hope to come across some old friends.

**Nancy Evans** (Pardoe 1941-43). Due to ill health (a minor stroke in July which restricts my movement) I will be unable to attend.

**Mary Kingsley-Jones** (Gale 1942-46). Sorry not to be with you but hope you all have a great day on the 17<sup>th</sup>. We moved to Hayling Island early last year.

**Margaret Paine** (Paine 1943-48). My life carries on as normal - still enjoying short walks and driving. After last year's reunion I received a phone call from Ottawa from **Doris Beckett** (Holmes 1943-45). Doris went to Canada and married. I hadn't spoken to her for 58 years! We spent a whole hour on the phone-a lovely surprise. Two weeks ago I went to stay with my son in Edinburgh and visited **Sheila Barnes** (Simpson 1941-47). Sheila's sister Pat was in our form and went to South Africa where she died

a few years ago. If anybody has news of anyone who started SHS between 1941-43 I should love to hear from you. My phone number is [REDACTED] I should also like to say 'welcome!' to **Thelma Ricketts** (Banister) who will be joining us for the first time since 1948.

**Anne Letchford** (Reeves 1943-49). Sorry I am unable to attend this year as we will be holidaying in Australia, but hope to attend next year. Best wishes to all.

**Mary Haydock** (File 1944 - 51). Another year that I cannot get to the reunion. In 2006 I was recovering from a hip replacement, which went very well - so well, that I have bowls and golf commitments on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Judy Zannini** (Hawes 1948-50), **Eizabeth Green** (Brown) and **Enid Matthews** (Watkins 1950-55) all live in Thetford and we all meet regularly. Elizabeth will be on holiday in New Zealand on 17<sup>th</sup>. We are in touch with **Doreen Comer** (Lambert) who lives in Diss. I wonder if any other "Old Pals" are living in Suffolk or Norfolk? While on holiday last summer we met **Joe Armstrong**, now living in Chard, Somerset. An ex Grammar school old boy and a friend from Thomas Gray primary school - many years ago! My best wishes for a very successful day to you all.

**Trevor & Christine Taylor** (1945-51). We are not yet sure if we can attend this year's reunion. Trevor is still actively umpiring cricket matches but is in mourning over England's Ashes efforts. Christine enjoys flower arranging and line dancing. In 2006 we made a highly successful trip to the Harz mountains in Germany and thoroughly recommend the area.

**Don Wells** (1945-52). After my wife of 45 years died in 2003, I really didn't think I would get married again but in fairly rapid succession an old friend became a girlfriend and then my partner. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> last year we were wed and I suddenly became step-grandad to seven youngsters ranging from 3 months to 16 years. Yvonne and I plan to get to the reunion this year. My tai chi classes are still going strong and developing an emphasis that is now more 'yang' than 'yin'; I even bought sets of body armour recently. After much cajoling and a little bullying I managed to get a tai chi team together to challenge the 'Eggheads' in the BBC2 quiz show. The programme was recorded at the end of January and it will probably be shown in March or April. I am not allowed to say whether we won or not but I can say that in the final round we matched these world class quizzers in an unprecedented series of 'sudden death' confrontations. Watch and marvel!

**Peter Tyler** (1946 - 51). Does anyone remember the Old Paludians' Dances which were held at the Dolphin Hotel Ballroom in the Uxbridge Road. in the late 1950's. I played the double bass in the Melody Quintet, a local dance band, alongside **Keith Mansfield**, pianist, and **Maurice Cooke**, saxophone, (both SGS). In retirement I again play alongside Maurice in a local group called Gentle Jazz, and recently, quite unexpectedly met up with Keith Mansfield who has now retired from a highly successful professional career in composing and arranging. Among Keith's many compositions is the signature tune for 'Match of the Day'.

**Anne Stephens** (Hales 1946-53). Regrettably I am unable to attend the re-union this year. I hope you will have an enjoyable time. Please pass on my greetings to all those who remember me and I hope to see you all next year.

**Doreen Paula Atherton** (Jones 1946-53). I am very sorry to miss the reunion this year. Our youngest daughter is getting married on that day so I think that must have priority! I hope it all goes well and I look forward to hearing all about it from other friends who will be attending.

**Muriel Aird** (Bubb 1946-53). What a difference a year makes! Last year I was telling you that my husband and I were fully retired having given up our dance business. This year, due to a phone call from a young couple pleading with us to "come out of retirement" and choreograph a dance for them to perform at their wedding, we are back teaching ballroom dancing again. Word got around and now we run a couple of classes each week plus a number of private lessons. There has been a huge amount of interest in ballroom dancing recently, due I think, to the TV programme "Strictly Come Dancing". So life is very busy again, although we always make sure we have time to enjoy the beautiful Dorset coast and countryside where we live. From our house we can see the sweep of Weymouth Bay and Portland. I hope to attend the Reunion again with my younger sister **Christine Robilliard** (1956-1960). Our older sister, **Irene Elfer** (1937-42) sends her best wishes to everyone from her home in Louisiana, USA. She keeps very busy with her volunteer duties at the local hospital three days a week and with her



large family. She has just been presented with her sixth great-grandchild, so her life is quite hectic! I look forward to seeing everyone at the Reunion. It is a very busy day for me as I have to find Irene's friends as well as my own to collect and pass on news. It is always an enjoyable day and I am sure this year will be no exception.

**John Hines** (1947-55) now lives in Ireland and retired four years ago. He would like to make contact with old friends.

**Philip Seal** (1947-51). I regret I am unable to attend the reunion this year but would like you to know that your efforts in producing a newsletter are appreciated.

**Raymond Lye** (1948-53). will be bringing Eric Stevens & his wife Jeanne to reunion.

**Beverley Webb** (1948-56). Ill health prevents me from attending this year.

**Rev. Robert M Giles** (1948-55). I am unable to attend the reunion this year as I am just coming out of radio-therapy treatment.

**Eileen Pearce** (Kitch 1949-54). I am unable to attend the reunion but send my best wishes to all.

**Valerie Storie** (1949-55). How can it possibly be 23 years since I took early retirement - that's nearly a quarter of a century! Each year seems to be busier than the last - I am in my 6th year as chairman of the Windsor Branch of Berkshire Family History Society and still as immersed in family history as ever. The Society went through a difficult few months with various resignations and I was asked to take over as Society secretary last November - so much for easing up on the jobs I do. Since I need Slough Community Transport for getting around this also takes up quite a bit of time as company secretary and a director - but it means I'm able to have a few trips out exploring family history locations as long as I fit in with their commitments (perks of the job). Two trips last summer resulted in finding the location of the shop where my mother had worked before marriage was now a Kebab House - my grandparents' shop had turned into a Rice Bowl takeaway. Such is family history. The WI is still going strong although I don't go quite as regularly now. Thank you to those of you who have kept in touch now the NL reins have passed to Shelagh who is doing such a great job. *Thank you, Valerie! -Ed*

**Ann Gilder** (Dutton 1949-56) and **Ray Gilder**(1951-54) send good wishes to all who remember them. They are still in Mevagissey and invite friends to call and see them when they are in Cornwall.

### **\*\*IN MEMORIAM\*\***

**John Long** (1940-44). Sadly John passed away just a few days after last year's Reunion. He had been an Old Paludian for many years although not well enough to attend recent Reunions. He was very involved in the early days of the OP after the war and spent many a happy time at the Dances at the Dolphin - despite being tone deaf. He was great friends with Stan Jones and spent part of his honeymoon with him!! Thelma explains that she and John went to a nice little pub in Sherbourne in Dorset for their honeymoon and on going into the dining room for dinner on the first evening were surprised to see Stan and another OP sitting there. Of course, it was nudge, nudge, wink, wink and Stan took some convincing that John and Thelma had been wed earlier that day - that was in September 1954. When John and Thelma first introduced their respective mothers to each other they had the surprise of their lives - the two ladies had been school friends and it turned out that John and Thelma had met whilst still in their prams at the age of one. Whilst still at school, John was a member of 3rd Slough Scouts and attained his Fire Fighting badge - this entitled him to be part of the School's fire fighting team. When the sirens sounded and the school was evacuated to the shelters, the fire team would be sent up to the attics on watch, ready to leap into action if needed. The attic was full of paper and other very combustible items - hardly the safest of places! And one of the masters would arrive in the mornings all filthy and dusty - straight from fire service duty in London's AFS overnight and would change on arriving at school - ready for lessons. John loved cricket and played for the school as well as the Old Paludians but he was also a wonderful artist, his forte being steam engines. In addition he was a talented cartoonist and some of his sketches were published. John was clearly a man of great talent and is much missed by friends and colleagues. *Thank*

*you for these memories which will make his friends and contemporaries smile! We send our condolences to Thelma and we all hope that her health soon improves - Ed.*

**David Admans** (1942-50). David died in March 2006 shortly before the Reunion and although this was announced during the afternoon, it was too late to include a tribute to him in the Newsletter. David was born in Slough and went to the Grammar School in 1942. At the age of 18 he met **Mavis Westbrook** (1942-50) whilst playing hockey - a sport which he later went on to play for the Old Paludians. They married in 1954 and had two daughters and 4 grandchildren. David did his National Service in the Navy after which he worked for the Civil Service in Customs and Excise. He took great pride in his family and both daughters loved sport, taking after their father. He became President of the Berks & S Bucks Swimming Association in 1985 and Championship Hon. Secretary from 1991 to 1994. He enjoyed gardening especially growing roses and was very knowledgeable in English Literature and the history of languages. David's death came after a long illness of 13 years and many Old Paludians attended his funeral. *We extend our sympathy to Mavis and the family - Ed.*

**Barbara Swift** (Porrett 1942 - 48). Sadly, Barbara died very recently. Her sister June writes: Barbara was diagnosed with a brain tumour in May 2006 and died February 7th 2007. All her life she suffered problems with her hearing and underwent a number of serious operations leaving her with minimal hearing in only one ear. She coped so well with this deafness that many people were unaware of her disability. She worked for many years as a personal secretary at the cement and Concrete Association at Wexham and it was here that she met her future husband Jim. They celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary in the year 2000. Barbara's main hobby was her garden and she spent many hours tending it. She grew many of her plants from seed and in the summer her garden was a picture much admired by her friends. *We send our condolences to her family and friends - Ed*

**Jean Cartwright** (Berryman 1944-49) **Mildred Thomas** (Price 1944-1949) wrote: I am very sad to report the sudden death of Jean who has been my friend since we were both 6 years old at Datchet School. We were in the same form at the High School & were both in the choir for several years with Miss Eileen Tucker as choirmaster, which gave both of us our love of music. Our ways parted when we left school but we have still communicated all these years. She moved to Norfolk from Kent in 1979 & sadly her husband Norman died suddenly, eighteen months after they moved there. She then became very active in village life, parish & town clerk, treasurer or secretary of several organisations & led a very busy life. I had a postcard from her two weeks before she died, from Corsica & Sardinia where she was having "a whale of a time". Would that we could all end our days still very much enjoying life, as she did. *Our condolences to her two sons & to Bob, her brother (ex SGS), & their families-Ed.*

**Graham Holmes** (1946-52). After a number of years of being desperately ill, Graham died on 9 December 2006. In the past Graham had been actively involved in the fund raising, planning and building of the Sports Clubhouse at Taplow. He played in the hockey and cricket teams with skill and enthusiasm and with his wife, Valerie, had a wide circle of friends. Valerie recalled in the 2003 newsletter that although not ex-SHS, she knew many of the Old Paludians through Graham's keen association with the hockey and cricket teams. She went on to say that 40 odd years ago most of her weekends were spent up at the Clubhouse in Taplow. In sending Valerie the condolences of all their many friends in the Old Paludians, the sadness is tinged with relief that the suffering of all the family is over, Graham is at peace and gone to a better place. "Grieve not that he has gone but give thanks that he was".

**Chris Penman** (1949-53). Chris died in September last year only two weeks before his seventieth birthday. He had given up his part time lecturing post with the Institute of Marketing. He lived near Evesham and had been at a village meeting that evening - he went out to get some fresh air and when his wife came to look for him, he was dead in his Land Rover. He was a particular friend of Peter

Burgess and was one of the legendary UVB boys - a whole group of lads who first met on starting at SGS in 1949 and have been put in touch again over the past few years. They all came together at Reunions each year and also held mini reunions themselves a couple of times during the year. This is what friendship means, it has endured over 55 years and it was through the Old Paludians that they have re-lived madcap days at school.

**\*\*1950s\*\***

**Valerie Parkes** (Ford 1950-56) Eighth grandchild due same day as reunion! Best wishes to all who remember us from myself and sister Sue and husband Bob Gedge in Vancouver.

**Norma Meyrick** (Parker 1951-56). I have had a very busy year - selling and buying homes. My husband's health is much improved following a triple bypass operation and we have even managed quite a few holidays. Our new home is much larger and I have taken great delight in furnishing it, something that kept me very busy in the run up to Christmas. We have a few holidays arranged for 2007 both in the UK and abroad - the Italian lakes in May and the Norwegian fjords in July. We are hoping to visit my brother, Jeff Park (SGS 49-54) in California in April 2008 and then, as it's our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during 2008, we are planning a month long visit touring Australia (health permitting). I hope to be at this year's reunion.

**Sylvia Cousins** (Burton 1951-56). Sylvia is unable to attend but wishes everyone all the best and hopes the reunion goes really well.

**Daphne Harvey** (Davies 1952-58) I shall not be able to come to the reunion this year as I shall be at a wedding in Hong Kong. I hope the day goes well and look forward to receiving the newsletter.

**Celia Johns** (Nelmes 1955-62). Still working full-time for Business in the Community, now as the Cambridgeshire Area Manager That entailed an office move from Peterborough to Huntingdon; surprising what accumulates in filing cabinets when you aren't looking! Still singing in two choirs, and still the Treasurer of the National Association of Choirs. We had a wonderful cruise last September, visiting Norway, Shetland, the Faeroes, Iceland, Greenland, and finishing up in Canada - lots of firsts during that holiday, like geysers, boiling mud pots, glaciers, icebergs, and whales! Fantastic for the geologist; Iceland was one of my "must-see" places of all time, and it certainly didn't disappoint. I'm sorry to miss the Reunion and catching up with everybody, but hope to be back next year. My love and good wishes to all who remember me.

**Ruth Shepherd** (Clarke (1955-62). As usual I am rushed off my feet! 19 month old grandson lives with us for half the week and my son is still with us full-time. My sister **Lorna's** (1957-62) daughter married last summer and her son is getting married next May so I have been busy quilting for them - such a change from all the cot quilts I made for John's side of the family. John and I still sing with the 'Gaslights Old Tyme Music Group' in local nursing and residential homes. The occasional W.I. group and the twice yearly recitals in my Maidenhead church are becoming more of a challenge! I am hoping to see my sister **Kathy** (1962-66) at the reunion, not to mention the usual bunch of friends. The really good news is that my other son has made a supreme effort and cured himself of drug addiction. He is now well on the way to leading a normal working life. Take heart from this if you know of anyone in a similar situation. Things can improve, even after twelve years.

**Linda Hunter** (Gamble 1956-60). Linda has now retired from her work as a solicitor and has become vice-chairman of the Migraine Action Association. She kindly passed on news of **Alan Parsons** (1953-60) and his wife **Pat Parsons** (Boulton 1956-60). Both are doctors and live in New Zealand. Alan was recently honoured by his city (Plymouth NZ) for his work with children. This involved caring for their health and safety and overseeing the care of young people undergoing treatment for cancer. She wrote that Alan would be far too modest to mention all this himself. Last year she attended the 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of **Avril Sutton** (Esson) and is regularly in touch with **Ann Cottee** (Giles), **Gillian Adams** (Gaffney) and **Caryl Erdos** (Walford-Evans), adding that girls from the fifties certainly do have lasting friendships!

**Alan Alderman** (1956 - 1964) Alan has recently become Chairman of the Macular Disease Society. Alan has Macular Disease (MD) which is the commonest form of visual impairment in the western world particularly amongst older people with some 500,000 people with MD in the UK alone. The Society is a

charity provides a number of services aimed at improving the confidence and independence of people with MD. For more information see their website [www.maculardisease.org](http://www.maculardisease.org) or contact Alan directly on [alan@maculardisease.org](mailto:alan@maculardisease.org).

**Christine Seaville** (Herman 1957-62) I went to the reunion in 2006 and I was astonished that there were 9 of us from my year. Normally I don't go to the UK in the winter months (given a choice!) but was there last year for the wedding of a niece so was so glad to go to the reunion and catch up with a few people I once knew. I've only just joined the Old Pals so hadn't heard from anyone for years and years. I'm a widow now with 2 daughters aged 28 and 27 and have retired to Vancouver Island. I'm patiently waiting for a condo to be built and then I will enjoy the sun and my views over the harbour!! Can't wait.

**Bob Moss** (1956-64). On Sunday July 30th 2006, seven "lads" from the 1956 intake got together for a 50th anniversary reunion. The event was hosted by Derek Ray; in attendance were Alan Alderman, Roger Fountain, Robin Hannigan, Edward Lucas-Smith, Bob Moss and Howard Smith, representing classes 1A, 1B and 1C from those days. Derek had very enterprisingly written a few sketches for the occasion and these we acted out in his back-garden. What the neighbours thought I don't know, but it made an interesting addition to the chat, eating and beer-swilling which normally characterise these occasions. This was the sixth successive year we've got together, with the venue for the event rotating among the attendees. Some 17 different former pupils have shown up over that time, roughly a fifth of the total intake for 1956. Several others have been in touch but never made it on the day. We plan to do the same again next year and would be happy to see any new faces."

**Jackie Barlow**(1958-63). I attended the 2006 reunion but I can't remember when I last came to one! I had a most enjoyable time as I was "found" by a couple of my era towards the latter part of the day, and it was good to catch up, albeit fairly briefly, with news not only of them (Carol and Andrea) but other classmates. I was also surprised to be able to recognise people after so many years of not seeing them! I plan to attend this year's reunion. More generally, I continue to enjoy my retirement and, after nearly 40 years of working, it is good not to have too many regular commitments! "

**Caroline Boulter** ( Blatch 1959-64). Sorry not to be able to attend again. I like the web-site - will look more closely when I have time.

**Carol Mansfield** (1957-1965). I'm looking forward to the 2007 Reunion and hope to see many of my school year in attendance this year, as 2006/2007 is our 60th birthday. We attended Slough High school from 1957 up to 1965 and were all born in 1946-47 so this year is a milestone! I am still working but hope to retire shortly. Presently working in Gibraltar and living in Spain, so well organised for retirement as I intend to stay living in Spain.

#### **\*\*IN MEMORIAM\*\***

**Philip Lawrence** (1950-58). Friends will be shocked to learn of Phil's sudden death from a heart attack on 11 October. He wanted to teach languages but went into engineering when his A-level results weren't good enough and became the only Wimpey apprentice to speak Latin. He spent most of his working life in Windsor, he married Denise from Langley Grammar in 1968 and they had a son and daughter. Denise sadly died in 2002. They moved to Flackwell Heath about 25 years ago and Phil continued his lifetime passion in the Scouting Movement in the village having been previously involved with 3rd Upton in Slough. In April 2005 he was awarded a Certificate by the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire in recognition of his 40 years of service to the Movement. Phil was a member of the Scout Fellowship in Marlow and also very involved in his local community. A small unnamed track used by the 1st Flackwell Heath Scouts to get to their Scout HQ in the village is to be named either Lawrence Way or Lawrence Drive in his honour. He joined the Old Paludians in 1999 and attended the Reunions when he could. He will be missed and we offer his son, daughter and grandchildren our condolences.

**Bernard Lamb** (1951 - 1956). For many years he worked at the paper mills in Loudwater until its

closure in the late Nineties. For the final six years of his working life, until retirement, he was employed by the MoD in Naphill. He met **John Forrest (1951-56)** in the 1960 - early 1970's when they were both active members of the local Bucks Berks Border Group of the Youth Hostels Association. **Jim Butcher (1951-56)** was in his class and remembers their time together, especially under the leadership of **Major Jim Wharmby**. In recent years Bernard took great pride in his allotment and he was a member of the Prestwood Parochial Church Council. *Our thanks to John Forrest for this information and our condolences go to Bernard's wife Karen and family*

#### **\*\*1960s\*\***

**Anne Hillier (1964-71)**. Sorry I can't attend this year. Still living in Alderley Edge, Cheshire, teaching maths and running Amnesty International group at Altrincham Boys Grammar School.

**Diana Aldrich (Veevers 1966-73)**. We have moved to Bristol and I am involved with projects in the timber processing industry as well as a social interest in the Slow Food Movement. I was part of a team in North Wales that helped Mold become the first Slow Food town in Wales. This was particularly satisfying for all those of us who did take domestic science and want to give something back to those who haven't learn to cook in school or in the home. Gaining the award entails all the local community groups working together with the local authorities to improve the quality of life for all - a real life civics lesson!

**Paul Donovan (1968-75)**. Paul has just finished as Chaplain to the aircraft carrier and Fleet Flagship, *HMS ILLUSTRIOUS*, and has been promoted to become Principal Roman Catholic Chaplain (Naval) and Director Naval Chaplaincy Service (Operations). With that role he became an Honorary Chaplain to the Queen (QHC) and a Prelate of Honour to His Holiness the Pope, with the title of Monsignor. This now means that he is more dressed than a Christmas tree. *Paul was a former Head Boy and we are delighted at his news. Congratulations - Ed*

#### **\*\*1970s\*\***

**Ahmed Farooqui (1970-72)**. I was sad to hear about GAD (Mr GA Dickinson); he was a genuinely nice person who went out of his way to teach me (alone) London Board Maths syllabus for one of my "A" levels. As you may recall, our board was Oxford not London. I wish I could have thanked him in later life, although I have often recalled those fond memories of him. Perhaps you could relate my appreciation of him to his daughter and if I get a chance to visit his family next time I am in the UK, I would love to do so.

**Sandra Dale (1971-78)** wrote: Sadly, I will not be able to attend as it is a bit too far to come. I now live in Cornwall and hardly ever leave the county (just because I love it so much!). Best wishes.

#### **\*\*1980s\*\***

*No news from any of the Old Paludians from this era.*

**OUR WEBSITE** - Our website continues to be our shop window enabling news and information to be instantly available 24 hours a day wherever you are in the world. We have no doubt that it is possibly the largest and best dedicated school site of its kind in Britain and thanks are due to our excellent Webmaster, **Ian Cairns**. Why not have a look at [www.oldpaludians.org](http://www.oldpaludians.org) ? The chances are that you will find yourself amongst all those photographs! Ian is aware many of you have spent time in sending in names for the photographs and apologises that he is behind in updating this part of the website. It has been due to a combination of illness and family commitments - several times he has asked for help in this task but as yet, no-one has come forward. If you feel you are able to help, please get in touch. Meanwhile do continue to help identify the people on the photographs and they will all be incorporated in due course - Ed

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW LIFE MEMBERS

We warmly welcome all those who have become Life Members over the past year. Our website will keep you fully informed of news, dates of events etc. and for those of you within striking distance of Lascelles Road we hope to see you at our Reunions and other functions. Letters giving news of the Reunions are sent out by post or email each January to all members and others who have shown interest or made contact during the previous year.

*If anyone has been omitted, our apologies and the omission will be rectified next time - Ed*

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS 2006 - 2007

#### 1930s

Muriel Chant (Ball) 1933-39

Arthur Hancock 1935-40

#### 1940s

Reg Ohlsen 1940-48

Audrey Raymond (Egelstaff) 1942-47

Vera Ormond (Steptoe) 1942-48

Thelma Ricketts (Bannister) 1943-49

Betty Wess (Cohen) 1941- 47

(John) W Hines 1947- 55

Peter Ward 1948- 54

#### 1950s

Nick Hammans 1950-55

Colin Burfoot 1951-59

June Gibson (Williams) 1952-57

Donald Fraser 1953-58

### MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

Valerie Storie is now the Membership Secretary and continues her excellent work maintaining the records in our database. New applications for membership should now be addressed to her (see back page) as well as notification of any changes of address/email.

**NOTE:** Details of members' names, addresses, years at school etc., are held in a computer database strictly in accordance with the rules governing Data Protection. Your attention is drawn to this fact. Such information is used solely for mailing and Old Paludians purposes and is not divulged to other organisations. Should you have any objection to this we can arrange for your name to be removed and any correspondence will be dealt with by hand. This is your right under the Data Protection Act and we will assume you have no such objection unless otherwise informed.

## Date for your Diary REUNION 2008

The reunion date for 2008 will be

**Saturday 15th March**

The format will be similar to this year. Invitation letters will be dispatched by the end of January 2008.



*We've lost touch with:*

**Reg Ohlson** is looking for any news of **Egon Braun, Norman "Nat" Taylor, Len Butler** and **Bob Berryman**. I would be pleased if **Vernon Amos**, would like to get in touch - my details are with Valerie, see address at end of the newsletter.

**Peter Burgess** (1949-54). Our UVB line-up still has a few gaps - still searching for John Hinds (lived in Wraysbury) Peter Ashley, Terence Clegg, David (Nick) Walton and Terry Bradbury.

**Jean Tyler** (Ireland 1950-56) would like to get in touch with **Bernard Cormac John Smith (1963 - 70)**. Programmes and certificates belonging to him were handed to the Chairman after a recent reunion and she is keen to get these items returned to their rightful owner. It looks as if Bernard just called in for a short while because he is not registered as a member.

**June Gibson** (Williams 1952-57). June would like to hear news of **Pat Hoskins**. Pat lived at the family home in Langley when we were at SHS. She had an older sister at the school, Jackie, who went on to be a radiographer at a local hospital. Pat got married and went to live in Bracknell at about the time I left the area. Perhaps some members of OP know of Pat's sister Jackie, through hospital attendances? Also has anyone news of **Denis Wakeman, Brenda Snelling, Maureen Gillard, June Harris, Anne Howells**? June says she remembers **Susan Cooper** being Head Girl and **Shirley Barrett** being Deputy Head Girl. They starred in a school play "The Scarlet Pimpernel". But- good news - June did manage to find.....



*We've found:*

**June Gibson** (Williams 1952-57) June was looking on Friends Reunited and managed to find **Valerie Storie** who was already looking for her in order to help someone in Australia!! (*Although we can't entirely take credit for this, it was a case of them being in the right place at the right time!*)

**Reg Ohlsen** (1940-48). We have already found **Bob Berryman** who is the brother of the late Jean Cartwright and details of **Philip Seal** and **Vernon Amos** are being passed on. (Still looking for the others!)

**Peter Burgess** (1949-54). This year the SGS 1954 Upper V Gang have found Pete Ward, Nick Hammans and Roger Little.

**Joyce Preddle** (Hobson 1929-32). We were able to put Joyce in touch with **Margaret Gillett** (McGillivray 1932-37).

One of the most satisfying aspects of our Newsletter is the fact that somewhere, sometime, an answer is usually found to our requests for help. We have had some truly remarkable finds over the years and long may we do so.

Contact details for any of the above may be obtained from Valerie Storie our Membership Secretary, see details below.

## HELP Calling all Old Paludians

Valerie Storie and Peter Burgess are hoping to produce another picture history book of Slough and District with in particular chapters on Langley, Colnbrook, Burnham/Beeches, Farnham Common/Royal, George Green, Wexham, Fulmer and Slough.

If you have any significant memories, photographs of places/groups and ephemera that we could use please, please let Valerie know. Full acknowledgements given and everything will be carefully looked after and returned as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Peter Burgess SGS  
1949 - 54

### The Old Paludians: 2006 -2007

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# The Old Paludians Book

## ~~~~~ School Ties ~~~~~

### Further recollections of the Old Paludians

Published in 2005 to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the Old Paludians.

Once again Old Paludians have drawn upon their memories - 180 pages of schooldays, perhaps in times of war or national strife, perhaps special personal occasions that stay forever in the mind. Maybe starting school as timid pupils or leaving school as confident young adults. Friendships that have passed every possible test of time and are still fresh today - places - hilarious memories - poignant memories. They are all here, recorded forever and giving an intriguing overview of school years against a background of the social life of Slough. It is a 'must have' for all members and will make a special present for families and friends. The order form is once again re-printed below. Copies have been read and passed along to family, friends and colleagues all over the world. Don't miss out - make sure you have your own copy!



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