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EDITORIAL

This is my first editorial since taking over the role from Shelagh Rothero, so I'd better introduce myself briefly. I grew up in Eton Wick, attended Slough Grammar School from 1956 - 1964 and went on to take a degree in Russian. That in itself represents a quirk of fate - I had decided that my degree subject would be Russian or German, depending on which 'A' level marks were better. With Russian apparently winning the battle, that became my choice. It was only later that I discovered that the school secretary had sent the marks the wrong way round and I'd actually done better in German. Since I later worked as a Russian linguist, that slip of the pen determined my whole future!

Anyway, it was not until around the new millennium that I heard of the school reunions and joined the Old Pals. As many members must have found, it's a strange experience returning to one's old stamping-ground after all that time. I've spoken to quite a few old classmates since returning to the fold and it's surprising how many are ambivalent about their schooldays, even though they appeared well-integrated in school life at the time. There were of course good and bad times for all of us but the two big pluses as far as I'm concerned were: a) the standard of the tuition we received - of life-long value, though inevitably some subjects were better taught than others; b) also very important - the non-academic aspects which came with membership of, and involvement in, the large number of school clubs and societies. Running the school chess club, for instance - arranging matches, travel, refreshments, managing the club's grading system, committee meetings, etc. - taught me more about organisation and working with other people than any "team-building exercise" attended in later life; while involvement in school plays was an eye-opener as far as work behind the scenes was concerned. I'm sure hundreds of other pupils must have benefited similarly over the years.

Well, that's enough about me. As far as the school is concerned, the big news over the past year has been the grant from the Education Funding Agency which will permit the construction of a new kitchen and dining-room plus other facilities. A great deal of hard work has obviously gone into the school's successful funding bid, so congratulations to all concerned. Please see the principal's report (last paragraph) for further details. Note also her request in the "Extracurricular Programme" section for Old Pals to volunteer their expertise if able/willing.

Finally, I'd like to thank Shelagh Rothero for the help and advice she has provided in my first year as editor - this despite my messing up her careful formatting of last year's newsletter during proof-reading. This experience had led me to be rather wary of making any changes to the layout of this year's edition, so I hope readers are happy with more of the same.

Bob Moss.

NB. **Singers** are wanted for the Reunion on July 6th! If you can sing one of the parts (SATB) and would like to join a small choir to perform 3 or 4 pieces in July, please contact me, preferably by email (rcmoss@blueyonder.co.uk), stating which part you can sing.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Greetings. I hope you all enjoyed 2012 as much as I did; last year seemed to be one long celebration.

At our Reunion we welcomed two former Heads, Mr G. Painter and Mrs M. Lenton, who with the current Head Mrs Mercedes Hernández Estrada unveiled a new honours style board showing all the Heads of the Schools since 1912. Old Girls were specially pleased to see the names of Miss Crawford, Miss Owen and Miss Reakes on display in the Grammar School building. We had prepared a new exhibit about Slough Secondary School and we all enjoyed the singing by the Old Paludians Choir, especially 'Ad Astra', which was written for Slough High School by Miss Muriel Evason with music by Alec Rowley and first performed at the 1951 Speech Day. A Celebration cake was cut by Councillor Sukhjot Kaur Dhaliwal, The Mayor of Slough, Haraman Johal, Head Boy and Nakita Gandhi, Head Girl.

Several members of the OPA were invited to attend the School's Celebration on 29th March. We witnessed '100 Years', a stage presentation by students and staff and this was followed by the Keynote speech given by District Judge Tan Ikram, a former student of SGS. Visitors were then shown around the school by students. Francisco Garcí-Quiñonero from the Spanish Embassy opened a new building at the back of the School and then we all watched 10 Chinese Lanterns (one for each decade) ascend into the night sky. A wonderful display of cup cakes at the back of the hall disappeared before we departed.

Changes continue at School and those of you who regularly pass by on the A4 will have noticed the large building which has risen from the grounds like a Phoenix. This is the new Restaurant and will be the venue for our 2013 AGM and Reunion on Saturday 6th July. I hope you will come along to have a look. I apologise to those who are not happy with the change of date but I welcome comments about the date for future reunions.

Keeping in touch with you all is a challenge. Please remember to tell us when you change your email address, and if you are on our 'by post' list we do need to know when you move house and that you still wish to hear from us each year. Postage is so expensive and it is frustrating when letters are returned marked 'not known at this address'.

I feel it is a sign of advancing years, but I have to admit that the book of photographs is taking longer to edit than expected. However, we have had some wonderful pictures sent to us during the last few months which are a must for the book and would have been missed if we had been more efficient.

My thanks are due to our President, Mrs Mercedes Hernández Estrada and to members of the Committee for their continuing support, and a special thank you to Bob Moss for editing this, his first Newsletter.

The Old Paludians has some enthusiastic Quizzers among the membership. If you are interested in joining a team competing in the Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead area, contact me.

With best wishes,

Jean Tyler

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS MERCEDES HERNÁNDEZ ESTRADA

International Baccalaureate

Over the past few years we have been finding it challenging to recruit to the **IB course**. We have tried a number of very different approaches to encourage young people (and their parents) to opt for a broad and balanced qualification which has a holistic approach to learning and personal development. The discouraging items in the press have not been helpful. As an institution, we ensure students and parents are well informed to make educated decisions about Sixth Form courses.

Having considered the undeniable educational value of the IB and the lack of take up amongst students, it was voted to discontinue the IB for new entrants from September 2012. The Governors wish to ensure that the option to offer the IB again remains open should there be a change in public opinion and a demand for it at local level.

I am very grateful for the commitment staff and students have shown as individuals and believe we can continue to embrace the IB ethos despite not offering the qualification.

Enhancing Learning

The school has been focusing on providing a wide programme that extends and broadens students' education to **enhance learning**. The aim is to develop essential skills for higher education and the increasingly competitive world of work. Students in years 9 and 10 can choose from a wide range of enrichment activities, including developing their creativity through a course in photography, learning basic first aid and enhancing their business acumen through participating in the Young Enterprise competition. In the Sixth Form, students can take part in activities that range from the Sports Leader qualification to creative writing to debating. In both Key Stages students are also being given the very exciting opportunity to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award, which is highly respected by universities and employers.

Extracurricular Programme

The Key Stage teams are also working on developing an exciting **extracurricular programme** to support and develop our More Able students. In the sixth form the Scholars' Club, which runs every Thursday after school, has already proven extremely popular with our older students and further exciting activities and speakers have been planned for the future. The Scholars' Club is designed to broaden horizons, introduce the students to ideas that they may not have encountered before, and help them to prepare for university and working life. Recent talks have included 'Applying for Medicine' and 'Tell me about a Banana', while there have also been talks from a local business leader and the Principal. The Scholars' Club spent an enrichment day in London towards the end of last term, visiting the Wellcome Collection, the British Museum, The National Gallery and Parliament. A similar 'Enigma' club will be set up for lower school in the next academic year.

We would be very grateful if any Old Paludians felt that they had expertise that they could share, perhaps about one of the professions, academia, travel or business. If you would be interested in volunteering or know somebody who might be, please email Mr Sammels at ds@sloughgrammar.berks.sch.uk

Summer Schools

This summer, Slough Grammar School ran two STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) **summer schools**, facilitated by the educational company Aspire: one for year 5 pupils in the local area and one for our own year 10 students. Thirty Year 5 pupils planned an intrepid voyage into space to colonise Mars. Teams of pupils representing different nations had to compete to claim victory in their mission. Pupils had to design Mars landers and a Martian buggy among other exciting activities. The pupils who took part thoroughly enjoyed their experiences and felt as though they had learnt so much about robotics, electronics and biotechnology.

Then, in the last week of the summer holidays, a group of intrepid SGS students embarked on a week-long mission to solve a true crime. This STEM project saw students taking on the role of Crime Scene Investigators (CSI) to piece together the evidence to solve a real-life murder. As CSI, the students learned all about forensic science, including DNA fingerprinting, blood stain analysis, hair and fibre analysis, toxicology and bone analysis. The event also touched on PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education) themes such as relationships, suicide and murder.

At Slough Grammar School we strive to provide a holistic education that stretches students socially, academically and emotionally, and see these opportunities as central to achieving that aim.

Exam Results

In the summer we witnessed a great deal of controversy over **exam results**. The GCSE results were very much in the news and we all heard of the changes in boundaries resulting in worse results for many schools. Despite this our results have been excellent, with over 97% of our youngsters achieving 5 grades at A* to C. English has been in the limelight in a particular, negative way but we are proud to tell you that, whereas the national average of grades A* to B was 35%, for Slough Grammar School students it was 91%. Even in a bad year our students deliver outstanding results of which we can be proud!

University Places

Last year's Year 13 cohort were very successful in securing **university places**, with almost half of the year group starting courses at prestigious Russell Group and 1994 Group universities (the research-led British universities). Twice as many students as the previous year succeeded in entering Medicine, which has become increasingly competitive in the last couple of years. Some of the most popular university courses included Engineering, Pharmacy, Mathematics, Politics, English, History, Law and Economics.

Prize Giving

We celebrated the individual successes of these students during **Prize Giving**, which took place in the Main Hall on Wednesday 19th September. We were honoured to have Mr Stuart Cummings as our guest speaker. He is the Global Programme Director at Hibu (formerly known as Yell). He is described as a "Delivery-focused senior leader who has successfully transformed both autonomous business units and multi-country operations for a £1.5 billion revenue digital services organization". He is an excellent role model, as he manages to balance his academic endeavours and achievements with a commitment to giving something back to the community and working with children via Scouts and rugby. He spoke to us about the importance of hard work and also about not being afraid to seize opportunities when they present themselves.

Media Suite

Last July, the school bid for a grant from the Slough Public Hall Trust to help fund the development of a **Media Suite** at Slough Grammar School. The school will be delivering Media Studies and Photography in-house from September 2013 and, as such, needs to ensure that the most state-of-the-art equipment is available for the students to achieve their best. We are happy to announce that we secured a grant of £5000, which will help towards the cost of equipping the Media Suite with Apple Mac computers.

New Buildings

To conclude, I would like to share some more good news with you. For the second year running we heard in July about the outcome of our bid for funding for **new buildings for Slough Grammar School**. This year it contained the exciting news that the school has been given £2.8 million by the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to "demolish the existing catering and dining facilities and build new facilities". This means that over the summer we started building a fit-for-purpose kitchen and dining-room with seating capacity for 400, student toilets and facilities for catering staff on the ground floor. On the first floor we will have a resource area, a library annex with research facilities and flexible spaces for small group work, lectures, meetings and offices. Additional parking spaces for staff and visitors will be part of this project and so will a drop-off zone for parents. This part of the project will be completed in time for this year's reunion. I look forward to meeting you then.

****STAFF NEWS****

Ivy Halden (1941-74) - We received news of Ivy from **Ann Seller (Veronica Woodrow, 1946-53)**. Ivy, who taught English at SHS, celebrated her 99th birthday with a small party at church (United Reform Church, where she used to be the first female minister) just before Christmas. She still manages to get there most Sundays. Ann says she and Ivy had great fun recently looking up the exact definition of 'synecdoche', which both had forgotten. (*Pause while the editor checks his dictionary*). Ivy lives alone and is helped by friends and carers from day to day. She sends greetings to all who remember her.

****IN MEMORIAM ****

Francis Gibson (Head of English SGS, 1960-68) - We heard very recently that Francis had died at his home in Stourbridge. **Michael Denham (SGS 1961-68)** writes:

"Those of us who were taught by Francis Gibson will remember him as a dedicated teacher who set the highest possible standards for his pupils. He constantly challenged us to raise our game and expected us to deliver our very best. At times that could be daunting, but he wanted us to succeed and was ready to walk the extra mile to support us. Indeed, for our S Level English group he went to the trouble of running a weekly seminar in the evening at his own home. His wife also attended and we read and discussed a wide range of books and plays way beyond the formal A Level syllabus. Looking back, I can see how much he helped me, especially in the areas of critical thinking and clear expression. I will remember him with gratitude."

(The editor adds: Mr Gibson lived in Dorney and I remember him chiefly for maintaining discipline in the school library, where boys were sometimes inclined to mess around if given the chance. Mr Gibson would not hesitate to eject offenders, which seemed a bit harsh at the time, though now I view his actions more sympathetically!)

Betty Symmons (Thimbleby, 1962-82) - We were sad to learn from her daughter Deborah that Betty died on June 17th 2012. Betty taught history at SHS and will be remembered by many former pupils. She was born in Rugby in 1926 during the General Strike. At age 17 she secured a place at Bedford College to study history. This was during WWII and Bedford College had been evacuated to Cambridge. **Pamela Reakes**, who later became headmistress at SHS, was in the same year as Betty at Bedford College and also studied history. Betty did her teacher training at the Institute of Education in London. Her first teaching post was at Maidenhead High School. She married in 1950 and went to live in Southgate in London. During the next two years she taught at Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet. Betty gave up teaching when her daughter was born and the family moved to Iver Heath. Around 1965 she returned to teaching part-time and taught first at Evreham Secondary School in Iver, then joined the staff at SHS, where she continued to teach until retirement in 1984. She enjoyed both teaching and the companionship of the staff room. Although widowed in 1997, she continued to live in Iver Heath until 2004, when she moved to Bristol to be near her son. Even in retirement her red pen was never far from her hand and she was always keen to ensure that her children and grandchildren wrote neatly and with correct spelling and grammar!

****1920s****

****IN MEMORIAM****

Dorothy Jardine (1925-30) - we learned recently that Dorothy had passed away. Sadly, this means that the deaths of two sisters are reported in the same Newsletter - Dorothy's younger sister **Ivy Bordon** having passed away last year (see 1940s "In Memoriam" section). An old school report on Dorothy for the summer term 1929, when her form mistress was Mrs Sharp, shows what a bright pupil she must have been. She came top of a class of 14 and was first or second in every subject except Art. Subjects at that time were marked A, B or C for Conduct, Industry and Progress - Dorothy received an A in every category (of which there were twelve) except "Art Progress", which was marked 'B'. The Headmaster's comment was "Very Satisfactory" (*no hype in those days!* - Ed.) Clearly, Dorothy was a gifted student.

Joyce Preddle (Hobson, 1929-32) - We are sad to record the passing at the age of 97 of Joyce Preddle, one of our longest-lived members. Joyce was born in 1914 and died on June 16th 2012. Her memorial service took place at the Alton Quaker Meeting House in Hampshire on August 14th. **David Rogers** (OPA archivist) writes: "Joyce's long and happy family life was complemented by a truly astonishing range of careers, interests, involvement and service to others. Somehow too she found time for serious gardening and writing - poetry and prose, including a fascinating autobiography. I never met her but, having read the latter, wish I had. She became a Quaker in 1976. Typically, she was alert and active until the end."

****1930s****

Arthur Day (1936-42) - has written and published a book, "Thistle Make You Think"! (*My father, a lifelong pun addict, would have loved that title. Ed.*) It is hoped to have a copy on display at the reunion.

Daphne Middleton (Shefford, 1939-1945) - would like to know if anyone has any photos of the Old Pals Hockey Team, 1947 - 1954. Daphne played for the team and had a couple of very good photographs of the members which she is now unable to find. She remembers that **Kathy Clarke** and **Mair Platt** played in the team but can't recall any other names. She is therefore hoping that a few other copies of the photos may still be around - can anyone oblige?

Dugald "Jim" Ross (1939-44) - has supplied a lengthy article containing his reminiscences of SGS, plus a response he received from schoolmate **Reg Ohlson (1940-48)**, to whom he sent a copy. It makes interesting reading and contains references to a number of contemporaries such as **David Morgan (1939-47)**, who was always top of the class, and Eric Hill (always second). A number of teachers are also mentioned, some of whom - eg. Messrs Hampshire, Evans, Todd, Taylor, Purvis and Collin - were still present when I joined in 1956 (*Ed.*). One occupation of the boys in those days, mentioned by both Jim and Reg, was the practice of tapping the central heating pipes in the Library in order to annoy the headmaster in his study next door. When a wrathful Mr Clarke appeared, the lads would either have disappeared or be looking studious! Unfortunately, there is too much material to be included in the Newsletter. One other useful document, supplied by Reg, is a copy of a press announcement, dated 1940, listing candidates who had qualified for entry to SGS and SHS that year; these are divided into "special places" and "fee-paying pupils".

Betty Absolon (Chapman, 1939-45) - Betty regrets that it is no longer possible for her to attend reunions. However, she is still in touch at Christmas time with five members of her old form, all now in their mid-80s. (*See also the "In Memoriam" section below regarding Betty's brother John Chapman. Ed.*)

Victor Woodford (late 1930s to early 40s) - received the 2012 Newsletter from **Islay Cox** (nee Lovegrove), who at the time was unwell and in Hereford Hospital. He recalls Islay cycling to school with her friend Kay Lawther, while he himself cycled to SGS with his friend **Richard Ford**. Islay's husband **Charles Cox** was notable for cycling to school on a tandem with his late friend Gerald Cullimore. Staff he remembers include Mr Hampshire (Latin and Music), apparently dubbed "Hambone", and Mr J M Reeves (English), who had the misfortune to fall *up* the stairs to the stage on his first day at school! Mr Reeves also ran music appreciation classes

and instilled in Victor a life-long interest in classical music. Other names he mentions are: Billy Omer, known as "Knobtwister" for his enthusiasm for amateur radio (*Appreciate the explanation! - Ed.*); C N Furnival, a dentist who now lives in South Africa; the late **John Ware**; and another boy named (possibly Ernest) Wyatt. Victor adds that he still treasures his "yard-long" school photo, taken when he was in form 2B, when there were about 300 pupils.

****IN MEMORIAM****

Irene Anderson (1931-38) - We were recently informed by her sister, **Elinor Gates (nee Anderson, 1936-42)**, that Irene died on January 9th 2013 at the age of 92. Irene was Head Girl in 1938 before going on to Reading University, followed by a career working for the British Council. Elinor is looking forward to seeing the book covering the history of the school which she, two sisters and daughter Hilary all attended. (*This is the book of photographs mentioned by Jean, still currently being worked on. Ed*)

Cecily Earl (1933-38) - Cecily passed away in Chandos Nursing Home on Sunday September 9th, aged 90. Her funeral was held on September 19th at St John's Church, Farnham Common. Cecily regularly attended Old Pals reunions until ill health became an obstacle. She had enjoyed a good quality of life, remaining completely independent until the last couple of months. She actually penned her own obituary, asking a friend to inform the Old Pals of her passing when it came and providing this modest, concise summary of her time on earth: "Cecily Earl passed away recently in a nursing home after a short illness. With the exception of the war years, when she worked in Oxford in the Civil Service, she lived in the same house in Farnham Common for 85 years. After the war, when grants became available, she trained as a primary school teacher, taught in Cippenham and for the last fifteen years of her working life served as deputy head of Claycotts School, Britwell. She retired in 1980. During retirement she occupied her time with her home, garden, village activities and her church fellowship." All her life Cecily was a faithful member of her local Church, St. Johns in Farnham Common, and also of St. Pauls in Slough. She requested that her funeral should be simple, with no oration of her life history.

Ken Bryant (1936-41) - it was with great sadness that we learned of Ken's passing on 27th August 2012. He had been to St Lawrence's Church during the afternoon but went home early after feeling unwell. His funeral was held at St Lawrence's on September 7th. **David Jewell (1943-51)** supplied the following obituary: "Ken was born in Timbertown, on the site of Herschel Grammar School. These were wooden buildings constructed during WW1 for military personnel and subsequently occupied by Slough Trading Estate. In 1936 he won a scholarship to the newly opened Slough Grammar School for Boys and at fifteen joined the Air Training Corps. When in 1941 he was accepted into the GPO Telephone Engineering Dept, he had to change to the Army Cadet Force because of a clash of class times. In the ACF he became Quartermaster Sergeant. He spent his working life with the GPO, rising steadily through the ranks until finally he was promoted to Executive Engineer dealing with work-study programmes. Apart from work, he was involved with the Masons. Starting with the Old Paludians Masonic Lodge in 1968, he progressed through many Lodges and appointments during the next 20 years. He also joined the Slough and District Probus Club and served on their committee. It was at one of their meetings that Mrs Lenton asked him to assist in the running of Industry Weeks at the school. He was already an Old Paludian and became a committee member. He was always at the door for signing in at the AGM. He and his wife were very active members of St Lawrence Church, Upton, whose history reaches back to the 11th Cent. He researched the background of the windows, carvings and

artefacts of the church and also the stories behind the names of the many prominent local people buried in the churchyard. He was especially proud of the tomb of the astronomer Sir William Herschel, buried in the chancel floor. As his story shows, Ken was a man who would always get involved in anything he joined. He was an enthusiast for whatever took his fancy. Although battling cancer from 1998, he continued to play as active a part as he could and coped with his health problems with cheerfulness and gratitude for the way they remained controlled."

Jean Bostock (Burnett, 1936-41) - Jean passed away on April 29th 2012. She lived in Derbyshire. Her interests were gardening, sport, visiting National Trust properties and other countries. Unfortunately, no further information has been received concerning Jean's life.

John Chapman (1938-44) - We were recently informed by his sister **Betty Absolon (Chapman, 1939-45)** that John passed away back in 2009 after an illness which unfortunately had deprived him of speech for his last 5 years. After an apprenticeship at Rheostatic, John established a successful one-man draughting business. He had 2 daughters and one son.

Margaret Vale (Flinn, 1939-43) writes - "It is with great sadness I have to tell you of the death of two Old Pals and dear friends of mine for many years: **Marian Ival (nee Dalton, 1938-44)** and **Helena Moore (nee Callaway, 1938-43)**. Two more of Mrs Boul's class gone. **Vincent Moore (1937-43)**, also an Old Pal and Helena's husband, died in 2009."

June Fazekos Hamilton (1939-44) - June died in December 2012 at a hospice near Swindon. Her service of thanksgiving on 12/12/12 was attended by **K Ivy Harris (nee Cook, 1937-43)** and Ivy's daughter **Dr Gillian Lockwood (nee Harris, 1966-73)**, both of whom had visited her just before she died. June was married twice, her first husband Joseph being Hungarian, and several Hungarian relatives were able to attend the funeral. **Ivy** recently damaged her leg in a car accident but is recovering well and hopes to attend the reunion in July. **Gillian** is a fellow of the Royal Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

****1940s****

Doreen Wing (Cleaver, 1941-46) - Doreen wishes very much to be remembered to her old schoolmate **June Ginger (Hunt, 1941-47)** and hopes very much to hear some news from/about June. We can ensure this is forwarded to Doreen via her son Martin.

Fred Collins (1941-47) - In March 2012 Fred wrote: "Greetings from Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada. I received the interesting (2012) Newsletter by email and noted a comment that Olwen Holgate was the first female member of teaching staff at SGS. I have vivid recollections of a teacher by the name of Miss Smith (E.J.Smith?), who taught music around 1944. Mr Clarke, the Headmaster at the time, introduced her as the first female teacher in the school's history and made it very clear that any boy who acted up in her class would be severely "dealt with"! Somehow, I managed to incur the displeasure of Miss Smith and swiftly received "three of the best" in Mr. Clarke's office. Miss Smith died a year or so later, if my memory is correct. She would have pre-dated Mrs Holgate as a teacher at SGS by at least twenty years. Mr. E.R. Clarke was indeed known (discreetly) as "Nobby" Clarke by the pupils. Many of the masters had such nick-names. Fortunately, at age 81, I am still quite healthy, very active, still hold my private pilot's licence and fly my 1956 Cessna 180 on a regular basis. After retirement from the banking business in 1990, my late wife and I did a lot of travelling, much through Rotary

International's Rotary Friendship Exchange programme; the latest trip being in 2010, when I visited clubs in the north eastern part of England. Unfortunately, Mary, my wife of over 54 years, passed away three years ago." Fred wrote again in February 2013 and at 82 is clearly still very active. He had just returned from Mexico, having travelled to Australia and New Zealand in November/December, and in March will be driving to Las Vegas and Loughlin, Nevada, to attend a meeting of people who fly Cessna 180s! He sends best wishes to everyone if he is unable to attend the reunion in July through other commitments.

Elwyn Dyer (1943-48) and Marie Dyer (Colbourne, 1943-47) - The Chairman was pleased to hear from Elwyn and Marie from their home in Pymble, NSW, Australia. They requested a copy of 'School Ties', which was duly dispatched by return post.

Margaret Paine (Paine, 1943-48) - Margaret writes that her "4B Group" is now reduced to 5 or 6 who regularly attempt to attend the reunion - others have moved away or ceased driving. She celebrated "a certain birthday" with family and friends on a "summer's" day last August, accompanied by sun, rain, sleet, thunder and lightning! However, all involved enjoyed their day. Unfortunately, sad times followed as her sister-in-law (wife of her brother Gerald, SGS 1951-56) died 3 weeks later, having been very ill for a year. Margaret's grandchildren are all doing well and are all taller than her: daughter **Judy Farrow (SHS 1976-80)** has twins Zoe and Laurence - Zoe has the lead role in her school's production of "Chicago" while Laurence favours football and tennis - while another grandson, William, is hoping to study medicine. Margaret is currently planning to visit family in Scotland and to take "a very unusual coach holiday" with friends in Herefordshire. She hopes to make the reunion in July and looks forward to seeing everyone.

Don Wells (1945-52) - Don's was the first email to arrive in 2013, on January 1st, so despite the fact that he and wife Yvonne live in Aberdeen (and he even sported a kilt for the occasion!), he clearly had not been overdoing things the previous evening. Don had been teaching tai chi for the past 25 years. He has just handed these duties over but still attends a weekly class and runs two sessions a week of chi kung exercises (*No, I don't know what this is either - a quick search suggests it's a sort of Chinese yoga - Ed*). Yvonne has not been in the best of health but they are still hoping to take a holiday in Jersey this summer. He sends apologies to anyone who sent them a Christmas card and didn't receive one back, and sends best wishes to all who remember him.

John Bench (1946-51) - John is a new member. His school years were in forms 2B, 3A, 4A, LVA and UVA and he was also a member of the SGS Army Cadet Force (aka "Wharmby's army"). He represented SGS in the under-13 and under-15 soccer teams, also Slough Boys under-15 soccer XI. He recalls that the SGS under-15s swept the board in all the local trophies, while the Slough and District Boys team contained no less than 5 SGS players. He looks forward to attending the reunion in July.

Jean Jackson (Gouldthorp, 1947-52) - Jean writes: "Last year I lost my dear husband, Glyn. He had been ill for four years with strokes, Parkinson's and dementia. I cared for him at home for two years, then, as I was unable to cope any longer, Glyn spent the following two years in a nursing home in Maidenhead. A fortnight after Glyn's death I lost my long-time schoolfriend, Sylvia Jewell, whom many of you knew. Not a good year. However, life goes on. I have many

blessings, wonderful family and friends. I still enjoy membership of Cookham Arts Club and paint as often as possible. I also manage to fulfil a few commitments for church, from where I have received much support."

Valerie Storie (1949-55) - Many of you will know Valerie, a former Old Pals committee member and editor of this Newsletter. Valerie is currently (Feb/Mar 2013) a patient at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. I'm sure all Old Pals would like to join in sending her our best wishes and we hope she makes a speedy recovery.

****IN MEMORIAM****

Ralph Ison (1940-47) - we learned recently that Ralph passed away on December 29th 2012 after a long illness. Problems with his lungs and throat had put Ralph in hospital at the beginning of November. After being there for 7 weeks he caught pneumonia and was too weak to fight it. Many thanks to his daughter-in-law Sue Hill for letting us know.

John Burnand (1941-43? - probably as an evacuee) - died on 29th February 2012 at Milverton, Somerset, aged 87. He has left us a fascinating and harrowing account of his WWII service, titled "A Soldier's Story". It is hoped to include this on the Old Pals website and it certainly makes compelling reading. After recovering from a minor head wound sustained in Italy in 1944, John was severely injured by shrapnel from a "friendly fire" shell. With both legs broken, he was "finished off" by the Germans (bullets in the legs) and left for dead on the battlefield near Florence. Somehow, he survived for four days lying in a mud-sodden field before being rescued, avoiding dehydration by filling his Waterman fountain-pen from a puddle and sipping the contents! His right leg subsequently required amputation but against all the odds he battled through, gained an honours degree in Economics and Accountancy at LSE after the war and retired in 1982 after 36 years service with ICI, his final position being Divisional Head of Planning. He even played cricket in the company 2nd XI, with **Dugald Ross (SGS 1939-1944 - see above)** acting as his runner!

Ivy Bordon (Jardine, 1942-49) - Ivy's death was reported in the "Slough Observer" on 21st December 2012. Ivy lived and died in Slough and was the younger sister of **Dorothy Jardine** - see 1920s "In Memoriam" section above. They used to attend reunions together.

Sylvia Jewell (Smith, 1945-53) - Sylvia passed away in June 2012. David Jewell writes: "From High School Sylvia went to Secretarial College to train as a bilingual secretary. She was fluent in German and learned German shorthand, which led her to work in the City and later at Airwork Aviation. At the last "Stay at Home" carnival her friendship with David came to a peak and she married and became a full time "mum", raising two boys, Peter and Michael, both alumni of SGS. She also looked after David's grandmother. Sylvia was a keen gardener and an excellent cook. With two grown-ups, two children and a large house and garden to look after, you might have expected her to be fully occupied, but she was very active in the life of St Mary's, especially in the Mothers' Union at both Branch and Deanery level. She was also active in the Trefoil Guild, a keen supporter of the Civic Society and an active supporter of charities and restoration projects like Herschel Park and the Kennet and Avon Canal. David and Sylvia spent many holidays on a narrowboat with the family and covered most of the main waterways. In her 46 years of marriage she saw both sons married and just missed the first of her three grandsons to be wed. It was during the Queen's Jubilee that she suddenly became ill and was

diagnosed with acute leukaemia. She was admitted immediately to hospital but died that evening of a brain haemorrhage. She was spared a long illness."

Len Jackson (1949-54) - Len died in February 2012, a year after his school friend **Peter Burgess (SGS 1949-54)**. They had lost touch with each other after Len moved to Illinois, USA, but were reunited through the OPA and met at the 2001 reunion. They then kept in touch and Peter visited America, where he spent a travel holiday with Len. In 2011 Len visited the UK with his son and attended our reunion. We send condolences to his wife Donna.

****1950s****

Andrew Hudson (1951-58) - Andrew contacted the Newsletter with news of the death of **Brian Odell** - see "In Memoriam" below. He is in touch with contemporaries **David Williams** (retired and living in Ottawa, Canada) and **John Pickering**. He also mentions schoolmates **Stephen Hyde** and **Norman Edwards**, both of whom were (like Brian and Andrew) state scholars in 1958. Norman unfortunately died from an aortic aneurysm in 2009, aged 70. (*I have a copy of his obituary available. Ed*). Norman had been a university lecturer, also a councillor for East Reading and Tilehurst. One other name from this era also mentioned by Andrew is **David Ralley**, whom Brian reported seeing on TV several years ago as the engineer for a construction project.

Valerie Gomersall (Watts, 1953-58) - wrote in March 2012: "I was very sorry to miss last year's reunion, being in Kenya and only returning to UK in May. Such a pity, as I would have loved to have been there with all of you to celebrate. Do hope you had a wonderful day and I'm looking forward to hearing about it from my friends. I hope to be there in 2013, as my husband John should have retired by the end of 2012 - or at least that is what he's saying at the moment! We spend most of the year here in Mombasa because we like the climate, plus John works with various Governments & Ministries of Education throughout Eastern and Southern Africa. Also, our youngest son is a pilot here and we have a two-year-old grandson whom of course we adore. Best wishes, Valerie Gomersall."

Avril Sutton (Esson, 1953-58) writes: "Between the Diamond Jubilee and Olympic Games, my husband and I enjoyed a memorable three-week driving holiday around Canada, which was a first for us. Whilst in Vancouver, we arranged to meet up with **David Thomas, ex-SGS** pupil, who had emigrated there in 1966. We had been in the same class at my Slough junior school and had not seen each other since the late 1950s, though mutual school-friends had kept in touch with him. Our final week was spent very pleasantly on Vancouver Island with my pen-friend of 60 years' duration. Her name and address had been given to me when I joined Thomas Gray School. It has been a lasting friendship. Greetings to anyone who remembers me."

Celia Johns (Nelmes, 1955-62) writes: "It is now just over four years since I retired from work, and I have to say that the old adage of 'how did I find time to go to work?' has never been more true! I am busier now than I have ever been - and as it's mostly music-orientated, I'm a happy bunny...I can't remember when I last contributed to the OP Newsletter, so if I am repeating anything, my apologies. In March 2009 I was elected as Chairman of the National Association of Choirs (NAC), and by the time you read this I shall have completed my four years in that office and stood down. I shall still be an Officer of the NAC though, taking the two roles of Public Relations Officer and Webmaster. We have a membership of just under 600 choirs

right across the UK, and in my job as Chairman I have been invited to some wonderful concerts by fantastic choirs in beautiful locations. Locally I still sing with Cantemus in Spalding, but after 32 years with the Gildenburgh Choir in Peterborough, things have changed and I no longer sing with the choir. That is because last September I took over as full-time Musical Director of the choir. So on a Monday evening I have two hours to do what I like with 44 singers and an accompanist, and they and I are thoroughly enjoying it all! We now have five grandchildren, ranging in ages from 12 years down to nearly 3 years, and of course they are all delightful (whose grandchildren are not?). The two oldest are great fun to take out for days of exploration, just pointing the car in a direction and following the first brown sign we see, to find all manner of new and interesting places. It was good to attend the 2012 Reunion, to meet old friends and to take part in the Centenary OP Choir. Hopefully the choir will be resurrected again this year! And for me the rearrangement of the date could not be more helpful, as on 16th March I shall be conducting a Gala Concert in Peterborough and would not be able to come to Slough. I look forward to seeing all friends in July, and send good wishes to those who will not be able to attend."

David Garrod (1956-63) - I have been kept very busy since retiring nearly 3 years ago. I have always worked in systems development and management services in a variety of organisations. In the last 8 years I worked at Royal Holloway in Egham in the School of Management, mainly assisting the Head of School with research planning, alumni development and promoting the School. In retirement I have continued my musical interests (having been an organist now for over 52 years!); carry out a pastoral care scheme at my local Baptist church in Wokingham; act as a volunteer guide for the National Trust at Basildon House; and am often called on to help with grandchildren. I am in touch with **Bill Birmingham** and his wife Barbara, who have recently returned from a 5-year project with the British Council in China concerned with setting up welfare systems. I have also been in touch with **Patrick Slater** over many years but have not heard from him now for a while. I send my kind regards to others of our year!

Brian Harden (1956-64) writes: "After we retired in 2011, we found we were spending too much time on motorways keeping up with our grandchildren. We finally decided to move nearer to them, so we have moved back to the Thames valley. It's a bit strange after 45 years! Jennie has found a couple of long-lost school friends, so I am also open to offers."

Anthony Mayo (1956-64) writes: "I am retired and living in Cumbria, therefore rarely see any of my colleagues from school, with the noted exception of **Dave** and **Shelagh Rothero (SHS 1956-63)**. As many of us do on retirement, my wife and I spend considerable time on voluntary work. We are wardens on Cumbria Wildlife Trust's South Walney Reserve, and I also volunteer on the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway, repairing old coaches and wagons. We do considerable amounts of walking, as one does in the Lake District, but do not restrict ourselves just to this area because our walking club spreads its wings, or rather boots, over many parts of UK. We have also taken (even at this late time in life!) to wildlife adventure holidays which my kids, my daughter in particular, think we are mad to participate in. Last July it was mountain gorilla tracking in Uganda and Rwanda, while the previous November we spent 4 weeks in Namibia on a private reserve which specialises in the conservation and re-habitation of leopards, cheetahs and wild dogs."

Derek Ray (1956-63) - Derek reports that he swapped Kent for Scotland for a couple of weeks last June, looking after someone's croft. This proved to be a learning experience, as he

discovered that (a) ducks, chickens and geese wake up very early in summer in northern Scotland and (b) they go to bed very late; which matters if you have to bolt and unbolt the hutches out in a field lest the pine martens get them. He also found moving 20 sheep every evening off the hill without a dog very character-building, though it was helped by the lovely panorama and a local helper with a wry sense of humour who was past running, so Derek took the dog part. (*Wonder which part of Derek's SGS education came in most useful here? Ed.*)

Diana Davis (King, 1957-62) - writes: "I've made a note of the revised date for the Annual Reunion in July and am uncertain as to whether I'll be around, as I usually have family visiting me here in Ireland (Co. Galway) throughout the summer. Since I lost my beloved husband Brian in 2010 to pancreatic cancer, it's been very difficult for me without my soulmate, but I am eternally grateful to my wonderful neighbours and friends who have been here for me, always there to support me, and I know that Brian and I chose the perfect place to come and live. I treasure our happy memories here. The good news is that my daughters Susie and Kerry both gave birth to healthy boys over the Christmas period, so along with my daughter Jacqui's two girls, I now have a set of four - 2 girls and 2 boys! Best wishes to anyone who remembers me."

Jennifer Ballard (Biss, 1959-62) - writes: "I continue to live more or less full-time in Cyprus in my apartment in Agia Napa, but return to UK (Slough) for the summer months and am hoping to be at this year's Reunion. I continue to make music both in the UK and abroad and also have a new love - archery! My Tai-chi classes continue and I am also learning Greek (if you can't beat 'em, join 'em!!). My two children Kate and Tom continue to live with their father in Windsor."

****IN MEMORIAM****

Brian Odell (1951-59) - Friend and fellow Old Pal **Andrew Hudson** writes: "Brian has died of the rare illness amyloidosis at the age of 71. He entered SGS in 1951 and went on to study Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics at A-level. In 1958 he was one of five State Scholars from SGS. Brian, along with Andrew Hudson, stayed on for a third year in the sixth form and sat the Cambridge Scholarship Exam in December 1958. There was a suggestion in some quarters that boys from SGS did not go to Oxbridge but with encouragement and support from Dr Chapman, Mr Morgan, Mr G A Dickinson, Mr Mills, Mr Vivash, Mr Richards and others, Brian was awarded a Minor Scholarship at Clare College and Andrew an Exhibition at Downing. Brian studied Natural Sciences at Clare and in 1962 he and Andrew were two of only five students gaining First Class Honours in Part II Chemistry. This was a notable achievement for two boys from a working-class background and an "unfashionable" school. He was a keen member of the Clare College soccer team and a popular contributor to other college activities. A pair from SGS played at the University Bridge Club, a game they had learnt from Mr G A Dickinson. They also went on walking holidays together, something they had first experienced with the annual SGS trip to the Lake District organised by Mr Purvis. From 1962-65 they shared accommodation while undertaking postgraduate research and Brian obtained a PhD in Organic Chemistry. Subsequently Brian did research at Southampton and Cornell, followed by teaching and research at Cambridge and Leeds. He then settled in York, where he became Head of the Department of Mathematics and Science at the College of Ripon and York St. John, and later Deputy Registrar. Brian was a life-long hill and mountain walker and orienteer. He was passionate about the 'right to roam' and argued the Ramblers' case for access to a number of contested sites in North Yorkshire, with considerable success. Brian had a lovely sense of humour and a ready wit. He leaves Cathie, his wife of 46 years, two daughters Carol and Sue and nine grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by family members and his many friends." (*As a junior contemporary of Brian's, I remember his willingness*

to chat to us younger lads rather than just put us in our place and always respected him for this lack of condescension. Ed.)

Alan Alderman (1956-64) - Bob Moss writes: "It was with great sadness last year that I learned from Alan's wife Patsy that Alan had passed away on July 12th, aged 66, after a long battle against cancer. At school "Aldie" was a lively lad, keen on railways and football (a lifelong Chelsea supporter) but also a good-hearted, reliable sort who you knew would never let you down. He and I both studied French at 'A' level and we had plenty of laughs when we played the beautiful young Rosine (me, believe it or not) and her lover, Count Almaviva (Alan), in the school's production of "The Barber of Seville". After leaving school, he regularly played football on the left wing for the Old Pals. We lost contact during our working lives - after gaining a degree in economics at University College London, Alan went on to spend his entire career at Mars, where he held a number of senior positions - but resumed acquaintance in retirement and I was pleased to discover that he was the same thoroughly decent person I remembered from schooldays. We had met up every year since 2002, usually at SGS reunions and for a summer barbecue hosted by one of the "lads" from our year. Alan's eyesight suffered in later life from macular disease but typically, instead of feeling sorry for himself, he worked tirelessly on behalf of the Macular Disease Society, of which he subsequently became chairman. He continued with this work until just a few months before his death, when the cancer finally got the better of him. I attended his Memorial Service on July 26th at St John's Church, Woodley, Reading, along with four others from our year - **Roger Fountain** (who knew Alan from primary school days), **Brian Harden**, **Howard Smith** and **Peter Virgo**. There was a huge turnout for the occasion - Brian calculated a congregation of 350 - 400, reflecting the high regard in which Alan was held. Everyone I spoke to agreed on one thing - they had never heard a bad word spoken about him. He will be greatly missed by his wife and family and by all his old schoolmates."

Laurence Hendy (1957-59) - sometimes it is only a few years later that we learn of the death of a member and so it was with Laurence, who died back in August 2006. Understandably, the Old Pals are sometimes overlooked when it comes to informing a large number of people that someone has passed away. Laurence worked for British Airways for 39 years as a supervisor in the Loading Section. He took early retirement, during which he enjoyed gardening and spending time with his granddaughter. Sadly, his grandson was born the day after Laurence died, so they never met each other. Laurence had met up with old school friend Colin Helmuth, a former Deputy Coroner for East Berkshire. A book for the school library "related to English Literature" is suggested by his widow in Laurence's memory.

****1960s - NIL****

****1970s - NIL****

****1980s - NIL****

****1990s****

Shamsa Zaffar (1990-96) - It was a pleasant surprise to hear from an alumnus of more recent vintage than most. Shamsa was a pupil at Upton/Slough Grammar from 1990-1996 and went on to obtain a BSc Hons degree in Optometry from City University, London. She wrote to inquire how she could search for old friends and colleagues through the Old Paludians and would

be very eager if a class reunion could be arranged. She awaits a response from some of you 1990s people out there!

NON-MEMBERS

****IN MEMORIAM****

Ashley Clouter (1980-86) - we learned that Ashley, later known as Ashley Reeves, had died on September 24th 2012 after a short, chronic illness. Ashley was only 43. Friend Jason Hawkins writes: "Ashley joined Slough Grammar school in September 1980 and was placed along with myself in Mrs Mason's 2 Gray. Nobody explained what had happened to 1 Gray and we were all too scared of Mrs Mason to ask! Nobody was really sure why Ashley was even at Slough Grammar, as he lived in Cranford (near Hounslow), which for me at least was almost a different country altogether. Slough Grammar was over all too soon. We managed to stay an extra year through the cunning ploy of failing most (him) or all (me) of our O levels. It is hard to put into words how important this year was to me. First, it gave me the opportunity to actually get an education I could use as a basis for the life I had out of school, but more importantly, it cemented my friendship with Ashley into one that ended up being life-long. In August 1990 Ashley did me the honour of being my best man. During the years after Slough Grammar when I wandered the globe, Ashley started a career at British Airways. He was loved by his workmates, respected and deeply cared for. He was the only person who visited me no matter where I lived. In 2010 I became half of Ashley's best man at his wedding - his brother Martin being the other half. It came as a huge shock when I was told by Martin that Ashley was seriously ill at the start of September 2012. Complications arising from his diabetes had put him in hospital and left him really weak. Seeing him for the last time then, and speaking to him one last time on Saturday 22nd September, did not prepare me for the phone call I received the day he died after a cardiac arrest. Ashley was an artist, an amazing photographer, a musician, a man who took what he learnt at Slough Grammar and developed it into a keen intellect and a sharp wit."

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. On the other hand, don't let distance put you off. We regularly have members from the USA and Europe as well as from various parts of the UK join us on Reunion Day. Letters giving news of reunions are sent out by post or email each January to all members and others who have shown an interest or made contact during the previous year.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS 2012 - 2013

1930s/1940s	
Capt John Bench	1946-51

1950s	
Mr A D Baker	1954-61
Maisie Earle (Thomas)	1955-60
Barry Gates	1954-60
Maureen Pierce (Hawkins)	1956-61
Elizabeth van de Poll (Wilkins)	1959-66
Kathleen Thompson (Evans)	

1960s	
Phil Jackson	1963-69
Michael Kenneally	1962-69
Bobbie Stainthorp (Sutton)	1969-76

1970s	
Elizabeth Goswell (Ellis)	1970-77
Lizzie Spivey	1976-80
Christopher Tierney	1972-79

1980s/1990s	

Post-2000	
Hannah Laidley	2004-11

OUR WEBSITE

Another good year for the OPA website - as always, any person browsing our website can see all our photos and information. However, any person who elects to identify themselves can also edit the photo names. We now have 112 such people and these named members are adding and correcting the missing names for the old photos. As of this Newsletter, we have 539 photos and 385 webpages (including photo names) and are still growing. This year we are looking at the possibility of scanning some of the school archive documents, including Swan magazines. We hope to be able to announce more on this topic by the July reunion and maybe even demonstrate some aspects.

By scanning paper archives and putting them online, we enable our archivists to look at obtaining appropriate long-term storage for the paper, which is otherwise so delicate, and to reduce the pressure on our limited physical archive space.

We are aware that some people were having difficulty in emailing members of the Committee - particularly last year - but we believe the problems have mostly been resolved. Please let Colin or me know if you have had a different experience or are still encountering difficulties.

Ian Cairns (1964-71) and **Colin Cairns (1965-72)**, joints webmasters.

THE OLD PALS ARCHIVE

The years pass by but our archive continues to draw in some fascinating highlights of the history of the schools. We have been delighted this year to see a number of wonderful class and team photographs from Slough Secondary School. As ever, we are most grateful to all who loan items or donate them. More please! (NB. See paragraph above for comment on digitisation of the archives). **David Rogers**



Michael Limmer (1943-48) - does anyone have any information about Michael? Attempts to contact him by email and a letter to his last known address in Burnham have both failed. Any news would be appreciated.

Katie Longfield (1956-62) - has been found. Thanks to Pat Taylor (Buckland).

Peter Lewis Reynolds - We received a communication from Nigel Marsh, stepson of the late Peter Lewis Reynolds, who attended SGS 1938-1943. He would be interested to hear from anyone who remembers his stepfather. He is unsure whether his birth father Ramsay Marsh (1923 - 1985, so presumably at secondary school during the 1930s) attended SGS or another school in the area - does anyone have any information about Ramsay?

Ron Johns (1951-58-ish) - Does anyone remember Ron Johns, who probably attended SGS in the 1950s? The reason for this question is that Jean recently spotted an anecdotal reference to Ron in "Birders: the Tale of a Tribe" by naturalist Mark Cocker. The story goes that on October 18th 1957 Ron, a sixth-former, is sitting quietly in a history lesson when he receives a summons to Dr Long's study. Much to his surprise, he finds there not only the headmaster but also his (Ron's) ornithologist friend Richard Richardson. Richardson is there to request Ron's release in order to travel to Norfolk and witness the first appearance in Britain of the short-billed dowitcher, no less! Dr Long surprisingly accedes to the request and the pair disappear off to Norfolk on Richardson's Matchless 350.

(Does anyone have news of Ron and know where he is now? Is there even anyone who can confirm the story? It seems plausible enough, except that in Mark Cocker's book Dr Long is referred to as "an austere disciplinarian Scotsman". Well, I can certainly confirm "austere" and "disciplinarian" from my own memories but Scotsman? That's news to me! - Ed.)

Important date for your Diary

The Old Paludians Annual Reunion

2014

*will provisionally be held on
Saturday 15th March*

To be confirmed later

THE OLD PALUDIANS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31/12/12

Income		Expenditure			
	2012	2011		2012	2011
Subscriptions	£140.00	£95.00	Refreshments	£2,712.50	£1,601.25
Donations	£1,789.50	£1,693.12	Donations to Slough Grammar School	£2,162.00	£1,100.00
Refreshment s	£2,898.50	£1,702.00	Flowers, Gifts & stationery	£133.09	£141.68
Raffle & sales	£643.53	£384.36	Printing & postage	£494.59	£450.04
Books incl postage	£41.50	£21.50	Sundries for sale Computer & other	£105.00	£0.00
Bank interest	£0.00	£0.49		£249.79	£185.77
TOTAL	£5,513.03	£3,896.47	TOTAL	£5,856.97	£3,478.74
Brought forward from previous year				£4,394.58	£3,976.85
Income for yr ending 31/12/12		£5,513.03			£3,896.47
Expense for yr ending 31/12/12		£5,856.97			£3,478.74
Profit or (Loss) for yr 2012				-£343.94	£417.73
Carried Forward to next year				£4,050.64	£4,394.58

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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!

School Ties - further recollections of the Old Paludians

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