



Old Varndeanian

IN DEO FIDEMUS

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DEREK ASHCROFT ELECTED PRESIDENT

In this issue we offer our thanks to Keith Elliott, who has completed his term as President of the Old Varndeanian Association, and welcome Derek Ashcroft as our new President.

Among his many achievements and positions are: service with the Fleet Air Arm (1942-46); a Teaching Diploma; an external B.A. (London); responsibility for Spanish at Varndean from 1957; Head of Lower School from 1960; contribution to drama and scouting; involvement in LEA working parties on re-organisation, Examiner in French and Moderator in Spanish for over twenty years for the South-east Exam board; author of a Spanish text book; Branch President of the AMMA; governor of several primary schools; Head of Upper School at Dorothy Stringer from 1975; governor of Varndean College on retirement (1986); Chairman of the Spastics Society (later known as Scope) from 1991; Chairman of the Old Varndeanian Association (1997).

Derek is clear that Brenda's support is a key ingredient in his success. Mac.

It seems to be expected that an incoming president should produce some words of wisdom as a greeting to the members. The greeting is easy: the words of wisdom, I'm not so sure about.

First, my thanks to the Council and members who elected me. I appreciate of the honour you have done me, and I will try to live up to the example set by my predecessors. I am only sorry that I have come into this position precipitately, due to the ill health of Tony Newman. I am very conscious of all he has done over the years in support of the OVA. We wish him well.

I am still amazed after all these years by the warmth and affection that former students show towards Varndean. Those of us who had the privilege of teaching you also feel that affection. It is twenty-three years since I left but it does only seem like yesterday. Names still trip off the tongue with some fluency even if dates and faces get a little blurred. If only you still wore your caps.

I've had a gentle introduction by being your Secretary and by having been involved with the "History" and the Dinners. It has meant revitalising those links, in a very personal way, which have been shared by Brenda since she was so involved, both at Varndean with the Drama, and with the teaching of so many of you at Balfour and Westdene. We thank you for your kindness.



As to the future. Where do we go from here, and how long can we survive? We have been innovative over the past few years with the History and the Who's Who Project. But these are essentially about the past. We have tried to encourage greater participation by having a Social event at the AGM, and I know that the Editor would welcome a wider response to the "*Old Varndeanian*". How do you see the future? Shall we follow of the Girls' School, and disband as numbers and interest wane? Or can we strike out anew?

We have close links with the College but two years at of Further Education does not attract the same feelings as five or seven years at a Secondary School. It has to compete with the High Schools and Universities for any loyalties. Maybe our presence on the Internet will bring some response, but we shall have to face this challenge or else my successors will have a sad duty to perform at some time in the future.

However, "carpe diem", as Ted Potter would have said: let's have a bumper attendance at the 1998 Dinner.

I look forward to welcoming you all on the 24th April at the Thistle Hotel in Brighton.

NEWS OF OLD VARNDEANIANS



MOVEMENTS...

Michael Chick (50-55) from Wealdstone to Rustington; **D.A. Smith** (ex-Staff) to Ringmer; **M.T. Brown** (70-77) to Stoke-on-Trent; **R.T. Ireson** (26-32) to Rustington

DOLPHINS

Bob Henly is looking for more copies of The Dolphin, the Varndean magazine. He wants to see copies for the years 1932-1940/1. Can you help?

BRISTOL BULLDOG

G.F. Parkin (c.1941-45), wants to know if anyone remembers the Bristol Bulldog that was parked on the west side of the school. It was later moved to the east side and its wings were fitted. It was used by the ATC.

NEWS FROM USA

Charles "Tom" Trinder (1954-59) has been in touch. He spent a couple of years in the insurance business, then joined Cadbury in 1962. He visited USA in 1969, joined their US operation and worked there until 1977.

He left to buy a brokerage company, Reid

Brokerage, specialising in confectionery and snacks. Reid now represents approximately 25 companies. It merged with Hynes Sales Company in 1996. Charles is now working with the new group in Florida: he has lived in the Orlando area for the past 18 years.

Charles is married to Joelle. They have three children: Ben, Catherine and Sebastien.

Dioon Hills was at Varndean Grammar School and Sixth Form College 1971 - 78. He is now living in Miami, FL, USA.

David M Karaus (1955-1961) has been in touch and intends to join. He lives in Buffalo Gap, Texas.

Colin Annis (57-33) has moved to Brighton. Previously at Uckfield for 27 years, he was head teacher at three primary schools in there, and played cricket for Buxted (sometimes against the OVA team). Colin has now moved to Brighton. He is head teacher at Aldrington C of E primary school.

OLD VARNDEANIAN CONTACTS 📞

President: Derek Ashcroft

Hon Secretary: David Williams

Membership Secretary: Keith Elliott

Hon. Treasurer: Barrie Jerram

Editor: Ron McLaren

Millennium Project: Jim Franks

Football: Norman Wright

Cricket: Guy Baigent

ANNUAL DINNER - BOOK TODAY!



At the Brighton Thistle Hotel
Speaker: Jack Beavis (see editorial)
Book with Derek Ashcroft

Friday April 24th 1998 7.15 for 8.00

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on the same evening as a social gathering. This new ideas was successful, as about 50 members and wives came, including some from Scotland and Canada.

New officers were elected as follows. President - Derek Ashcroft, Vice Presidents - Paul Crowdy and Terence Langley, Hon. Vice President - Tony Newman, Hon. Secretary - David Williams, Hon. Membership Secretary - Keith Elliott, Hon. Treasurer - Barrie Jerram. The Council members are John Alabone, Ken Brown, Garry Clamp, David Fairhall, Jim Franks, Alan Jenkins, Denis Leggett, Ron McLaren, Tony Newman. Other posts are: College Principal - Alan Jenkins, College representative - M.Halliwell (ex student & staff), Lodge rep. - C.R.H.Strick, Cricket rep. - Guy Baigent, Editor of *Old Varndeanian* Ron McLaren.

The Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer presented their reports.

After the brief AGM, we were entertained by drama students of the College, who performed extracts from *Blood Wedding* by Garcia Lorca.

We then proceeded to a delicious buffet supper, prepared by The Hon. Treasurer and his wife, Catherine. The food was accompanied by wine, beer and soft drinks. Members enjoyed the new format, so it will be repeated again this autumn. Watch out for information in the next *Old Varndeanian*.

Income & Expenditure (£, rounded)	1997	1996
Income from annual subscriptions	705	776
Other income *	621	891
Total Income	1,326	1,667
Postage & telephone costs	245	226
Printing and stationery costs	364	491
Grant to Varndean College	500	-
Other costs	299	35
Total Expenditure	1,408	752
Excess of Income (Expenditure)	82	915
Balance Sheet as at 5th April		
Assets ...	6,650	6,725
... consisting of: General funds	5,945	6,026
Samaritan fund	705	699

OBITUARIES

Professor Brian Stonehill, professor of English and founder of the Media Studies Program at Pomona College, Claremont, USA, died in an automobile crash on August 6th last year. He was 43.

Born on December 20th, 1953 in Brooklyn, N.Y., Brian received his secondary education in France, in the UK (at Varndean) and at Forest Hills, N.Y. His academic awards in English included a B.A and the Newton Prize in English Literature from Haverford College, Pennsylvania, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from The University of Chicago.

Brian's reviews and opinions on literary and related subjects were published in US national newspapers, on the radio and on TV. In 1991 he produced the laserdisc release of Marcel Carne's 1945 classic "Les Enfants du Paradis".

He is survived by his parents, Harriett and Elliott Stonehill of Washington, D.C., and a sister, Eve Kedar, of Cupertino.

Ronald Gausden has died, aged 76. His death was reported in a substantial obituary in The Daily Telegraph. Born on June 15th 1921, Ronald Gausden went on to Borough Polytechnic and became a Chartered Engineer. he entered the Civil Service in 1943, served with the Royal Navy, then went on to the UK Atomic Energy Authority at Harwell, later becoming manager of the Windscale Nuclear plant. He subsequently became Deputy Chief Inspector of Nuclear Installations, and was appointed CB in 1981.

Ronald married first, in 1943, Florence Ayres, who died in 1987. They had three children. He married, secondly, Joan Simcock in 1988.

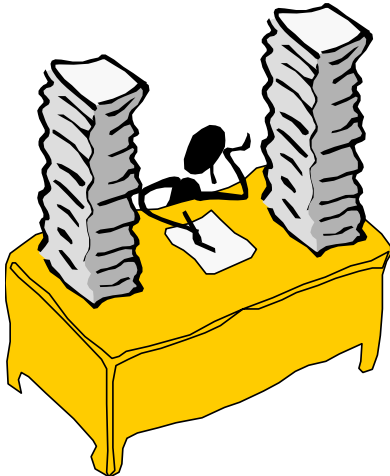
Brian Cyril Johnson died of cancer on 29th January, aged 59. He attended Varndean from 1950 - 57 and went to Leeds University to study Mechanical Engineering. He gained Production Engineering experience with London Underground and was involved in management training at the National Water Council. Brian had been divorced from his wife, Phillipa. He is survived by their children, Belinda, Clive and Mark.

FAMOUS NAMES

Your last chance to win the wine. This time entries will be handed to me at the Annual Dinner and the prize will be awarded there. Which one of these is the name of someone who did NOT go to Varndean?

Thomas Cook, Joe Davis, John Doe, Alan Gunn, Tom Jones, Paul Scofield, William Shakespeare, Harold Wilson, Orville Wright

TO THE EDITOR



Roger Mullenger

Dear Mac,

Thanks for sending me information about joining the OVA.

I left Vardean after A levels (about 1966), not having done as well as expected and went to Brighton College of Technology to do a B.Sc. Hons. in Mechanical Engineering - in retrospect probably the best thing that could have happened.

I joined Kearney & Trecker (in Hollingbury) but very quickly switched into computing (punch cards & tabulators). Since then I have worked in Information Systems in four other companies. I'm currently "Senior Manager - IS" in Toshiba Information Systems UK, based in Weybridge, Surrey. (PCs, Copier, Fax & Telephone systems), I have not regretted my switch from Engineering.

One legacy of Vardean is the great experience gained in the very strong chess teams of our era (Hobdell, Eastwood, Watson and others), with at least five teams running including those in the local evening league. I still play in the Portsmouth league.

It's always very interesting to read the OV magazine - congratulations to the publishing 'team'. My concern about the future for the OVA is that with students only at Vardean for two years now there will probably not be the on-going supply of the seven-year culture people like us.

Regards
Roger Mullenger

Living in France

Dear Editor,

Having just been added to the Old Vardeanian electronic mail list [*organised by Clive Henly. Mac*], I thought I might introduce myself. I'm Dave Sumbler, 49 years old, married with two kids, and I live and work in France since 1981. I was at Vardean from 1960 to 1967; headmasters were Hutchins followed by Morrison. After that, I took a degree in chemistry at Manchester (I am married to a Mancunien) and went into industry.

I assumed various sales and marketing positions, and then went off and did my MBA at Cranfield. After that, I joined Fleetguard (subsidiary of Cummins Engines), who moved me in due course to Quimper in France: and here I've stayed !

I now work in the suburbs of Paris as Finance Director of a French subsidiary of a Dutch group manufacturing office furniture. I speak fluent French and do not envisage returning to the UK unless someone makes me an offer I can't refuse! My passion is gardening.

If I can be of any help to any old Vardeanian, in particular with regard to anything concerning France, let me know and I will do my best.

Finally, I would like to find an old school mate/neighbour Mike Mason. Does anyone know where he is?

Best regards,
David Sumbler

OVA on the Internet

Dear Mac,

I was at the boys' school from 1945-51, leaving after taking the first year of the new 'O' levels. My wife Janet (then PARKIN) sat her 'O' levels at Vardean Girls' in the following year - we met a couple of years later!

We both have some fond memories of the school and were extremely proud when our daughter Suzanne followed Janet to Vardean Girls (1969-74) and Clive followed in my footsteps.

Currently I am responsible for the OV Internet web pages at <http://www.saqnet.co.uk/users/hrhenly/ova1.html>.

Presently it is oriented entirely towards the Old Boys organisation and the Millennium Project. However I should be pleased to add pages of reminiscences and photos relevant to the Girls' School should these be forthcoming. Should I then set up a little girls' room?

Best wishes from a very wet and miserable Wiltshire.
Bob Henly

Who's Who

Dear Editor,

I suggested to Clive that a search on the CD version of books like Debrett's People of Today_ might produce some names for the Who's Who. I have a sample CD (A-D) for the 1995 version of this book and a search on "Vardean" under "education" produced three names:

Dr David Charles BANKS of Caythorpe near Nottingham (born 1938); Mrs Gillian Margaret Rose CLARK (nee Lockwood) of Cowley, Gloucestershire (born 1949); and Miss Vera Hannah DARLING of Oxted, Surrey (born 1929).

Perhaps someone has access to the full current version and can supply Clive with a complete listing.

Geoffrey Lewis
(OV 1944-49; member of the Field Club)

From Canada

Dear Mac,

In your last edition of *Old Vardean* you made reference to a Canadian Chapter. Unfortunately, the first letter from the new Chapter must report the death of one of us, R.J. Webb (Ray), who passed away on December 18th 1997 in Burlington, Ontario.

Ray was at Vardean 1935-40, joining Barclays Bank for a few years before serving with the Tank Corps in Normandy and Italy. On demob he rejoined Barclays where he remained until emigrating to Canada in 1967. He then joined the Royal Bank of Canada in Montreal, Quebec, where he remained until retirement in 1984. At that time he and his wife, Jean moved to Burlington to be closer to their sons, Ian and Martin.

Ray and I had been good friends since our first year at Vardean so, needless to say, things will never be quite the same. I shall certainly miss the occasions when we could sit with a noggin and talk about the good old days!

With reference to other OV's who may be in Canada, I am aware of Michael Harnes who teaches in Ontario College of Art in Toronto. I did talk to him when Jimmy Franks was sending out the material for his Millennium Project, but not since. I also met, many years ago, Barry Townson, who was at Vardean many years after me. I believe he has retired and now lives in the country. As far as I know, that's it.

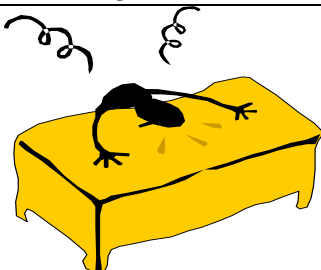
By the way, I looked through all the phone books for Manitoba (there aren't that many), but couldn't trace N.R. Farley, as requested by Derek Ashcroft. Sorry.

In closing, let me thank you and all the crowd that do so much to keep the OVA going - especially the newsletter. Ray and I used to read them cover to cover.

Sincerely,

Stan Tully.

*Please send your letters to me at the address shown at the foot of the final page of **The Old Vardean**. They may be shortened or otherwise edited for publication. If you send something which you would like returned, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope. Mac.*



FROM THE EDITOR



Thank you for your letters. Some of the letters and other news have arrived over the internet: new technology catching up with Old Vardeanians! And it's not just us young ones who are doing it. Some of them are old enough to be my grandfather. Well, nearly.

I'm sure you will find Alan Jenkins' article interesting. The scope of responsibilities for a College Principal is enormous. Thank you, Alan, for squeezing it into a busy schedule.

You must make a special effort to come to the Annual Dinner this year. It just keeps getting better. Jack Beavis is coming to speak to us. Jack was at Vardean from 1951-59, leaving to gain several qualifications, culminating with F.R.C.S. He has made a successful career in medicine - he was Director of the Department of Orthopaedics, Trauma and Plastic Surgery at the Medway Hospital. More recently Jack has made frequent trips to the Lebanon and Bosnia to care for children there. He is still working to restore surgical services in Mostar and Sarajevo.

At the dinner somebody is going to win the *Famous Names* competition (if it's the last thing I do). Come ready to spot the odd one out.

We are a little short of space this time, so I have cut back on the pictures. More next time. Also, I was unable to print Stephen Davies' affectionate recollection of Anthony Gorrings, following last edition's obituary. Stephen wrote: "Gorrings was a nutter - genius is not a strong enough word ... I'm not surprised to read that he became proficient in five languages. Only five!! You're joking"

In his article on the front page, Derek Ashcroft refers to the future of the Old Vardeanians. This is an important issue which you might turn your minds to. Why not get in touch with me about it? Here are some questions you might like to consider. What should be the future of the OVA? How can we recruit members from the College (there must be a way)? How can we reach the thousands who have not joined? Are we doing the right sort of things to attract people?

Please send me your views by phone, by post, by email. Addresses are at the foot of the back page.

Ron



A Week in the Life of a College Principal

Ron McLaren suggested to me that you might like to read an exciting, no-holds-barred exposé of a typical week in the life of a College Principal. Regrettably, he meant me! What follows is the flavour of a week in which I spent more time than usual in the College. I have left out umpteen phone calls and conversations with students, staff and others.

Monday 8:15 Arrive at work as usual. Quickly check the diary before the Monday morning staff briefing. A ten minute session to start the week, this reminds colleagues what's in the tutorial programme this week, and gives us all a chance to pass on news. Next, an hour-long discussion about how best we deal with a student who is probably misplaced on her course at this College.

10:00 Fifteen minutes with two students who want to share their ideas on how we improve our social space for students. They will write a brief paper to go to the Premises Committee. I'm not too optimistic, given that their proposal is based on charging students for the use of social space: we already pass on enough cost to our students.

10:15 Rush to catch the 10:29 from Preston Park for a meeting in London. I represent sixth form and tertiary colleges in the south-east at the National Committee on the education of 16 to 19 year olds in these colleges. The meeting is at Centrepoint at the Association of Colleges. Agenda includes funding, the new general teaching Council, student fees and financial support for students. The meeting finishes at 4:00, allowing me time to walk along Oxford Street and Regent Street in search of a 50th birthday present for a friend.

6:00 Arrive home in time to collect my son from his part time job at Tesco. Then a couple of hours marking work and preparing for tomorrow.

Tuesday 8:15 Clear the in-tray; arrange the rest of the week with my secretary. 8:45 interviews with prospective 1998 students: the first is protracted, because of mismatch between her expectations and her grade predictions; the second is straightforward, with grade A predictions and a clear view of future intentions.

9:45 A fifteen minute session with a new part-time colleague as part of his induction to College. We discuss our "mission statement" and chat about his experiences of the first three weeks. All very positive; I'm in a good frame of mind and now I can ...

Teach! For the first time since we became a College in 1993, I'm back in the classroom teaching two Upper Sixth Geography A-Level groups for two sessions a

week each. These are concentrated in the middle part of Tuesday. In some ways it's a form of escape and a welcome opportunity to do something I was actually trained to do! But it does mean six or seven hours of work each week, which I didn't have to do last year. This potentially puts the pressure on elsewhere. Still, that applies to most of my colleagues, too. Manage to see a couple of students and staff at break and lunchtime, between sessions on "Deforestation and Desertification in the Tropics" as part of a unit on Geographical inequalities.

2:30 Finish teaching, discuss a new job description with our Guidance Director. It's for a new responsibility to provide advice and guidance to potential Oxbridge candidates. 3:00 Meet another colleague who leaves at the end of term to join her husband who is working in Saudi Arabia. 3:30 In-service training to familiarise myself and fifteen colleagues with the Internet. We've just installed "Web browsers" on 25 workstations and are now launching the Internet Experience to our current students as part of our evening and weekend programme. There could be a place for you!

A night off, to celebrate a fiftieth birthday at a Brighton restaurant, but a clear head for tomorrow. I lost the toss and am driving!

Wednesday 8:30 The weekly Senior Management Team meeting. Two hours in which we look at our departmental funding for next year, review Careers Guidance, including proposals for Oxbridge (see Tuesday), look at the assumptions underlying our funding bid for next year (due with the Funding Council by the end of February), and clear up a few items of departmental business.

11:00 A disappointed student seeks me out as I chat to other students at break time. She has had four rejections from Universities and now has only two to go. Although she is applying in a competitive area - drama - this is surprising in view of her obvious qualities. I try to boost her by reading her our very supportive reference, then ring a couple of admissions tutors to find out why they rejected her. They're not very helpful, saying they cannot give feedback on over 2,000 individuals applying for 70 places, but I write a follow-up letter in the hope of a better response. Spend some time feeding back this discussion to the girl's tutor and to her drama teachers.

12:00 Meeting with colleagues from Brighton, Hove and Sussex Sixth Form Colleges to work on joint proposals for marketing our provision to overseas students. Although we take twenty or so fee-paying (→Page 7)

MILLENNIUM PROJECT

APOLOGIES TO KEN STENNING

In the last edition, we mistakenly referred to Ken as having died. Peter Tuckett has written to point out that Ken is alive and kicking and living in Bevendean. Our sincere apologies to Ken, and thanks to Peter for setting this right.

WANTED - AREA MEDIA MANAGER

We urgently need a Brighton & Sussex Area Media Manager to ensure that this project gets the right sort of press coverage, and to undertake a co-ordinated media launch. We have a professionally produced strategy, thanks to Varndean College. Now we need one or two people with the flair and get-up-and-go to make it all happen.

Enquiries, please, to Jim Franks.

NEWS OF FRED HOLE

Frank Barnes tells of when he met Fred Hole when working for BOAC in Treforest. Fred had attended York Place and remembered Frank's uncle, Harry. Prompted by the Millennium Project, Frank has done some digging and established that Fred became an engineer with Imperial Airways at Croydon. Later, at Treforest, he did

a lot of work on engine testing and was awarded the MBE. He retired to Efailfawr in South Wales, where he died in 1988.

Frank, himself worked for BOAC, then British Airways, in charge of Aircraft Engineering. He is living in Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex.

DID YOU KNOW THESE OVS?

Squadron Leader Arthur Wheeler writes to say that Derek Wheeler (32, 91) was his brother, and that John Turpin (30, 93) was one of his best friends at school. Don Fox, whose death was mentioned in the last edition, was also a great friend of Arthur.

Ron Reynolds left Varndean in 1937 to work for Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation Ltd. He was called up in 1939 and demobbed in 1946. He remembers H.G.Griffiths, who died some years ago in South Africa; R.B.Bannister, who went to work for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation; Tony Stemp, who worked for Ocean, then briefly for Commercial Union in South Africa, then for a motor company; and R.F.Warburton, whom Ron thinks worked for Commercial Union, and left to start an Insurance Brokerage in Queen Square with another Warburton.

A Week in the Life (*from page 6*)

overseas students at the moment, we are keen to take more - driven by the need to generate income from a wide range of sources.

2:00 No rugby match this afternoon as the opponents have cried off, so it's straight to a continuation of this morning's SMT meeting to look at a few staffing issues; then a brief conversation with our NUT representative before he attends a regional meeting this evening on the funding difficulties of colleges.

4:00 sees me sitting at the word-processor desperately trying to meet Ron's deadline. Tonight is hopeless because I need to spend a couple of hours preparing for meetings on Thursday and Friday. The rest of the week is yet to come, but, briefly ...

Thursday We are being visited by our College inspector who will spend most of the morning discussing with Deputy Principal, Sean Hanan and myself how we are readying ourselves for the next inspection of the College sometime in 1998-99. I'll leave her to talk to our Directors whilst I attend a meeting of Sussex Sixth Form College Principals with representatives of Sussex Enterprise.

3:00 Back for some feedback from the Inspector, then ...

4:00 Full Staff Meeting, when she will brief staff on the new inspection process. 5:00 A meeting between the Inspector, the Chairman of Governors - Eric Hewton - and myself to discuss how governors are inspected. 7:00 Time for a bar snack. 7:30 Full Governors' Meeting. 11:00 (with luck) Home.

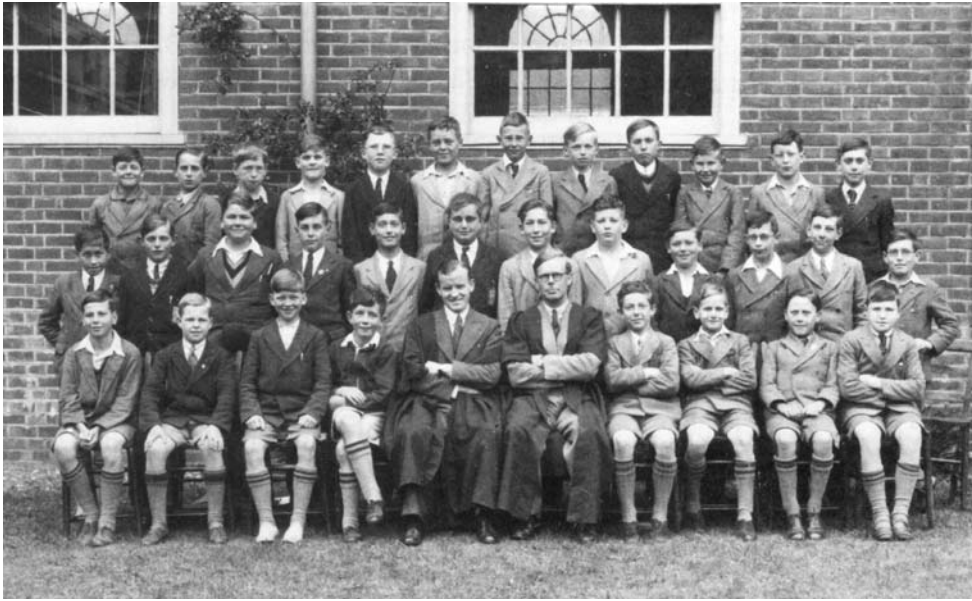
Friday I'm out of College all day. In the morning I'm chairing the South-east 16-19 Group which comprises Principals and Governors from thirty colleges in the region. In the afternoon there's a meeting of the Sixth Form Colleges Employers' Forum at which we will aim to arrive at an agreed position on pay and conditions for 1998-99. Then it's home for the weekend, including running a quiz night for the Hassocks Twinning Association, transporting my fourteen year old daughter to netball and rugby (!), my nine year old son to karate and art classes and watching my sixteen year old son play rugby for Sussex. The ironing beckons on Sunday night and I usually do most of the cooking.

It's a principal's life and I enjoy it - most of the time!

Alan Jenkins

VARNDEAN CHOIR

Jim Franks has sent this picture. It is almost certainly the choir which won the Brighton Music Festival in its class about 1940-42. Jim thinks that all were third-formers in 1938-39. Jim's recollection of names goes like this.



The names in italics are uncertain. Back: William Williams, ?, Gerald Stevens, Lionel Gunn, ?, Joe Brown, Don Thorpe, ?, ?, Roy Brookes, Roy Harris. Middle: Harold Tidey, Dennys Easton, Ron Taylor, Roger Cook, ?, John Dixon, Ken Edney, Bob Muir, Arthur Latham, Colin Dearlove, Bob Wilkin, ?. Front: ?, Gerald Hayes, Will Tamkin, Jack Merrett, G.I.Thomas, ?, David Young, Jim Franks, Albert Nelson, George Balcombe. (Jim knows all the faces.)

1948/49 SHOCK: BOYS 3 - STAFF 1

You may remember the picture of the 1948/49 Staff football XI, printed on this page in the last issue. I have now received news and a photo, forwarded by Len Symes from Alan Collinson who played for the boys in that match. Alan says that the boys were the victors (3-1). He has kindly lent me the picture below, showing himself scoring a goal.

The ball is to be seen about five feet off the ground in the back of the net, behind the stanchion (not the thing on the ground). The master standing bemused in the goal is Eric Deller; the one apparently running off the field is Jimmy Foster. The defence seems to lack commitment! The boy in the background may be Michael Stacey. Thank you, Alan. Bit of a shock, though. I always thought the staff were infallible. Honestly.

