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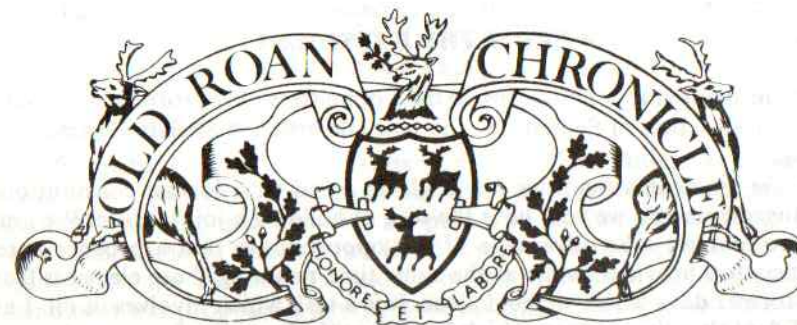
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FROM THE EDITOR

Readers will find in this issue many references to the 'new' School and the 'new' Association. It does not take a lot of imagination to appreciate the formidable problems being tackled by the Headmaster and his Staff in creating the cohesion and identity that are such essential elements in any school and which are of particular concern to Old Roans because of the contribution they make to the traditions of which we are a part. We wish them very well.

The character of the School has now changed more dramatically and significantly than at any time in its history, and it does not take much imagination either, to appreciate the repercussions on the Old Roan Association. The 'Old Boy' concept, even in its best sense, may not be appropriate much longer, and there has undoubtedly been a trend towards school-leavers being less interested in maintaining links with their old schools. However that maybe, the fact remains that there will, in the future, be a far larger number and a much wider spectrum of former pupils for whom the Association needs to have regard.

It has had much to offer in the past, as so many of us have cause to know and be thankful for. There is now, more than ever perhaps, the need to keep it active, interesting, useful and, above all, attractive if it is to continue to flourish.

As a number of the contributions to this issue of the Chronicle show, the O.R.A. Committee in its new form, is very much alive to its responsibilities in this connection. We wish them very well, too.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the inaugural joint meeting of the Committees of the former Boys and Girls Association in September, the new Old Roan Association came into being.

But the amalgamation does not begin and end with formal constitutional arrangements and we now have the task of building a joint future. We must ensure that we take advantage of the opportunities that a broader based Association provides, while at the same time retaining those elements from our former days which we hold close. It is a task which involves us all. I am confident that the qualities which have been the features of our two Associations in the past will prevail in the future.

The Old Roan Club and the sports clubs continue to flourish. The clubroom is undergoing a variety of improvements and remains a most enjoyable facility. The Cricket Club is to be congratulated on winning the North Kent League, and the future of the Football Club looks assured with the arrival of a clutch of exciting young players. The Dramatic Society, as usual, are hard at work rehearsing for their next production.

By the time you read these lines the Reunion Dinner will have been held and we will have honoured our chief guest Peter Williams. The Dinner Dance is to be held in March at the Kennington Oval. This venue has proved popular in the past, and as this will be the first major social event of the new Association I look forward to welcoming as many Old Roans as possible.

Finally I would like, on your behalf, to wish the John Roan School a long and successful future. As Old Roans we have a role to play in encouraging and supporting the new school through its formative years.

FROM THE SECRETARY

The John Roan School was born on 1st September 1980, being a merger of The Roan School for Boys, the Roan School for Girls and Charlton School. Following this notable event the Old Roan (Boys') Association and the Old Roan Girls' Association merged on the same date. There is now a joint committee consisting of all members of both committees as at 31st August 1980, all of whom (with the exception of the Vice-Presidents and Past Presidents of the previous two years) will retire at the next Annual General Meeting and be eligible for re-election. Election of members for the committee at that AGM will be under the rules of the new Constitution.

Your committee and that of the Old Roan Girls' Association had been preparing for this for some time. Indeed I first became involved when Del Baxter (44-48) and I met Kay Wilkins, the Girls' Secretary, and a few of their committee during Del's Presidency in 1975/6. To provide for the merger a new Constitu-

tion, which it was hoped would be acceptable to members of both Associations, was circulated with the last edition of the Chronicle and was an item on the agenda at respective General Meetings. I am pleased to say that the attendance at our AGM showed an increase of 25% over most recent years, though still only 51 members were present.

At 9.35 p.m. the meeting turned its attention to the Constitution. At 10.50 p.m. it was over. The new Constitution, the timetable for its introduction, and interim voting proposals had been adopted with one exception. Under Rule 8.b.i. 'Committee Members', the Head Teacher of the School was to be described as the Honorary President of the Old Roan Association. An amendment was proposed from the floor that the words "... who shall be the Honorary President of the Old Roan Association ..." be deleted. This amendment was carried. At the Girls' Association General Meeting on 22nd May 1980 they accepted the same Constitution as had been presented to our meeting (i.e. before the amendment) as it stood. This situation must be resolved. It has therefore been decided to enclose a separate letter with this Chronicle explaining the situation, and to settle the matter at the next Annual General Meeting which is to be held on 27th March 1981. That AGM will be the first after the merger and thus all current members of both former Associations, together with any new members since 1st September 1980, will be eligible to vote.

Although consideration of the Constitution took up most of the meeting, other business of importance had to be carried out. Stan Berry ('33-'39), also a keen worker towards the merger, retired from the Presidency and Fritz Henning ('56-'63) was unanimously elected in his stead for the current year. Dick Hitchin ('59-'67), our Assistant Secretary and Old Roan Club Secretary, resigned and was replaced by Dave Andrews ('64-'71). My personal thanks are due to Dick as he ably looked after the minutes (a job I would not relish) and agendas of meetings. His contributions to Committee meetings will undoubtedly be missed. Also not standing for re-election was Treasurer, Dave Hawkins ('64-'71), who baffled us with his explanations of the accounts. His place was taken by John Cramp ('48-'53) who intended only to fill in for three months until a replacement could be found, but fortunately is still in that office. As you will see from the inside of the front cover there was also a change of Social Secretary; Del Baxter, who ran the past few Reunion Dinners and Dinner/Dances had earned a rest and Alan Weir took over these formidable duties. A fairly rare item appeared on the agenda - the election of another Vice-President. The meeting was delighted to appoint Frank Barnes ('33-'37) and President '67-'68) to the elite group of 9, an honour not before due time.

Since the Annual General Meeting a recruiting evening was held at the end of the summer term, for School leavers. It was at least as successful as others in recent years with about 45 new members added to our number. Regrettably,

however, there is a low rate of retention of new members. Many go to College and move away permanently, while others do not come back to renew acquaintances. John Dennis ('64-'71) has agreed to look into the possibility of providing facilities to keep younger members attracted to the Association, while Steve Nelson ('61-'67) is hoping to come up with ideas on how to draw under-eighteens into the Association (the problem being that our main recruiting area - 'The Club' - has to be out of bounds to them). From the Girls' side, John is to be joined by Chris Johnston and Steve by Hilary Chuter.

Some members lose interest when as a result of not letting me know their new address when they move, they do not receive the Magazine. The following members have had their magazines returned for this reason:-

M.G. Aitken ('53-'61)
H.H. Chamberlain ('18-'25)
G.S. Crane ('15-'25)
I. Nichol ('61-'68)
I. Pullen ('66-'73)

As usual I would ask any member who knows the whereabouts of the above to let me know.

In response to the appeal by Francis Gold ('24-'26) for a 'silver' stag's head badge (see 'Of John Roan's Men, March 1980) - one was supplied by the Rev. Douglas Phipps-Jones ('24-'31). In a similarly generous way E.H. Quick ('17-'20) has kindly donated his copy of Kirby's "History of The Roan Schools" to the Association, and we are grateful that this gap in our archives has now been filled.

This will be the last report to members of the Old Roan (Boys') Association as it was up to 31st August 1980. The next, in whatever form, will be going out to the combined membership and I would like to conclude by thanking all those, of both Associations, who have been involved in the sub-committees, committees and general meetings for all the ideas, some adopted, some not, that were considered over the past couple of years. In particular I must mention the Presidents: Del Baxter, Alan Weir, Stan Berry and Fritz Henning, and the Secretary of The Old Roan Girls' Association, Kay Wilkins, all of whom have worked very hard towards the merger. I am sure that both former Associations will benefit from the combination and I look forward to a bright future ahead.

As a concession to the Editor's sense of history and his concern for posterity (and because his decision is final!) there follows a list of the names of those Old Boys and Old Girls who were present at the inaugural joint meeting of the Association's Committee on 22nd September 1980:

Fritz Henning	Jean James	John Cramp
Toney Slaney	Marjorie Watts	John Dennis
Kay Wilkins	Josephine Hook	Maxine Davis
Frank Barnes	Janet Benford	Gordon Smith
Peter Williams	Chris Johnston	Alan Weir
Neil Haslam	Hilary Chuter	Dr. A.J. Taylor
Len Groves	Linda Donke	Ken Graf
Stan Berry	Kath Moore	Lionel Berry
Lorna Jenne	Trevor Roe	Brian Thomas
Don Boon	Geoff Sawyer	Dave Andrews
Steve Nelson	George Carter	Mick Walpole

THE OLD ROAN CLUB

The Club enjoyed a satisfactory year during 1979/80 and continues to operate in a successful manner. The Rules of the Club have been amended in conformity with the revised Constitution of the Old Roan Association and, in brief, reflect the needs of the new Association based upon the requirements of the new School. This change in the status of the Association, and the School, poses many problems since we are now trying to provide recreational facilities for a very wide age group, of both sexes, with educational and social backgrounds which are much wider than those we have previously experienced.

With these problems in mind the General Committee of the Club has set itself a list of "improvements" to be fulfilled in the immediate future and these include additional seating and furniture in the "new" bar, a pool table, and a glass washing unit behind the bar. We are also seeking permission from the Governors to have a glazed porch erected outside the main entrance to the Club and this, we hope, will eliminate winter draughts, cut down on the heating bills and enable us to make better use of the area immediately inside the main entrance which, hitherto, has been used for the storage of any old junk that members leave lying about. We have recently completed the re-painting of all the exterior woodwork, window frames and doors etc., and are now giving active attention to the possible need for some interior redecoration.

Obviously all these improvements, whether completed or proposed, cost money and, at present price levels, a very great deal of money. The estimated total cost of the renovations and additions, referred to in the preceding

paragraph, amounts to over £2,300 and this sum does not include any provision for the interior redecoration. Fortunately we are able to expend this amount of money from our Capital Account, without increasing either membership fees or bar prices, and it is well worth considering how, and why, we are in such an enviable situation.

Our prosperity is built upon two main foundations the first of which reflects the generosity and understanding of the School Governors and successive Headmasters over the past twenty-five years in supporting the Old Roan Association and allowing us to enjoy excellent amenities at the Pavilion. When you also consider the facilities that the same Authorities allow us for Football, Cricket and Tennis etc., it is obvious that our "Grace and Favour" tenancy is of inestimable value.

The second factor that promotes our prosperity is the vast effort that has been put into the Club by volunteer members over the past three decades. The members who serve on the General Committee, successive "Chief Stewards" and all who have helped behind the Bar have laid a firm foundation for expansion and for future prosperity and I ask all members, particularly the newer ones, to reflect upon the work that has been, and is being, carried out for the benefit of all of us. I have, on previous occasions, referred to the complex variety of tasks that are needed to keep the Club running on a day to day basis including ordering and receipt of supplies, stocking and stacking, cleaning, organising the bar rotas and administering a "business" with a Sales turnover of some £15,000 per year with all the attendant problems of investment, tax liabilities and V.A.T. I make no apologies for reiterating these facts since they are the reasons that we all enjoy the Club amenities at "rock-bottom" prices.

It is the right and privilege of all members of the re-constituted Old Roan Association to hold membership of the Old Roan Club but it is equally important to draw attention to the fact that these rights and privileges also entail responsibilities. Indeed, a very good slogan for the Club might well be "No rights without responsibilities". What are these responsibilities? They are briefly, that all members, and their guests, are expected to maintain a responsible and reasonable standard of behaviour when they are on the premises. The Club, through the Officers and the General Committee has, in turn, well defined responsibilities to the School Governors, the Head Teacher and the staff, to the Groundsman and to the Law. Please do your best to assist us to meet these responsibilities.

There is of course, the further obligation on individual members to volunteer for Bar service and for such other work as the Club may, from time to time, require. Insofar as Bar duties are concerned ignorance is not an acceptable excuse for lack of effort. We have a sufficient number of experienced stewards available to "train" and help any new volunteers and, after all, who knows when a little bar experience (from the working side) might come in useful. So,

if you are not on any of the existing bar rotas please consider what help you are able to offer and contact one of the following:-

Thursday Evenings: Monty Smith, 23 Southbourne Gardens, London SE12
Telephone 318 4307

Friday Evenings: John Halcroft, 40 Pinto Way, Ferrier Estate, London SE3

Saturday Evenings: Len Groves, 12 Reed Close, London, SE12
Telephone 852 0331

Sunday Mornings: Steve Nelson, 9 Crathie Road, London, SE12
Telephone: 318 0685

Sunday Evenings: Dap Andrews, 2 Aldeburgh Street, London, SE10
Telephone 858 9027

May I conclude by welcoming all our new members and wishing them a happy social life in the Old Roan Club.

F.P.B.

OLD ROAN PERSONALITIES : 'Fritz' Henning

Heinrich Henning or 'Fritz' as we all know him, was elected President of the O.R.A. in March of this year. On assuming this prestigious office, he was not only the youngest President the Association has had, but also the first of overseas descent, having been born in Germany at the end of the war.

It was during his Primary School education at Eltham Church of England School, Roper Street, that the waiting world first heard of Fritz, at the age of ten, when the London Evening Star announced that H. Henning of Eltham C of E Primary School had claimed all ten wickets in a junior match, and had therefore won the week's prize. The date of this announcement will remain secret: let it simply be recorded that the prize was a Peter May autograph bat.

He joined the Roan School in 1956 following in the footsteps of brother Claus ('52-'59) and remained there until 1963. his sisters Ulrike ('53-'60) and Dorte ('56-'63) were Roan girls and during his school career ('56-'63) he represented Roan at cricket in possibly one of the strongest 1st XIs to have taken the field in Kidbrooke Park Road. Such names as Farrer, Grimble, Richardson, Clements, Barry, Hutchins, Mexter, Townsend, Calnan and Hamer make formidable reading to devotees of the game locally. He "guarded the sticks" for the 1st XI at football, becoming vice captain for the 1962-1963 season. He also represented the school at basketball. An adequate scholar, with an artistic flair, he is reputed to have only just passed his German "O" Level Oral Examination because of his very strong Bavarian accent! He will perhaps be best remembered by his contemporaries for possessing the longest crew cut imaginable.

Fritz has been, and still is, an enthusiastic member of the Sports Clubs. Sometime Secretary and Committee member of the Old Roan C.C., he was originally introduced by Alan Pile into his memorable 3rd XI in 1964. He has played with distinction in all the teams for the past sixteen seasons. Many of these were spent happily with the 1st XI during their halcyon days and although Fritz's batting talents were not used quite to their fullest potential there was never any complaint. However, this season he dropped down into 2nd XI cricket and scored several lusty fifties. The Football Club has also benefitted from his ability, Fritz being the 1st XI custodian from 1963-1965, during which period the team gained promotion to the Premier Division of the South London Football Alliance. After rapidly running down the six elevens Fritz announced his retirement from competitive football in the early 1970's. He is still to be seen donning his shorts and size 12 boots for the annual friendly match against Old Colfeians. He qualified as a referee last year and officiates in local leagues.

Over the past eleven years he has taken an active part in O.R.A. and O.R.C. committees serving as Social Secretary in 1977 and 1978. Having given up so much of his time for the benefit of others he has gone one step further and taken on the Presidency which is even more taxing on time, resources and energy. Having organised at least 30 functions, Annual dinners, cricket suppers, dinner and dances etc. he certainly has not shirked his responsibilities. He is always "in the thick of it" whether it be organising food and seating arrangements for the cricket supper or painting the sight-screens.

A family man, Fritz lives in Shirley, near Croydon, with his wife Hazel and two children, Christopher and Allison.

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It is reported by another biographer that when Fritz arrived on the Roan School scene it was soon evident how he had come by the early sporting success referred to above. Although his bowling was of a friendly medium pace, batsmen became mesmerised by the haircut and the knees. On top, there was the sort of crewcut that you only see on spacemen who haven't seen a barber in months: and, between shin and thigh were the knobbliest knees known to man. In fact the whole limb looked as if it was constructed from Lego. Sporting opponents were confounded by the knees, which they saw in the same light as the blades on Boadicea's chariot: blinded with terror, they gave in without a struggle. Fritz always knew that those knees were his strength: he wore shorts well into the third year and after that some loose fitting trousers that gave a hint of the deadly joints whenever there was a headwind.

SCHOOL NEWS

1. The John Roan School

The John Roan School came into being on September 1st, 1980 by the amalgamation of the former Roan School (the boys' school), the Roan School for Girls and Charlton School.

At the time of writing, it consists of just over 1200 pupils divided between three, well-separated sites and about 90 teaching staff, many of whom teach on more than one site. In fact we are a mixed school, with boys and girls in separate buildings! We are one school with many pupils and some staff who never see one another in school hours.

All of which goes to show that amalgamation is one thing but **integration** is another.

I could write at length on the problems which face us: the one thing I want to emphasise is that most of them are temporary. Twelve months from now the furthestmost site will no longer be in use, the travelling required of Staff will be considerably reduced and the pupils of the first two years, 360 girls and boys, will be mixed in classes in the new purpose-built lower school. Lack of space precluded building this on the present Maze Hill site but it is only about 300 yards away. Moreover, in twelve months' time members of Staff will have got to know one another better and become used to working together.

The bringing together of Teachers from three schools is a mutual enrichment. It has given the John Roan School an able and enthusiastic Staff commanding a wide range of skills. There is much hard work ahead but there is much goodwill toward the School and many dedicated to making it a success.

Like the children of Israel we have set out on a journey and the start may not be easy, but it is towards a land of promise.

A.J.T.

2. GOINGS ON

"My face is pink, my hair is sleek,
I dine at Roan School once a week" — or
"I am rather tall and stately
and who are you? (Anon)

We are getting to know each other - the three squads of Staff. Just as the Old Roan Association has had to cope with the traumas of a merger, so have we. It is not easy having to teach in three buildings in a week. The time-table has 'travel periods' and cryptic colour codes indicating where each of us is at all times of the day. That is easy enough if you know who you are looking for ("Has anyone seen Miss —, and what does she look like?": "Good morning, and where should I be?").

This new situation should not last for long - the new Lower School building will open in May and then we'll have four buildings to work in! The trouble is, it's very tiring and we are having to deal with a new kind of scholar and a new kind of teaching. We have organised ourselves, of course, and I thought you might like to know how it is with us now. There are an awful lot of Chiefs and even more Indians

The structure is based on the Form Tutor, who is the former Form Master/Mistress: then there is a Head of Year, who deals with all the discipline problems and pastoral care - that means contacting parents, liaising with the Educational Welfare Officer, the Educational Psychologists and all the other para-educationalists.

There are still Heads of Departments - now known as 'Subjects', e.g. Mathematics, English and so on. Above the Subjects Heads are Heads of Faculties; there are eight of these - the 'big guns' on the academic side and they include Science, Modern Languages and impressive sounding institutions such as Recreational Arts, Creative Arts, Humanities and Supportive Studies. This is the language of the 1980's and the Comprehensive School. The reality is that we meet more often, but now in smaller groups: the Head of Year Committee, the Faculty Meeting - that could be anything up to twenty people, or more than half of all the old staff.

More meetings mean that more time is spent involved in activities other than teaching, preparation and so on. The activities still go on - it simply means that people have to work harder in even more trying conditions. We are, to add to our problems, having to deal with more children. When the School moves from lesson to lesson the place seems over-crowded and noisier: when lessons are in progress, it is hard to tell the difference.

The School reflects society much more closely than before. We now cater for the whole ability range and have devised a curriculum aimed at accommodating everyone. It is no use giving the Grammar school sandwich to the less able. No doubt new subjects could, and will be introduced apart from things like Media Studies, Commerce, Computing, Theatre Studies, Drama etc.

Part of the School is still of a selective nature - the present Fifth and Sixth Forms. They are much the same as always and have not been too inconvenienced by the changes. But they are different, and as time goes by, our Sixth Form will also change. We hope to be able to keep our 'A' level work and also try to provide courses for those who do not aspire to those heights but wish to stay on after sixteen. The 'O' level, C.S.E., C.E.E. and perhaps the new 'V' (for Vocational) level will be taught alongside the traditional 'A' levels.

This has been a progress report and the 'Remarks' might range from 'Satisfactory' to 'Good': we are all trying to be 'Very Good' - but it is hard work.

"A brave world, Sir, full of religion, knavery
and change: we shall shortly see better days"

(The Roundheads' I.i)

THE OLD ROAN CRICKET CLUB

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1980 saw our first league honours - in the eighth season of competition. It was scarcely a vintage summer in other respects; the overall results and individual achievements were unremarkable, and the weather unimpressive, although in fairness, it must be said that there was not a surfeit of wet week-ends.

I wish, at this early stage, to pay tribute to Fritz - doubling this year as Secretary of the C.C. and President of the Association. Not only has he been an unqualified success in both roles, he has also found the time and energy to produce a weekly news-sheet - "Cover-Point". Half-a-dozen contributors have fed him regular copy, based broadly upon the week-end activities, and the finished article has appeared punctually the following week-end and has given much pleasure could it be that our erstwhile President has missed his vocation?

FIRST XI

Captains — Saturday: C. Rodwell
Sunday: P. Williams

Following our modest record in 1979, Chris Rodwell must take the lion's share of the credit for leading the 1st XI to their championship. There was no great influx of talent, no magic formula of which I am aware, but a more settled side, playing by and large harmoniously and, I would like to think, enjoying their cricket. Chris himself found his bat appreciably less productive than in previous summers, but he bowled effectively and the runs were made up by consistent scoring from Nasir Khan, Graham Lawrance and Jimmy Russon. Everyone made a contribution - not least the bowlers, eight of whom shared 80 wickets, 16 being the largest individual haul.

RESULTS

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Cancelled	
SATURDAY	League	11	7	2	2	1	Champions
	Others	10	3	3	4	—	
SUNDAY		19	3	13	3	2	
TOTAL		40	13	18	9	3	

It might be argued that we had a little good fortune in that only one of our 12 scheduled games was cancelled. (Rivals Bromley Town missed out on 3 this way, and on paper their record appears superior to ours.) Against this can be set the Rodwell "faith", an example of which occurred in the first game v

O. Wilsonians. We began in a sort of sea-fret and made 180, without the bowlers being seriously incommoded (except from the danger of frostbite). At tea the conditions could be described as a steady drizzle and it seemed highly improbable that the match would run its full course. Ten overs produced 60 runs and two disillusioned bowlers. Instead of soliciting the (eager) co-operation of the two bedraggled umpires and returning to the haven of hot showers and cool beer, Chris took the now sodden ball, marked his run, and fell flat on his face. Undeterred, he tried again with zero approach, kept an immaculate line and length and took 4 for 20 in 17 overs. With Len Sales following this example at the other end we won the game by 40 runs, collected 20 points and no-one went down with pneumonia.

Dan Calnan (6 - 29) bowled out Colfeians for 66 on a greentop and we edged home by 2 wickets. Quite apart from the satisfaction of beating the old enemy this was a vital result and some compensation for losing to Bromley Town after we had called the tune with the bat (Rodwell 71), worked hard to get 5 down for 100, then under-estimated their later batting when trying for a win Chris may have been haunted by this result as we later came into contention with BT for the title.

Mark Squire took on the role of Orpington-baiter (for so long the prerequisite of Terry Barry) with 5 wickets for just 1 run in an easy victory, but a reversal at Tonbridge, where our score plummeted from 114 for 4 to 114 for 9, left us with a chance only if we won our last three games. O. Elthamians and O. Shooters-hillians were negotiated comfortably and Bromley Town then completed their programme to lead us by 18 points. We needed to beat Belvedere and score nineteen points in the process.

This game took place on 30 August (the Saturday of the Centenary Test) and you may recall there was rain about. It was won, with maximum points, as a result of the skipper's celebrated wet weather act. We had to bat first, try to score at least 160, and ensure 4 batting points. Losing the toss could have made things tricky, but we were inserted (as is fashionable) and made 180 in good time (Khan 76). After tea, 4 wickets were down for 50 when we came off for rain. It was only a passing shower, we returned and the score moved to 75 for 6 when again it rained and the light would certainly not have satisfied Messrs Bird and Constant. I can only conclude that Chris used his charm, for the Belvedere batsmen agreed to stay; whereupon, in an entirely laudable effort to get everyone back to the comfort of the pavilion, he produced the over of the season - 4 wickets split by a no-ball which would surely have removed the middle stump but for the fact that the hapless batsman was standing in its path - and the deed was done.

This achievement was followed by a party - thoughtfully laid on by Chris (the confidence of the man!) under the guise of a "flat-warming" - and it was a somewhat fragile collection of cricketers that assembled the next morning at

the Bat & Ball ground at Gravesend. Committed to the field, Chris was wound up and pointed in the appropriate direction and we wondered what would happen. Never did we contemplate a scoreboard reading 25 for 6 an hour later 3 wickets each for Chris and Brian Hamer (including four Kent League batsmen). Although we got to 82 for 9, there followed 96 runs for the last wicket, and in the event we were stretched to hang on for a draw. Delayed reaction, maybe, but a game to be remembered.

And just one of many drawn Sunday games too many in fact, which reflected little credit upon one or both contestants. We did not win a game batting first, which implies the inability of our bowlers to take 10 wickets, coupled with, possibly, a lack of interest on the part of our opponents. Conversely in at least three games when set a target, our own batting effort fell woefully short. Mention should be made of Nas Khan's faultless 117 v Broomhills, in addition to which he scored five 50s, some extreme belligerence from Graham Lawrance and some elegant knocks by Dan Calnan - not the most fortunate batsman we know. The bowling was in familiar and capable hands. No-one excelled; equally no-one let the side down. Fielding was variable, but when Nas and David Sears were operating one on either flank on a true surface it was always efficient and at times deadly. Roger of course is unique and once or twice caught the impossible. Individual performances follow:-

BATTING

	Innings	Not out	Runs	Average	100/50
G. Lawrance	22	7	608	40.5	— 5
N. Khan	29	4	868	34.7	1 5
J. Russon	12	2	303	30.3	— 1
T. Barry	13	2	314	28.5	— 1
K. Calnan	19	4	338	22.5	— 2
G. Townsend	15	1	276	19.7	— 1
C. Rodwell	31	2	568	19.5	— 3
R. Dale	20	—	322	16.1	— —
M. Squire	33	9	377	15.7	— 2
D. Sears	18	1	226	13.2	— —
V. Lawrence	27	5	269	12.2	— —

BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	5+ wkts/inns
T. Barry	192	46	522	36	14.5	2
C. Rodwell	275	88	584	40	14.6	1
G. Lawrance	142	29	388	26	14.9	—
F. Spink	212	47	689	38	18.1	3
B. Hamer	277	73	669	35	19.1	—
L. Sales	131	25	436	22	19.8	—
M. Squire	145	31	480	22	21.8	1

The Old Roan Cricket Club was formed in 1920 and to mark our 60th birthday a game was arranged between the current 1st XI and the players of yesteryear. The great majority of our guests had either retired or moved away; two only are still playing for the Club. The occasion was Monday 5 May, and I quote from "Cover Point" —

"The highlight of the week-end was undoubtedly Monday's Past v Present game when 11 golden oldies and John Huntley took the field against our current stars

Past XII v Present XII

11 a.m. It was dry, but scarcely warm, and the gladiators were assembling No-one was late, but the bar was attractive and the conversation animated The toss had been conducted two weeks previously by telephone and the visitors accepted stoically that their pre-lunch consumption was destined to be limited, except for the initial 12th man (Chambers) who won the position by the simple expedient of hiding when there was a head count.

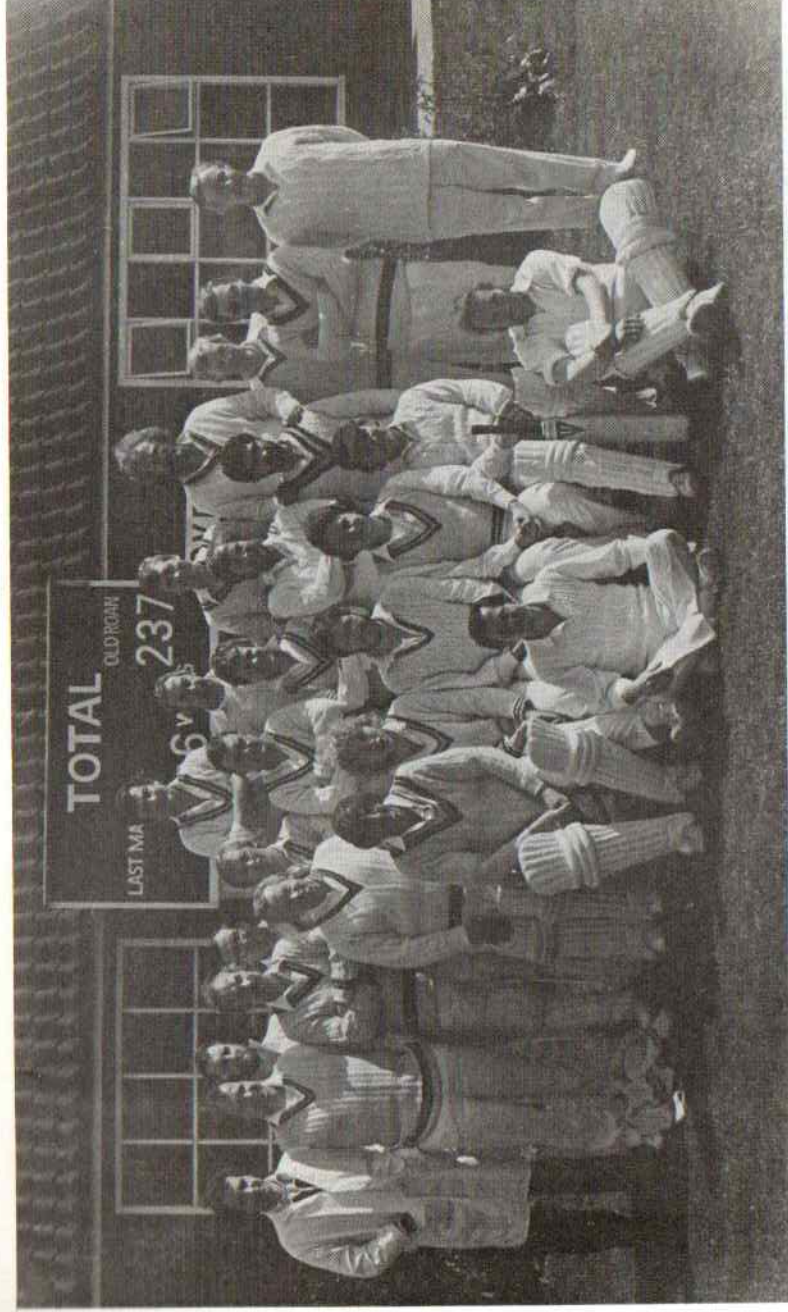
11.50 a.m. Parker - immaculately turned out and freshly oiled and wound up - was launched from the Quaggy end, and the years rolled back. 45 minutes later, with scarcely a loose ball, he was honourably put out to grass (7-1-24-1). Dreher (smoothly) Hutchins (having trouble with letting go), Richardson (belligerently) and Williams J. (amiably) all had a bowl before lunch when Graham Townsend was totally in command.

Lunch: 120 - 2 The break appeared to have a less than stimulating effect upon the fielding side and 60 runs were added in half an hour. Then the pace quickened further, and we decided to have some photographs taken, and to let Huntley have a bat.

3.30 p.m. Each was impressive in his own style: Dawe looked good, but unfortunately left the gate open; Huntley (29) was solid and inevitably



H. (FRITZ) HENNING
President, Old Roan Association
1980-81



PAST v PRESENT MATCH — 5th MAY 1980

G. BRISCOE, G. TOWNSEND, K. RICHARDSON, G. CHAMBERS, C. TREW, P. WILLIAMS, K. CALNAN, D. DREHER, R. DOLDER, F. SPINK, M. SQUIRE, J. WILLIAMS, T. BARRY, G. LAWRENCE, R. DALE, R. HUTCHINS, H. HENNING, C. RODWELL, B. HAMER, N. KHAN, A. DAWE, M. HOOKER, D. GRIMBLE, J. HUNTLEY, R. PARKER.



THE HEADMASTER AND MASTERS OF THE ROAN SCHOOL
(circa 1936?)

G.C. WITTEN, J.A.H. MANDER, C.F. PETERS (Sec.), C.T. DALTRY, C.H. MILNE, F.W. HARRIS, J. THORPE, S.J.D. MITCHELL, S.R. MILLS, T.H. BARRETT, H.H. PYE, W. PEDDIE, E. DURLING, L.E. LEE, K.S. BINNIE, L.J. JAMES, L.J. BERRY, T. HOLT, W.E. ASHWORTH, J.W. KIRBY, W. MANN, W.W. POYSER, G.R. PARKER, W.J. POTTER (Headmaster), J. AMESBURY, A.C. HORTH, W.A. ALLEN, J.H. PECKHAM.

They obtained the distinction of bowling out no fewer than 8 sides, which is more than a good season's average. Credit for these results must go to the bowlers collectively, although as individuals they are worthy of mention in this report. The Rev (Brian Burton) who after many seasons of loyal service as the main medium pace bowler, turned to slow medium (?) swingers with the new ball, with amazing results. Never to be forgotten, will be the fortunes of Ashford, who were playing themselves into a fine position at 92-2 when the Rev, asked to take the ball once more by Del, produced a 3 for 8 spell and, well supported by Dave Carter, reduced the score to 119-9 in six overs. The improvement of Keith Baron both with the bat and ball, was a notable feature of the season. He emerged as a good slow off spin bowler, and gave good value for the encouragement given to him over the last two seasons by the senior members of the side. As the 'Hook' stated, "He was no longer a joke bowler". Students of the game accept that a slow bowler can take many years to develop his art to perfection and Keith's figures of 6-24 v RACS and 5-27 v Granby, certainly put him on the right path. Other notable features of the bowling were the strength and tenacity of Rod Stanbridge and the ability of Dave Carter to produce the unplayable ball to remove the better batsmen. Dave is indeed a very good bowler. Fred Fuhr played consistently during the first half of the season and demonstrated his value as an opening bowler. He is able to move the ball in the air from a good height, and this certainly added variety to a very useful bowling pack. Fred decided to take a mid-summer break to the U.S.A. and was not regularly available on his return, but, make no mistake, he is due to make his mark; as the Saturday 2nd XI Vice-Captain he shows distinct promise in understanding the duties of captaincy. The occasional presence of Martin Pendergast, Chris Wyton, Terry Chance and Ian Daniels was very welcome. It would be promising for the Club, if these lads would be available more regularly in the seasons ahead. The wicket-keeping of Simon Perry was again of a high standard, and made life very difficult for umpires with his quick stumping appeals.

Encouragement has always been extended by the ORCC to younger players and those in the 2nd XI are able to boast that their share in contributing to this policy, has led to the promotion over the years to the 1st XI, of such players as Ken Farrer, Dave Hutley, Roger Dale, Brian Hamer, Chris Wyton, Nas Khan and more recently Mike Baxter, Graham Lawrance and for the future, Andy Bloyce and Keith Barron. Indeed the 2nd XI is not alone in this effort, for the late Alan Pile, and continuously over the last decade, Mike Callaghan has encouraged many less-than-average school leavers to contribute to a very useful 3rd XI squad. Team selection is undoubtedly made that much more difficult, and the team Captain's job much more onerous, when players are reluctant to move up the XI's. A positive policy of encouragement is needed to overcome the indifference that appears to be present in some players' attitudes.

NEWSFLASH O.R's v Dartford 15th June 1980. Score card amended V. Lawrence "out", G. Lawrance "in".A colourful change.

THIRD XI

Six victories, four defeats reflect a satisfactory outcome from a very inexperienced side - on one occasion fielding nine players under 21.

As in past seasons it was often fragile batting that deprived us of further wins. Peter Ellis scored an excellent fifty against Farnborough but too often lacked concentration and discretion. Len Sales, as befits a Saturday 1st XI player, is a batsman of much potential as witnessed by his 70 against Addington (and confirmed by only just failing to record a maiden century on the Isle of Wight) he is, however, often too casual which can be fatal when most runs are scored on the leg-side; nevertheless he easily topped the run aggregate. Tim Leask suffered a poor start to the season but after scoring 49 v Bec Old Boys, injury and holidays curtailed his season. Two young schoolboys Stewart Mason and Dennis Monteiro played regularly and each contributed a couple of useful innings both are keen and should improve to become valuable members of next year's side. Ali Ross, when available, stiffened the batting as evidenced by his 70 NO when opening the innings versus R.A.C.S. John Stanford will have been disappointed with his batting; perhaps curbing his natural aggression causing his downfall? He did however do a very tidy and reliable job behind the stumps and ensured that spirits did not flag when things were not going our way. Mike Callaghan may be forgiven for returning to the first match of the season when he carried his bat from opening to score 15* out of 44 to lose only by 2 wickets. He was to bat equally resolutely (boringly?) on many occasions and help secure the draw on some of our less successful days.

Much credit goes to our attack and in particular to Alan Goodyear who played in all matches, taking over 40 wickets. Although still prone to pitch too short he is gaining more control and was very much the keystone of the team. Stewart Williams played a dozen matches, and about 30 wickets testify to his promise: under the watchful eye of his father he should quickly develop into a fast bowler of 1st XI potential. Len Sales and MCC shared the slow-bowling duties both enjoyed days of success but could be too wayward. No defeats could however be blamed on our attack.

Some 40 or more players were used during the season and special thanks must go to 'Spot' Hughes for always being on-call, Steve Nelson for agreeing to play at Sunday lunchtime and Nicky Green for stepping-in at short notice.

Special mention must be made of Jimmy Russon. In the drawn match against Swanscombe & Greenhithe JR scored a chanceless unbeaten century, captured 7 of the 9 wickets to fall (catching the other two!). Asked by the opposition how we managed when James did not play the answer of course was 'WIN'.

FOOTBALL CLUB

Secretary: G.J. Sawyer, 18 Beaconsfield Close, SE3

From our special correspondent:

I drove down Kidbrooke Park Road, SE3 with an open mind. I had expected to meet an air of apprehension bordering on gloom. Only last May while the 1st XI finished in fifth place in their division, and the 2nd fourth, the 3rd and 4th were bottom and the 5th came next to last. But no, the summer had receded into memory and the peculiar odours of the dressing room created adrenaline.

I was lucky enough to eavesdrop on a Selection Meeting, having slipped in quietly. The Bar had done extremely well to supply members' needs. Cyril Davies, Manager, coach and 1st team mentor was in good spirits. "We should call ourselves 'Young Roan'", he quipped. John Hardy had become a father figure and the side was holding its own. Young players were being given experience, and Dave Carter was effectively a veteran at 22. Barry Thomas, 2nd team observer seemed anxious. Ashen-faced, he had a strangely long list of players and was being advised on their relative merits. Four successive defeats had not helped his burdensome task. "They just do not realise", he said flatly.

In the corner Clive Fuhr was making rhythmic, sideways movements with his hands, palms outwards, and had about him the aura of a winning team secretary. With a straight back he commented lightly on the "ups and downs" of football management. His 3rd team have a new manager in Simon Perry whose problem lies in blending a company of ageing stars and young hopefuls. Having dropped two divisions in as many seasons, they lost their first game 7 - 0. Since then there have been two victories, sure signs of success for the new policies of a weekly team-talk and oranges at half-time. "Players to watch? Well Peter Edwards is still showing more elegance and class than people half his age, and Tim Farnham who is half his age is a star of the future - only time will tell". He smiled and returned to his exercises.

I found the new 4th team manager an intellectual. Groping for metaphors, he was acutely aware of the effect his words might have on his players whom he guards most jealously from adverse criticism. "In meteorological terms", he conceded, "the mood is cyclonic. Total football has proved a failure, and a goal every three minutes is making a vice out of charity". Spot Hughes has witnessed heights and depths in soccer and it is pleasing to note that he is backed solidly by his team.

Mike West of the 5th was less introspective. For him, all too often, football fills a whole day. This had been such a day. "Had I heard the one about the three university students? No? Well, one decided to study on Saturday,

another went on a boat trip and the third broke his arm but forgot to tell anyone". Mike insists that he is not against Higher Education but would prefer its adherents to get their priorities right. As an after-thought he added that he was looking for players with commitment, not people who use the game as a last resort.

As I left this august body to deliberate further I came across almost fifty Old Roans clustered around the Bar. Trevor Roe and Bryan Coshell had, as they have for as long as many could remember, given swift and courteous service. One group of players could not praise highly enough the backroom work of Messrs. Sawyer, Fuhr and Clatworthy who regularly attend meetings in order that others might play. Another group said as one that it would take three people at least to replace Vic (tea, kit, cash and balls) Brooker, and were uniformly grateful. Co-operation between team managers had never been better said one, and the assembly in unison expressed thanks. Nobody mentioned the 200 club!

As I left the clubhouse to meet my copy deadline I was left with the impression that here was an excellent sports field. The groundstaff were without doubt gifted and deserve loud praise. Here was a club which produced five active teams each with its own character. On my last visit there had been seven. How many years ago was that?

OLD ROAN DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Rehearsals have started for the next production which is to be "Man Alive" by John Dighton. The Author, better known for his film scripts for "Kind Hearts and Coronets" and "The Happiest Days of your Life", has written a highly original and amusing play. This Production will take place in March and I hope that more members of the ORA will enjoy a very pleasant evening.

Since the last newsletter the Society has performed with credit at the Lewisham Drama Festival gaining second place with a play "Rose and Crown" conveniently set in a pub! Congratulations must go to Graham Johnson who directed this production with fine support from his cast and helpers.

There is always room for new members - any O.R.s who have (or even think they have) talents for acting, carpentry, painting, costume design and making, etc. etc., and who would be interested in joining the Society are invited to contact Martin Rider. (Tel. 467 4300)

OF JOHN ROAN'S MEN

From the size of the postbag since the last issue of the Chronicle it is evident that it continues to inspire (and occasionally provoke) a very large number of Old Roans - scattered across the world - to keep in touch. This is its primary function, of course (another, in the Editor's view, is to constitute some sort of historical record), so here is another feature on the doings of our forerunners, contemporaries and successors.

First, a correction prompted by a letter from BILL GOSLING (17-22, and a Vice President), to the reference in the last issue to the death of Sir "Harvey" Smith. This should, of course, have been to Sir Henry Martin Smith of whom Bill writes with affection and recalls as a larger-than-life character with infectious high spirits. Although he was not a natural cricketer, he made himself into an efficient one and it was probably this quality that was the key to his success in his business and public life; as a final tribute, Bill says there can be no doubt that as Chief Inspector he greatly influenced the promotion and maintenance of the high standards of the Fire Services.

A.E. TERRY (16-23) died earlier this year, and his widow has presented the School with a silver cup in his memory to be awarded to a pupil who shows particular prowess in sport - an activity in which Terry excelled, without detriment, let it be said to his academic accomplishments.

From the past to present Old Roans

Did DAVID HATWELL (46-52) manage to get to the Club in May as he wrote to say he intended to? If so, we hope he found a few familiar faces this time. He lives in Chester, N.J., where he moved in 1964 after twelve years with Lloyds Bank, and in 1974 formed his own business dealing with reinsurance and retrocessions. He would like to get in touch with Ken Woods, Brian Butler, Ted Sullivan and Alfie Winchester.

Another intention to make a visit was expressed by M. BODDY (53-60) - this time to the O.R. Braithwaite Camp - we hope he made it. He gained a B.Sc.Hons. degree (First Class) last year at the University of East Anglia, where he expects to stay for another three years doing research for his Doctorate - on the geology of the south-west North Sea; it involves him in going 'boating' in research vessels on a regular basis - we hope the weather keeps fine for him.

J.F.N. (Bill) WEDGE (32-38, and some time Magazine Correspondent the instigator of the title of this section, incidentally) reports meeting F.W. VERNAU, his onetime classmate, and M.W. (Bill) HENLEY (31-39) recently; Bill Henley is a pilot with Loganair.

It was good to welcome K.G. CORNISH (29-34) back as a member. He recalls that it was not an easy matter to get into Banking pre-war, and records his debt to an O.R. (not actually named, but identified as one-time Manager of Lloyds in Blackheath) for enabling him to do so. He also mentions 'joining-up' with LEN CLIFTON in January 1940 and later sharing with him the miseries of being a prisoner-of-war in the Far East. He was one of a group that represented the School at the unveiling of General Wolfe's statue in Greenwich Park.

Do there still exist copies of Potter's 'Geometry', Ford & Cordwell's Latin Grammar, and Squairs' 'Elementary French' - all school textbooks many O.R.s will remember? If so, FRANK GOLD (24-26) would like to hear of their whereabouts. Lieutenant Commander A.R. WETTON, RN (55-60), recently appointed to the command of 814 Naval Air Squadron, now has his home in Cornwall.

HERBERT FINCH (14-21), browsing through his old issues of the magazine, came across the undated photograph of an O.R. Football team in the May 1969 number, and speculates that it was taken in 1919 or 1920; he thinks he recognises Clifford Hiscock at No. 3 in the back row. We cannot trace any other reactions to the photograph having been received - they would still be welcome. G.C. WEBB (42-47), now living in Sevenoaks, tells us of two other O.R.s with whom he keeps in touch - DOUG. LAING (41-47) who lives in Great Amwell, Herts. and has a senior position with S.T.C., and GLEN CARR (43-47) who runs the Village Store and Post Office in Upper Dicker in Sussex. He himself is an Account Director of a London advertising agency, and he recalls with keen pleasure "some glorious days playing football and cricket with .. Del Baxter, Buster Roe, Alan Weir, Peter Williams, Geoff Brooks and Frank Barnes among others".

Another welcome prodigal who has returned to the fold is DUDLEY C. CLARKE (12-20), a practising Solicitor of many years' standing with offices in central and south-east London.

The reference in the last issue to S.T. Lister, prompted S.R. HUNT (14-18) to get in touch. He too, recalled 'Froggy' Llewellyn, also mentioned in the last issue, and the disparaging entries he was wont to make in journals. He also reports the death last year of his brother E.A. (Cherub) HUNT (13-15) who was a Manager of the Standard Bank in South Africa.

G. R. CHAPMAN (31-39), writing from Woodbridge, Suffolk, sends us news of his neighbour A.H. HOPWOOD (ex-Staff) who is in fine fettle and from whose interest in and knowledge of native birdlife the Suffolk Conservation Trust has gained a great deal.

It was good to hear again from JOHN MITCHELL (Staff 35-53) writing from Cambridge, and giving news of DENNIS UPTON (47-53), and DOUGLAS PEDDIE (32-39) who is an Assistant Secretary in the M.A.F.F.

He also mentions P.J. BARNWELL (23-31), an indefatigable researcher into O.R. histories who, as it happens, is seeking news about EDWARD GEORGE WALL, sometime a pupil at the School (circa 1910/12?), and in 1921 an Inspector of Schools in Nottingham. The School's record of him is incomplete; the Association's records indicate that he became a Life Member around 1914, and was a motor-cycle engineer with his own business, but he has been out of touch for many years. Can anyone help?

ALAN R. REED (55-62) is now Vicar of All Saints Church, Roffey, near Horsham, and would be glad to be in touch with any other O.R.s in the area. DAVID PEACHEY (54-60) now lives in Tenterden; his business brings him into frequent contact with GRAHAM TOWNSEND (61-67) and, as an opponent playing for Ashford, with other cricketing O.R.s.

CHRIS MARTYN (56-63) has been Head of the English Department at Gateway Sixth Form College, Leicester, since 1973. He is a Chief Examiner in English Literature for the GCE at Ordinary level, and in October, "after four years of intermittent research" was awarded the degree of M.Phil. by Leicester University for a thesis on Thomas Gray the 18th century poet. Our congratulations.

A number of enterprising O.R. entrepreneurs have been mentioned in recent issues - another is TONY MADDEN (64-71) who is running his own motor spares business (Westcombe Motor Spares) in Westcombe Hill, SE3. He stocks parts for British and foreign cars and is prepared to offer a generous discount to Old Roans.

Mention must be made, and grateful thanks recorded, of the generous but anonymous donation made to the Association via STAN BERRY (33-39) at the recent dinner-dance.

Another enquiry about the past comes from M.C. Bennet (not an O.R.) about the career of his father, GEORGE RICHARD DRUMMOND, at the School "in the early 1900s"; his brother Jack is also thought to have been a Roan boy about the same time. Any information will be gratefully received and passed on to this Canadian correspondent.

Gordon SMITH (26-31, President 61/62 and a Vice President), is currently President of the Society of Company and Commercial Accountants; a colleague on the Society's Council is COLIN COULSON-THOMAS, a Governor of the School. The length of time that Gordon has been actively participating in the Association's affairs (since 1931, and he still attends Committee meetings), can now be surpassed by very few O.R.s, but LIONEL BERRY (who surely needs no other identification than "ex-Staff", although he also is, of course, a former O.R.A. President and now a Vice President) has been a member of the Committee since 1926!

PETER WINCH (70-76) would like it to be known, that "despite the School Staffs' pessimism" he did achieve his ambition and has been working in the field of child care for the past two years. He sends greetings to BILL SOLKHON and G.S. RICKSON, and to his former tutor at Roan, Mr. LEAPER who has now retired.

Dr. H.S. ALLEN (ex Staff) expresses the hope of visiting the new School building after it is completed - if there is an 'open day' and we can mention it in time in a future Chronicle, we shall do so - it will be of interest to other O.R.s we are sure.

DONALD DURBAN (35-39) has just completed a very successful year as Captain of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club.

OLD ROAN BRAITHWAITE CAMP 1980

The latest camp was unluckily distinguished by poor weather: rain fell heavily for most of every day, and on most nights. Those who took trips to such places as Penrith, Kendal and Cockermouth, all just outside the Lake District, reported fine weather, reinforcing the impression that a huge black cloud was sitting right on top of us.

Although more "rest days" than usual were taken because of the inclement weather, a fair number of fells were climbed by members of the Camp, including Pillar, Blencathra, Pavey Ark via Jacks Rake, Grisedale Pike (two parties), Barf, Sail and Eel Crag, and Robinson and Hindscarth.

A new departure for the Camp was a Table Tennis tournament, and in the final Chris Rodwell defeated a rather tired and emotional Fred Fuhr 21 - 8, 21 - 5. Chris, Fred Fuhr and Fred Spink were also victorious in the grand naval battle on Derwentwater, beating a crew composed of Dave Barnes, Nick Kedge and Mick O'Callaghan with ease, armed with superior weapon-power in the shape of eggs and a plastic bucket, smuggled out to their boat by Debbie and Sandy. However, since both sides turned on the neutral and unarmed, umpires' boat, both were disqualified and the umpires declared the winners (by the umpires). Such a spectacle has not been seen on Derwentwater since the days of Mr. Pocklington at the end of the Seventeenth Century.

Dave Barnes earned the title of "Whinlatter Wheelie King" by contriving to fall off his motorbike just outside the gate, and Nick Kedge set up an endurance record of sorts by riding pillion from London and back.

The 1980 Camp cost, excluding transport and beer money, £22 for the fortnight for Boards, Breakfast and Evening Meal, or under £10 if paying only the camp fees, milk and electricity costs. This sort of ridiculously low price can only be maintained if sufficient numbers of Old Roans stay at the camp. This year we had ten people staying for the first week, and thirteen for the second. Obviously, the more campers, the merrier, and the cheaper.

The campsite over the years has been transformed almost to the luxury class. We now even have hot water in the wash-house! Any O.R.s interested in the next camp should contact Tony Slaney, Hon. Secretary, O.R.A., or Alan Palmer, 42 Elliscombe Road, Charlton, London, SE7 7PY, tel. (01) 858 9793. London-based Old Roans can often see one or both of us propping up the bar at the Old Roan Club, especially on Friday nights, when, incidentally, a fair number of other Braithwaite "regulars" also tend to gather. The next camp is expected to be in September 1981, although at the time of writing the exact dates have yet to be finalised. Whenever we go, the weather just cannot be as bad as this year's Camp experienced!

THE 60th ANNUAL DINNER

The Association's 60th Annual Dinner, held at the Pavilion at the School Field on 24th October, was attended by eighty Old Roans; one of them, Peter Williams (38-44) was the Guest of Honour, and the other guests were Mr. N. Edgerton, the Chairman of the Governors, Dr. A.J. Taylor, the Headmaster, the School Captain and Vice Captains - P. Barber, R. Willis and P. Burton.

Our printing deadline permits only the inclusion of the names of those present, as follows, and as disposed at their respective tables:

Top table: H. Henning (56-63, President), P. Williams (38-44), Mr. N. Edgerton, Dr. A.J. Taylor, D. Boon (56-62), S. Perry (56-60), T. Barry (56-63), A.S. Berry (33-39);

Table A: G.C. Witten (ex Staff), L.J. Berry (ex Staff), B.R. Thomas (33-39), A. Knott (Deputy Head), D. Brookland (42-50), G. Brooks (Staff), M. Smith (73-80), G. Johnson (60-67), D. Inman (43-50);

Table B: L. Groves (30-36), B. Chamberlain (32-38), K. Graf (28-32), G. Carter (16-24), V. Lovell (27-30), D. Jackson (34-39), J. Perry (21-28), W. Gosling (17-22);

Table C: G. Sawyer (49-54), B. Thomas (ex Staff), C. Davies (Head Groundsman), J. Hardy (?-?), R. Pepper (62-67), R. Mills (71-78), D. Weaver (?-?), D. Carter (69-76);

Table D: N. Haslem (67-74), J. Hutchinson (59-67), R. Hitchin (59-67), A. Palmer (59-65), A. Slaney (59-66), K. Hider (59-66), M. Walpole (63-71), J. Dennis (64-71);

Table E: J.A. Long (32-37), S. Syrett (38-42), P. Winter (37-40), J. Barry (21-27), A.G.S. Weir (66-74), A.G. Weir (36-42), R. Emler (24-29), P. Barber, R. Willis, P. Burton (School Captain and Vice Captains), P. Laker (73-80), F. Smith (16-21);

Table F: M. Smith (58-65), P. Petty (63-71), M. Waterton (56-63), I. Clatworthy (58-65), B. Hampton (58-65), F. Cook (58-65), B. Hamer (59-65), P. Snaith (64-71), L. Hughes (65-72), C. Barnes (59-66);

Table G: T. Thurley (66-73), F. Spink (64-71), G. Briscoe (62-69), S. Nelson (61-67), P. Edwards (60-66), K. Hedges (59-65), G. Townsend (61-67), K. Calnan (58-65), P. Davis (57-62), A. Clark (58-62), C. Rodwell (65-72);

Table H: J. Williams (39-41), R. Parker (42-47), J. Huntley (51-56), J. Cramp (48-53), D. Baxter (44-48), T. Flack (26-30), A. Penney (47-51), D. Bryden (54-61), G. Thomas (35-40), D. Bonner (18-24), D. Humphries (25-33).

JOHN ROAN SCHOOL LODGE No. 5085

Secretary: W. Bro. V.T.J. Penfold, 11 Studland Road, Hanwell, W.7.

With the approach of Autumn the Lodge will again be resuming its activities with renewed vigour, and we are looking forward to some enjoyable meetings. As we go to press the Installation Meeting for the 28th October will see Bro. J.A. Long (1932 - 1937) occupying the chair for 1980-81, after a successful tenure of office by W. Bro. Brian Thomas.

The Lodge had its first meeting at Bromley Masonic Centre on the 15th April last and in October will have the pleasure of receiving the Senior Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Kent to commemorate the Lodge joining the Province.

An enjoyable evening, with over a hundred and forty members and friends attending, was held to celebrate the Ladies Festival for W. Bro. Brian Thomas and Mrs. Gina Thomas at the Bromley Masonic Centre early in October.

We are looking forward to see Old Roan Masons attending our Meetings and would always welcome them to our regular meetings or at the Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday evenings at the School Pavilion.

JOHN ROAN SCHOOL CHAPTER No. 5085

The Convocation held in May was devoted to exalting a new companion in the name of D.I. Hawkins (64-71). The installation meeting was held in September at our new home in the Bromley Masonic Centre, Oakley House, Bromley Common, Bromley, Kent, BR2 8HA, when E. Comp. J.H. Wallington installed his successor G.T. Taylor into the 1st Principal's Chair.

The next Convocations will be held on Tuesdays May 19th, June 16th and September 22nd 1981.

Old Roan Masons who may be contemplating joining the John Roan Chapter (it is not essential to be a member of the School Lodge) should contact A.J. Jarrett, 90 Chislehurst Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 0DN (Telephone Orp. 26557).

BIRTHS

BARRY — to Tandy, wife of Terry Barry (56-63), on 7th March 1980, a son, Robert Liam.

MARSH — to Jean, wife of Bryan Marsh (65-70), on 24th July 1979, a son, Jacob.

MARRIAGES

BRADBROOK — HAYES: on 7th June 1980 at St. Luke's Church, Charlton, Keith Bradbrook (66-73) to Daryle Hayes (Roan Girls 65-72).

BUHL — ASPEEK: on 21st June 1980 at St. John Fisher Church, Bexley, Kent, Alan R. Buhl (67-74) to Jane Aspeek.

HAMILTON — ROME: on 4th October 1980 at St. Nicholas' Church, Chislehurst, Neil Hamilton (67-74) to Kim Rome.

PUDDIFOOT — FULLER: on 4th October 1980 at St. Thomas' Church, Becontree, Essex, Trevor Puddifoot (64-71) to Deborah Fuller.

RILEY — HOOK: on 13th September 1980 at St. Margaret's Church, Ifield, Kent, Nick Riley (67-74) to Kerry Hook.

DEATHS

ARTER D.W. (30-35) on 27th May 1980.

GREENWOOD E.J. (11-18) in July 1979. A memorial service was held at St. Clement Danes Church on 22nd August 1979.

HENRY N.J. (15-19) on 5th December 1979 after an operation at Beckenham Hospital.

LAMB S.E. (07-11) in 1979.

SCOTT C.A. (16-23) in November 1979.

TERRY A.E. (16-23) in 1980.

HUNT E.A. (13-15) in 1979.

THE JOHN ROAN SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

This is an entirely new heading for a section of the Chronicle and it is hoped that it will reappear in many future issues. Obviously, the Parents' Association plays a part in the life of the School that is closer to its current activities than the O.R.A., but we share a common and lively interest and the relationship is one that deserves to be fostered.

To celebrate the emergence of the John Roan School the Parents' Association held an enjoyable and very successful dinner and dance at the Yorkshire Grey on 26th September and a number of O.R.s and their ladies, led by the President and his lady, shared in the proceedings. The Mayor of Greenwich,

Councillor Mrs. Margaret Dean, replying to the toast to "Honoured Guests", expressed the view that the new School would be the better enabled to provide a full education for a wider spectrum of the children of the Borough - a view that was echoed in various ways by other speakers, most notably perhaps by Graham Lyons, the Chairman of the Parents' Association, with a poem (reproduced, with his permission, below) in which he very happily captures the style of the Poet Laureate, a man who, in Mr. Lyons' words, "has an awareness of the value of continuity and tradition (and whose) feeling for place which he expresses in simple non-academic verse, seemed to make him a very suitable model for this occasion".

SCHOOL ON A HILL

Newly founded comprehensive,
Proud upon its London hill.
Six form entry - mixed admission,
Ability and sex as well.

Yet the stag above the doorway
In the Fletcher portico,
Tells a far far older story
Of some 300 years ago.

'Let there be for 20 children
Of the poor of Greenwich town,
Schooling that they read and cypher'
Then a good man's will laid down.

If you'd see this old tradition
Meet its founder's hopes again,
To Waterloo and south suburban,
There to take the Maze Hill train.

Roan, of course, would see some changes,
Gone the prep and master's canes.
Now we seek to meet his wishes,
With language labs and visual aids.

Now the throw-away society,
Where the telly seems a God;
With such riches for our children,
We can at least spare them the rod.

Yet is there here, best of both worlds
To keep young scholars on their toes.
John Roan's badge worn on their blazers,
And they're doing me for O's.

Our hope for them, a just society,
Where tolerance, yet order rule.
Madam, Governors, Teachers, Friends,
Our toast is to THE JOHN ROAN SCHOOL.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: at the Pavilion at the School Field at 8 pm on 27th MARCH 1981 (foregathering from 6.30 pm onwards).

ASSOCIATION DINNER AND DANCE: at the Surrey Tavern (The Oval) on 21st MARCH 1981. Details from Alan Weir, 147 Well-meadow Road, Catford, SE6. (Tel. 01 698 4500) - nearer the time.

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT

After a second term as Magazine Correspondent and, since 1978, Chronicle Editor, the present incumbent feels he would like to hand the job over to another, hopefully fresher and younger Old Roan. This particular point in the Association's history would seem to be an appropriate time to make a change.

It is an interesting and rewarding task - not particularly onerous, but occupying a fair amount of time when an issue of the Chronicle is being prepared. It requires tenacity (to secure copy on time!) and a keen interest in Old Roans, the Association and the School. Some typing ability is desirable.

Any Old Roan who is interested in taking up this particular torch should contact the Editor (see inside front cover) or any member of the O.R.A. Committee.

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