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FROM THE EDITOR

The appearance of this second issue of the Old Roan Chronicle will demonstrate the Association's determination to preserve as much as it can from the changes now afoot in both the Boys' and the Girls' Schools. The first issue seems to have been well received—not without criticism it must be acknowledged, but all of it well intentioned and useful—and it is hoped to produce at least one issue of the Chronicle each year.

A word of explanation seems to be needed to dispel any ideas that the demise of the former, jointly-produced 'Roan Magazine' marked some sort of schism. This is not the case and the reason was in fact, economic. The Association is only too aware of the economic problems we all suffer under today, but it was felt that because a magazine is of such vital importance to its far-flung membership, it should continue in some form at (almost) all costs.

News in the current issue is hopefully more up to date, and it is hoped that there is a better balance between the various contributions. Suggestions and criticisms are welcome—even invited—and perhaps it will be possible to include a correspondence section in future. Some of the School's activities are reported on and it is the intention to expand this topic in the next issues.

The likely effects of the Schools' reorganisation on relations with the Association remain difficult to foresee, but so far as the O.R.A. is concerned every opportunity will be taken to preserve what is good from the past and build upon the new. There could well be considerable scope for developing an even wider Association—one that might include the Old Girls Association perhaps, particularly as the two Schools themselves are to become more closely linked.

To say that these are times of change is trite and ignores the fact that any times are the same in this respect. It is probably true however that the pace and scope of changes over the past two decades has never been surpassed. Not all of us enjoy the process very much, but it cannot be evaded or ignored. The objective must surely be to avoid being intimidated and to seize the chances that certainly exist to make the best of what may not necessarily be a bad job.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I shall remember Friday 18th March 1977 as a very important day in my life. It was this day that the Old Roan held its Annual General Meeting and afforded me the honour of President for the ensuing year. I can assure you all that it is not an office that can be taken lightly and I only hope that in serving the Association to the best of my ability I will compare with the fine men that have served in this position before me.

It is, I feel, a recognition of the 'younger generation' who now play a much bigger part in the running of the Club and indeed the Association that has prompted my election and it was this feeling that made me pleased to accept. The Committee now has a few new younger faces to complement the 'elder statesmen' and it says much for our Association that we are able to talk on one common level and whilst not always agreeing can always discuss matters which can be beneficial to us all.

You will find reference in other pages of this issue to the Boys School Tercentenary and the Girls School Centenary which are being celebrated in appropriate fashion during the year and I would like to add, on your behalf, our sincere congratulations to the Schools and hope that every venture that they undertake will create much interest and be a huge success.

FROM THE HON. SECRETARY

Hello once again to all Old Roan s wherever you are and perhaps a more special greeting to those of you who live overseas and whose only link with the Association is through this magazine.

We recently held our Annual General Meeting and reunion at the Pavilion and it was very pleasing to have a young Old Roan elected as President, which is the highest honour the Old Boys can bestow on any of their members. Geoff Sawyer was accorded this honour and I know that he will follow in the footsteps of his predecessors and ensure that the Association continues to go from strength to strength.

Geoff will be in charge of the Association's affairs for the next 12 months until a successor takes his place in March 1978. It may be opportune to let the members know that the Committee which represents their

interests meets about nine times a year, and believe me a lot of hard work is put in by the members. Sub Committees are also appointed from time to time to deal with specific subjects and report their findings to the General Committee.

The Officers of the Association appear at the beginning of this issue and in addition to these the General Committee consists of the following:—

Immediate Past President	K. Graf
Past President	D. A. Baxter
The Headmaster	Dr A. J. Taylor
Master from School	G. Brooks
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Social Activities	D. A. Baxter
Football Club	G. J. Sawyer
Cricket Club	J. Broadfoot
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	J. G. Huntley
	G. C. Carter
	D. Calnan
	N. Potter
	F. P. Barnes
	B. R. Thomas
	R. Hitchin

Tony Slaney has worked extremely hard as Membership Secretary and it is entirely due to him that the membership is still growing. So much has been said of John and Peter Williams over the years but it is worth repeating that the Association is very lucky to have "The Brothers" still looking after the purse strings.

Besides the 24 Committee members we have two further representatives who are vice Presidents. If more than two vice Presidents attend a Committee meeting they have to nominate only two who under the Constitution are allowed to vote.

George Carter and Len Groves were elected as vice Presidents at the A.G.M. in March and they are in addition to:—

L. J. Berry	K. S. Binnie
W. J. Bullers	W. L. Garstang
W. Gosling	J. V. Lovell
G. Smith	H. J. Townsend

In my report at the A.G.M. I speculated that perhaps in the not too distant future we might combine the Old Boys and Old Girls as one Association. With the fundamental changes that are occurring in the two schools, this amalgamation could take place, and perhaps attendances at the Annual General Meetings would be improved.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPEAL

I wish to record on behalf of the General Committee my appreciation of the magnificent response to our Life Membership Appeal.

At the time of writing, we have received £1066.25 which is a wonderful effort. The names of the subscribers are shown below and those Members who have recently sent their cheques to me will have their names shown in the next magazine.

Without appearing to be of a mercenary nature, I intend that the Appeal should remain open until 30th September 1977 and for those who have not yet subscribed but wish to do so, a further letter is enclosed to either send the money to myself, or to the Membership Secretary, Tony Slaney.

R. L. H.

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Bryer A.C.	Flack T.E.	Kemp L.N.
Buckle A.D.	Fletcher S.	Kemp W.B.
Bugby J.	Ford F.A.	King F.H.
Bullers W.J.R.	Forgan C.B.	Lawrence V.
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Calnan K.	Franklin G.F.	Littlecott G.H.
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Phipps-Jones D.E.	Spencer E.J.	Woolley R.B.
		Wright E.A.

OLD ROAN PERSONALITIES: GEOFF SAWYER

At their Annual General Meeting on 18th March 1977, the Association elected Geoff Sawyer as their President for 1977/1978. Geoff is the youngest President the O.R.A. have ever had (beating the record previously held by Frank Barnes), and this is perhaps a sign of the times, and a general acknowledgement that the moment is ripe—possibly even overdue—for the direction of the Association's affairs to pass to younger hands.

There can be no doubt that the appointment will be popular or that it is well deserved, and there will be few active Old Roans who will not applaud it for Geoff is a man of stature, not only in the physical sense but in maturity and personality as well. His contribution as a committee member to the running of the Association's affairs as well as to those of the Club has been substantial, and his attendance at meetings, meticulous. He may not always have a lot to say, but when he has it is always sensible and to the point.

Geoff was at School from 1949-54, and during his time there he showed early signs of being the outstanding sportsman he later became. His early love of cricket was probably inculcated during his pre-Roan days when as a pupil at the Blackheath and Kidbrooke Church of England School, and in company with Graham Chambers, he took advantage of that establishment's proximity to the Rectory Field to gain access to the

Kent v. Surrey battles that were fought out on that particular piece of turf. On joining the Roan School his first Form Master was Bill Brooks, with whom he was later to play football in the O.R. 1st XI.

As a National Serviceman he saw action in Cyprus during the EOKA troubles there, and it is probable that his intimate acquaintance with pavements and other rough billets during that time effectively preclude him from ever choosing that island as a place for a holiday.

Geoff has been, and is still, an active participant in Old Roan cricket and football, and his support of, and guidance to the Football Club is particularly outstanding; no senior match would be complete without his tall figure on the side line. Equally important, and appreciated, is his keen interest in the School's football teams, where he is doubtless also keeping a look out for potential members of the O.R. teams.

His involvement in O.R. affairs and activities is an invaluable asset, and it is to be hoped will be enjoyed by him as well as those with whom he comes in contact, for many years.

THE OLD ROAN CLUB

Elsewhere in this magazine you will read of the Tercentenary of the Roan Schools' Foundation but this year also sees the coming of age of the Old Roan Club. We have now progressed 21 years since that day in 1956 when the War Memorial Room, at the Pavilion, was inaugurated and this is, perhaps, an apposite occasion to write a preliminary and potted history. In so doing I hope that this article will prove of general interest and that it will be particularly informative to the younger members of the O.R.A. who, perhaps, are uncertain of the Club's origin and of its means of operation.

The idea of a Clubhouse and Bar for members of the O.R.A. was first mooted in the late 1940's when the Association was making tremendous efforts, in conjunction with the School, to raise sufficient money to erect a suitable memorial to those Old Roans who died in the last war. Initially it was thought that a simple extension to the Pavilion would be suitable but a number of members thought that something more could and should be done. To this end we persuaded the then Headmaster, Mr. Gilbert, and the Board of Governors, to allow us to install and run a licensed bar. Permission was eventually granted, subject to certain conditions being observed, and in 1956 the War Memorial Room, complete with Bar, was opened. At this point it must be stressed that the tenure of the facilities at the Pavilion is not a "right" and is granted on a "Grace and Favour" basis by the Governors and the Headmaster. The debt and obligation that we, the Old Roan Association, owe to our "Landlords" must never be forgotten.

From the outset the Bar has been administered by voluntary labour and, under present conditions, the system is as follows. An Old Roan Club Committee undertakes the general administration of the Club and is, in

turn, responsible to the General Committee of the Old Roan Association. From the Club Committee a Bar Executive Committee consisting of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Steward of the Club deals with those matters that specifically affect the running of the Bar. The Club Steward is the most important person in this chain of administration and he normally holds office for a three month period. Each quarter the Bar Executive Committee has to find a willing volunteer to undertake the duties of Steward. These duties consist of ordering and maintaining stock, paying in all money and keeping sufficient change available, cleaning pipes and packing incoming stocks after delivery, packing and stacking all empty bottles and crates for subsequent collection and generally overseeing the running of the bar. Insofar as deliveries of stock are concerned we are very dependant upon the co-operation and goodwill of the Groundsman, Mr. R. Lentle, and without this co-operation it would be almost impossible for us to function. Thank you Reg.

The accounts, together with tax records and the attendant problems of V.A.T. are handled by John Williams, assisted by his brother Peter. This work is often unheralded and unsung but, here again, we cannot operate without efficient accounting. When you realise that our turnover is now in excess of £14,000 per year you will appreciate the magnitude of the job when done on a voluntary and very part-time basis. The suppliers bills have to be paid promptly, accounts met for heating and lighting etc. and arrangements made to pay the lady cleaner etc. The nett profit of the Bar is used for two main purposes. Firstly to provide sufficient money for maintenance and repair of the premises and, secondly, to assist the Old Roan Association in meeting its obligations to members. Funds are also made available, either by grant or by loan, to the affiliated Clubs and Societies subject to certain conditions being met.

Perhaps our biggest problem is to provide adequate bar service whenever the Club is opened and, as many of you know, this is not easy. For many years the "Bar rota" was operated by Len Groves who did a sterling job, but we now have a separate rota for each session i.e. one rota for Thursday evenings, one for Fridays, one for Saturdays and two for the Sunday openings. The duties of the Stewards on the Bar are the obvious ones of serving, washing up, re-stocking shelves etc, and stacking empties. There are also the not so obvious tasks of getting the keys, opening the bar and generally tidying up, checking the till and the "float" cashing up at the end of the session and, finally, locking up and making absolutely certain that everything is secure. If any of our readers are not yet doing a "turn" on bar duty please see any officer of the Club, or Committee member, and volunteer your help.

Reverting to the history of the Club we started, as has already been mentioned, with the War Memorial Room and the one bar. In the mid sixties we found that we needed more space and, accordingly we set about an extension. We received great encouragement from the then Chairman of the Governors, Harry Icough, and by appealing to Old Roans far and wide, we were enabled to raise some £3500 which, in those days, was sufficient to get us the present extension building and the second bar.

It is worth recording that many of the subscribers to this project live overseas, or in distant parts of the country, and are never likely to avail themselves of the facilities towards which they so generously contributed. That is what is meant by being a real "Old Roan". In 1969 the extension room was formally opened and, although it was immediately damaged by a break-in and by fire, it has operated successfully ever since. Some three years ago we carried out extensive redecoration and refurbishment of both rooms with the object of improving the amenities available to all Old Roans.

In conclusion I hope that many of you will have found these notes interesting and informative. Do try and remember the conditions under which we operate since these are unique. To the best of my knowledge there is no other Old Boys' Association in the country who are privileged to have the use of School premises and facilities and allowed the use of a licensed bar thereon. Do your utmost to guard this privilege and make certain that it is not abused. Further, our voluntary method of operation means that there are occasional slip-ups when we are out of stock of specific drinks or, as sometimes happens, the bar service is a little slow. The chap behind the bar, and the chap behind him, are volunteers, and not everybody likes serving drinks from 8.00 p.m. until turned 11 o'clock then washing up, cashing up and, finally, trying to persuade all the "customers" to go home before locking up.

With your help and co-operation we believe we play a vital role in the well-being of the Old Roan Association, and its affiliated Clubs, and we will do our best to ensure that this role is continued for many years.

FOOTBALL CLUB

(Secretary: G. J. Sawyer 18 Beaconsfield Close, Blackheath SE3 7LL).

It seems only yesterday that I was compiling our 1975/6 Football Club report but since then another season has come and so quickly gone. The Club has experienced a few changes but nevertheless has remained fairly stable and indeed fairly successful. We have no Cups to put in our showcase this year but as you will see from the following team reports our elevens have participated in leagues that have given them healthy competition which, after all, should always be the Club's aim.

The 1st XI have probably used more players than ever before which only goes to prove that opportunities do exist to the players who give their best to the 2nd XI and above all keep themselves reasonably fit. Cyril Davies has taken over the running of the side achieving some good results simply by his own unselfish attitude and his open admission that nobody has a divine right to 1st XI football. The players have responded well to his ideas as I'm sure he will agree. Don Boon and Keith Thomas have been once again almost ever present as has Keith Mexter after his welcome return to the Club on a regular basis. He is amazing for he never really knows if he is being called on to play in goal or at centre half. The fact that he is good enough to hold his place in either position says much for his temperament and his dedication (he travels from Tonbridge each Thursday to train) that others could copy. David Hutley has retained his place for most of the season, sometimes in midfield, while Doug Weaver seems to go on relishing the game. Long may he do so! Keith Silcox did a good job of scoring goals until the team was re-organised with the return of fit again Bob Grimwood. Keith's attitude was then perfect: "I'll score more for the 2nd's or 3rd's then!" He'll be back. It was pleasing to see the return of Paul Petty and John Hardy until John's season was prematurely ended with a nasty injury sustained in mid April. They both steadied the defence when it was needed most and enabled Cyril to play his "merry-go-round". Steve Mardle, Phil Pearce, Graham Briscoe and Steve Gillman had short spells in the side as did the all too often non-available Graham Townsend and Keith Bradbrook. I do not apologise for leaving Jimmy Russon until last for he was undoubtedly the 'icing on the cake'. Not only was he top scorer but he, along with Cyril, brought a new dimension to Old Roan football which I know the spectators and players too, thoroughly enjoyed. Keep going Jimmy you've got years to offer us yet—unless you run out of ideas?

The 2nd XI under the control of Graham Briscoe had a frustrating season, sometimes good—sometimes terrible, with really no in between, and only playing to true potential when a more senior member of the Club was able to be at the matches with them. This can only be shown as a lack of discipline for we all know that they have players with proven ability who should defeat most sides they are called upon to play. The players supplied to the 1st XI show just how much talent is around but unless correctly channelled seems to count for nought. Even so they finished a creditable mid-table but we must all wonder just what they could do!

Perhaps when Joe Broadfoot solves his "to play or not to play" dilemma he may be the one to coax many of the side to play more frequently to their strength. Terry Thurley is certainly one player who is above any criticism for he tried tremendously hard in whichever role was asked of him and always with a cheerfulness that was refreshing to see. His efforts did not fall on stony ground.

At the time of writing the 3rd XI are climbing away from the dangers of relegation in the Premier Division of the South London Alliance. After an expected indifferent debut in the Premier Division and the early exit from the A.F.A. Minor Cup won the previous year it was decided by the Football Committee to pick the strongest possible sides even to the detriment of the 2nd XI. As a result no fewer than 45 players have to date taken part in the now successful battle for survival. Several players have voiced their concern as to the inclusion or exclusion of other players but the decisions made have been made only with the Football Club as a whole to benefit. Not many clubs can boast of a 3rd XI playing in such a high standard of football and this must in the long term attract promising schoolboys who go elsewhere and the better players dropped from the higher elevens. It is hoped that next season circumstances will allow us to have a stronger and reasonably settled side.

The 4th XI built up from previous seasons played well together under the leadership of Mike Baxter to finish third in their division and also reached the Semi-Final of the Cup before falling. New recruits Dave Carter, Ian Maxwell, Stuart Clay and Peter Thomas showed consistent form whilst up front the faithful Simon Perry and Mike himself helped the team to the best season for years. Paul Kennedy will be married in the Summer and move away from the district so it looks that he may have played his last game for us. Paul, we all wish you well and if you do return will be more than pleased to find room for you.

After yet another shaky start to the season the 5th XI became more settled in the New Year. A welcome return was made by Peter Hall and Don Bourne until Don received a severe shin injury making him unable to play after Christmas. Another player to return to the fold was Ted Hadrill who, once he had shaken off eight years of inactivity, was soon producing his crunching tackles again. The 'old firm' of Brian Matthews, Rod Stanbridge and Mike Titheridge still managed to perform (?) and add experience to the side whilst Brian Goddard attained the title of top scorer with 7 goals. Mike West and Barry Thomas were two other stalwarts while the regular keeper was Steve Sutton. The activity in the middle of the field was provided by Lee Brockwell whose running improved as the season progressed and weight was added to the defence in the form of Robin Hills. As usual everyone enjoyed the season and live in hope of better things to come having done enough to avoid relegation this season—just!

The least said about the 6th XI in the first half of the season, the better. After Christmas however the team collected 13 points out of a possible 20 and began to climb the Bromley & District Division 4 table. This was due in the main to a settled side with a strong defence built around Fred Fuhr

and Nigel Potter and the goal scoring prowess of Dave Horsborough and Bob Webber. Veteran Jim Bird led the attack prompted from midfield by John Dennis, Dave Bryden and Will Easterling. The squad owes a lot to last season's 'Player of the Year' Paul Watts and to Phil Snaith who didn't manage an own goal all season.

The ever reliable Steve Nelson had to wait until almost the last game before recording his first 'shut-out' but all the more welcome it was! Such is the strength of the Club that many players cannot command a regular spot in the side and even with the permitted 2 substitutes a place on the sidelines is often denied them. Dave Minter and Nick Kedge are two in this category and Lawrence Hughes and Bernard Hampton have probably suffered at being shuffled from team to team thus being automatic choice in neither. Many have commented on the spirit and enthusiasm of the Old Roan 6th XI; it is encouraging to report that to these admirable qualities is to be added another: success!

The Officers of the Club have once again turned up trumps so to them a sincere 'thank you'. We are all aware of the quality of the School Field, making everyone concerned glad they are able to play half their games at home, so to Reg Lentle and his new-found 'No.2' we offer our warmest congratulations and thanks.

G.J.S.

OLD ROAN CRICKET CLUB

(Hon Secretary: R. A. Stanbridge, 13, Marne Avenue, Welling, Kent)

I write as a prologue to the 1977 season, endeavouring to conjure a few memories from the glorious summer of yesteryear.

A full report of the deeds of 1976 would appear to be somewhat outdated by the time these words are read, but for those unable to follow the fortunes of the club first-hand may I offer a brief summary. . . .

Saturday cricket was very largely occupied by North Kent League fixtures. The 1st XI in their fourth season of league cricket, finished seventh—virtually half-way in the table. Most of our followers, not to mention the team, feel that we should have done better; it is however, often very difficult to win batting first—especially if your opponents do not rate their own chances of victory very highly—and in order to opt to chase runs it is necessary to win the toss. This basic exercise we managed with alarming infrequency. It was in fact the skipper's only failing, matched, it is fair to add, by his Sunday counterpart. Indeed, by midsummer there was each weekend an ever increasing queue of volunteers to take on the responsibility of the toss; but the two captains, one an accountant the other a mathematician, kept the pack at bay by mumbling about "the law of averages"—just long enough to lose the toss yet again!

Graham Townsend broke the club scoring record with 1600 runs, and Chris Rodwell failed by only 13 to record his thousand for the second successive year. Fred Spink claimed 100 wickets for the first time and Terry Barry and Brian Hamer supported him with seventy apiece. Including all games (48) as many as 26 were won, which compares very favourably with any previous summer.

The 2nd XI emerged with a slight credit balance of wins against losses, and in the league also finished seventh. Viv Lawrence and Graham Johnson were the leading performers with bat and ball respectively.

Difficulty was again encountered when three sides were fielded on Saturdays and accordingly the 3rd XI list was restricted to some half-dozen games. The Sunday 3rd XI, however, experienced no such problems and enjoyed a full and successful season.

During the winter indoor nets were available at Eltham and the customary supper was held in February. Once again Fritz Henning and "les girls" stage-managed the occasion and I take leave to offer our thanks and congratulations. Whilst dispensing bouquets it would be remiss of me to overlook Reg Lentle without whose helpful cooperation we could function on but 2½ cylinders. And if I may voice an opinion I feel that Reg's support would be given even more wholeheartedly if we were seen to be more prepared to help ourselves. . . . In other words, to all practising cricketers, a little more thought and enthusiasm for the benefit of all please. And so to 1977.

Our League representative, Martin Hooker, has, as Secretary of the NKL, been instrumental in obtaining the sponsorship of Lilleywhite Frowd, the sporting goods firm, and as a result our competition has become the Lilleywhite Frowd North Kent League. Immediate benefits include appreciable reductions in the price of (LF) equipment and modest hand-outs to participating clubs; in the long term—who knows? We shall be trying to win our first title with Saturday sides also under new management. Graham Townsend and Viv Lawrence take over from Dan Calnan and Martin Hooker respectively; Peter Williams, Del Baxter and Ian Clatworthy retain control of the three Sunday XIs. May the sun shine!

P.W.

OLD ROAN DRAMATIC SOCIETY

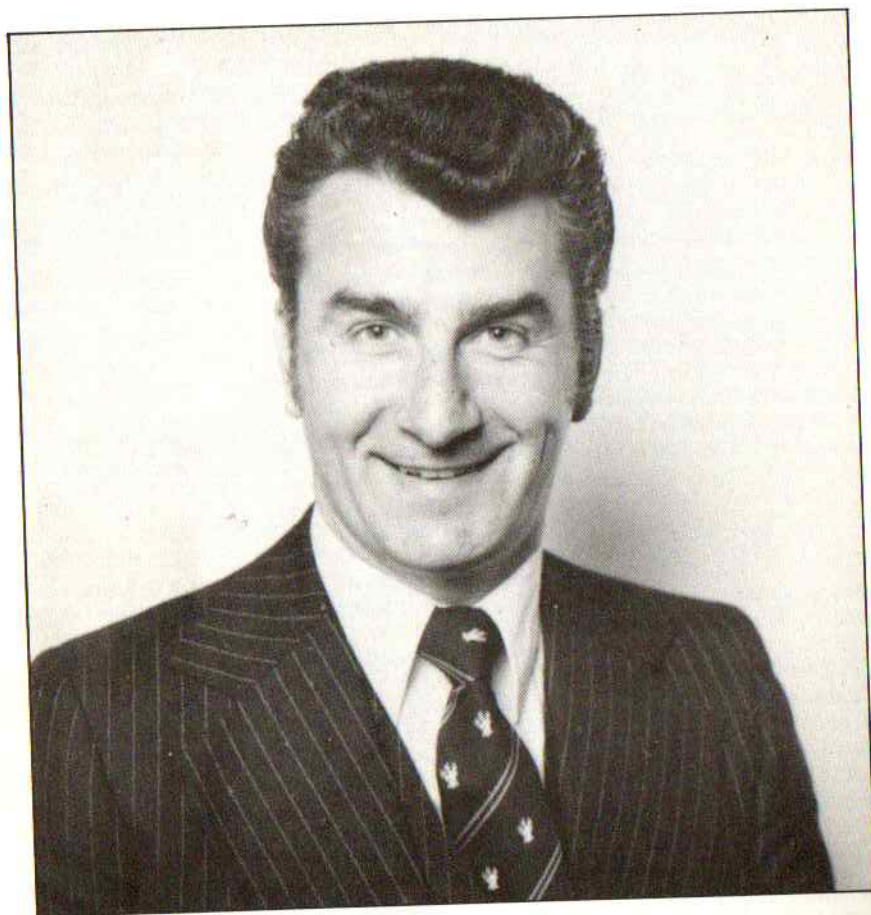
The keenness and enthusiasm during 1975 mentioned in the last report was clearly maintained throughout 1976 and into the present year. We entered the Lewisham Drama Festival at the Lewisham Concert Hall in Spring 1976 with a rather unusual but thought provoking play by T. B. Morris, "A Man in a Street". Although the play and its author met little favour with the Festival Adjudicator, our production was commended and we won a certificate of merit. We intend to attempt to enter at least one Festival per year in the future, as they have proved to serve many good purposes. Not least that they keep the Society together and functioning at a time when we would normally be "resting" between times of rehearsing for and presenting annual major productions; also they enable more than one member each year to bring forward a play to produce; and perhaps most important of all, it gives us an opportunity to have a production studied carefully by a professional, who gives many constructive and helpful criticisms, from which we are able to take sound advice and thus improve our style and potential.

What was originally intended as our 1976 November production was, due to various difficulties, finally presented at the school at the end of January. Martin Rider brought forward and produced "Rookery Nook", one of Ben Travers' ever-popular farces. We enjoyed quite large and very responsive audiences on both nights, and taking our supporters' overall reaction we have recorded this venture as a success. As was the case with "Pygmalion", our 1975 production, both "A Man in a Street" and "Rookery Nook" had large cast lists, which once again emphasized the urgent need for new recruits, and indeed the number of actors and actresses on our membership list is now the highest it has been for quite some time. Also, through "Rookery Nook", we gained the invaluable services of Brian Hamer and Keith Bradbrook, who built a fine set for us. We have most certainly learned the advantage to be gained from choosing plays with large casts.

We are constantly on the look-out for new recruits, be they potential actors and actresses, stage crew, make-up artists or costume makers, so if you feel that you could be of any help to us, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01-855 4487.

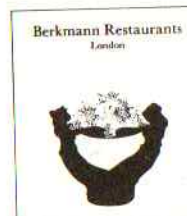
If you supported us in our last production, we sincerely thank you. If you were unable to, then may we depend on your support in forthcoming ventures. No production, however good, can show its fullest potential without the atmosphere created by a packed hall, so when our next production arises, why not bring the family and friends and make a party booking?

T.T.



G. J. SAWYER
President 1977-78

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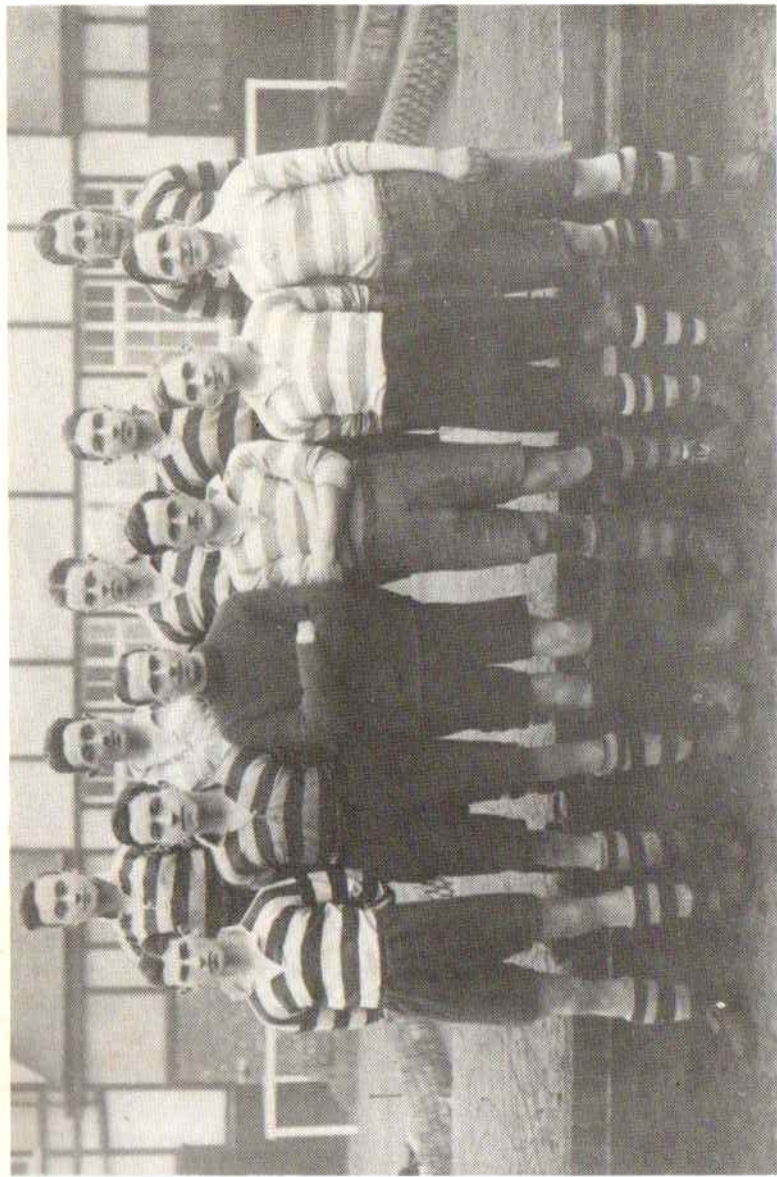


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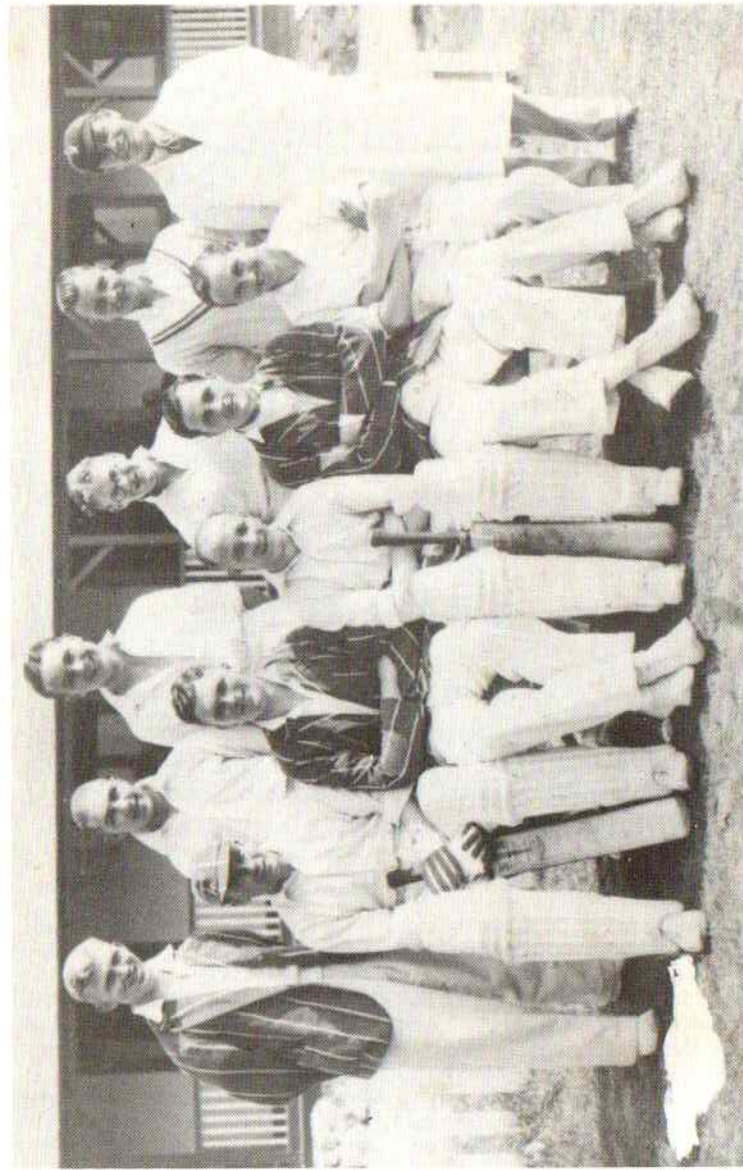
Locketts is a traditional English restaurant, serving favourite English dishes like Lamb in the Manner of Shrewsbury – which is an excellent manner. The “in” sweet is Strawberry Locketts which has a thin toffee crust over cream thickly beaten upon a layer of strawberries steeped in liqueur.

Locketts, within shuffling distance of the Houses of Parliament, has a Division Bell. If you race out of the restaurant when it rings, people will be very impressed.

There is also a particularly attractive private dining-room which has inspired many a machiavellian scheme in the order of things at Westminster.

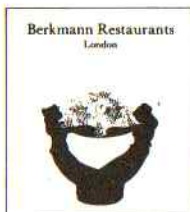


WHO AND WHEN?



WHO ARE THEY?

LAFAYETTE



32 King Street St James's SW1 01-930 1131
 Open 12.15 to 3.00 and 6.30 to 11.30
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Once upon a time Piccadilly Circus was the centre of the British Empire and Soho its belly. Sadly for London, things have rather slipped during the past few years, taking Soho somewhere below the navel and leaving St James's to feed the starving masses. Which would account for the success of McDonalds hamburger haven in Haymarket, but not for the failure of Caprice and Prunier in St James's Street. Maybe it needed the Lafayette, to prove the point: geographically and economically sited somewhere between these two extremes, it proves that eating out can still be gracious without bankrupting those who partake of it.

At luncheon, Lafayette is rather busy, especially when auctions are held across the street at Christie's. But in the evening a more leisurely pace prevails, allowing our staff to concentrate on your every whim. Lafayette – as befits the name – specializes in Creole food, which is mainly a mixture of American and French cookery.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

This is not intended to be a report on current activities and events but rather some reflections in this Tercentenary Year. The two things most in my mind are the achievements of the 1st XI Football Team and the presence of builders in the school again.

It is really remarkable that a comparatively small school such as ours should have such strength in Soccer that within a space of seven years the 1st XI has twice played in the finals of the English F.A. Schools' Trophy. (At the time of writing I do not know the outcome of the second appearance). I think our strength in football, and in other fields for that matter, derives from two facts. First the amount of time which the Staff are prepared to give the boys outside the classroom. As far as I know we have never cancelled a match for the want of the presence of a member of Staff and, on the rare occasion that we have been in difficulties, we have always been able to rely upon the help of Old Boys. The other factor is the tremendous loyalty of the boys themselves. It is a rare thing for us to find a team short of a player, and there are a number of young men who have forgone the opportunity of Saturday employment in order to continue to play for the School. They and the Staff are also encouraged by the presence of a number of regular supporters, parents and Old Boys amongst whom the President is one of the most regular.

These characteristics are by no means confined to the Games side of School life. They have just been demonstrated again in the end of term drama productions.

The other thing I mentioned is the presence of builders—digging up the quadrangles, knocking out windows in the corridors, realigning the central heating and adding bits to the gym—portents of more profound and significant changes to come. I have spoken about these changes before. A school is a living organism which must respond and adapt to its age and environment if it is to survive. Previously in its three hundred years history it has seen great changes and not only survived them but been strengthened and enriched by them. There are difficulties ahead, there are problems to be resolved, there are battles to be fought, but the School faces them in good heart and the School will win through because of those very things which I mentioned in the first paragraph—the loyalty and devotion of the Staff and the Boys, and the interest and help of our friends.

This summer will see the departure of Mr. F. White. He has been in the School for 28 years and will be well known to many who read this magazine. For the last few years he has been one of the two Masters with responsibility for the second year Sixth and it says much for him that he is still young enough in spirit to work effectively with young men of this age. We wish him a happy retirement.

A.J.T.

ROAN FOUNDATION TERCENTENARY

Most of you will know that the present year, 1977 is the 300th anniversary of the opening of the first Roan School for Boys in Turnpin Lane in the old parish of Greenwich. To help commemorate this tercentenary which, coincidentally also celebrates the centenary of the Roan Girls' School, we have arranged for the issue of a "Wedgwood" plate bearing the Roan Crest and a suitable inscription.

From the O.R.A., the O.R.G.A. and the two schools we have received orders for over 400 of these plates and the order has now been placed with the manufacturers. We expect that delivery will be made during early September when all plates will be hand delivered or posted. Due to the increasing costs of postage, and lack of time, it is not really possible to acknowledge each individual order. In an effort to overcome this problem we are enclosing a typewritten list with this magazine detailing the names of those members who have placed orders. If you have ordered a plate but find that your name is not on this list please contact Frank Barnes immediately.

The School has published a programme of other events that have been arranged in celebration of this tercentenary and copies of this are available at the Old Roan Club or from the School.

TERCENTENARY EVENTS

- July 2nd: Sport for all at the School field, Kidbrooke (2.30 to 5 p.m.) and in the evening, at the Boys' School, a Barbecue and Barn Dance (8-11 p.m.).
- July 15th: Founder's Day at St. Alphege's Church, Greenwich
- October 20th, 21st & 22nd: an "Animated History" of the Boys' School, at the Boys' School at 7.30 p.m.
Tickets obtainable from the School

These are some of the events fixed especially to mark the anniversary. There will be other musical and dramatic productions which are always part of the normal School year.

It is hoped to raise enough money during the year to publish a commemorative brochure at the end of the celebrations.

OBITUARY

H. H. PYE

The death of H. H. Pye on February 3rd, 1977, as he approached his 86th birthday will, sadly, recall many happy memories to those of his colleagues and Old Roans who were fortunate enough to count him among their friends. He joined the Staff after military service in the First World War and devoted thirty nine useful years to the boys and traditions of the School. He was universally admired and respected by his colleagues. He took special interest in cricket, camping and dramatics, and the care he took with all his numerous projects, and the excellence of his results, surprised nobody who knew him.

He was President of the O.R.A. in 1947-48, and was subsequently created a Vice-President in acknowledgement of his work for the Association. He was also a Vice-President of the Cricket Club. He was an outstanding teacher, firm, relaxed and with a personality that commanded loyalty and respect. On a fortunate day for the O.R. Dramatic Society in 1931 he assumed the responsibilities of their Stage Manager, to which he brought the fruits of considerable study of all aspects of stagecraft. His last effort and most magnificent was 'The Purple Mask' in 1939.

During the School's evacuation to Rye, and later in Wales many boys had cause to appreciate his qualities in a new and demanding situation.

He had a long and happy retirement, which he devoted with his usual thoroughness, to gardening, and he was busy in his greenhouse on the day before his death.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife and to Jack and Sheila in their loss. A man who devoted the best years of his life to the Roan School has passed on; we shall remember him.

L.J.B.

THE BEATING OF THE BOUNDS

On April 18th, 1877, there is recorded that an old custom was observed; "Mr Bromley, Overseer, called at the School to request the attendance of twenty boys from the upper section to perambulate the bounds of the Parish according to custom." It is pleasing to look back over the years and to see in imagination that crocodile of earnest and cherubic faces, those uniformed figures with their copper stag's head badges and leather breeches, perambulating in the wake of their august guide. From their example, there arose among the Old Roans a desire to continue the ritual. With Mr Kirby's History, wrapped in its original towel, carried on high as a banner in the van, they have sallied forth to visit the ancient places.

The company usually assembles at the "Rose and Crown" which is opposite the "Spread Eagle" Yard which was a part of the old coaching inn. As one looks at the tall and wide doors of this yard, one cannot but call to mind the jingle of harness, the running of ostlers, and the bustle of travellers as the coaches came to a halt. The immediate purpose of our visit is to fortify ourselves for the ascent of the "crooked hill" or Crooms Hill, a road so ancient that, when Humphrey of Gloucester enclosed Greenwich Park in 1433, he took this road as its western boundary.

Our first stop is at the Presbytery. This house was built somewhere between 1630 and 1635 by Dr Robert Mason who held an ecclesiastical office. John Roan was born in 1601. When he died in 1644, he had lived through one year of the reign of Elizabeth, twenty-five years of the reign of James I and 19 years of the reign of Charles I. Evelyn visited this house of Dr Mason and it is not unlikely that John Roan, living in the "mansion" at the foot of the hill, would have paid it a visit also.

Further down the hill, we have the opportunity of paying our respects to Sir William Hooker. "The Grange", the house where he lived, is still standing. It is the old Paternoster Croft which was granted to the abbey of Ghent in 918 by the daughter of King Alfred for the salvation of her soul. The property passed through various hands, ecclesiastical and lay; in 1550 it seems to have belonged to Edmund Chapman, master joiner to Queen Elizabeth. In 1605, it was bought by the Laniers, a family of musicians attached to the Royal Palace. In 1665, the Laniers sold the house to Sir William Hooker who had been sheriff of London during the Plague and the Great Fire and who became Lord Mayor in 1673. It was his gift of £100 which, with other bequests, was used to provide the building for the first school. When Freddie Smith was President we were invited into the Grange while it was under reconstruction by the L.C.C. Beneath the plaster work, there are huge beams which make up the framework of the house. An attempt to date them by modern scientific methods produced a date of 1100 which is quite a long time ago. The gazebo which Sir William had built in 1672 has been kept in a good state of preservation by friends of the property and by the various funds for the protection of ancient buildings.

Further down the hill, we come to the site of the house of Mark Cottle. He held a fairly important legal office. The house was visited by Pepys who was very much impressed with the building and by his entertainment. It had a very large orchard on which King George Street is now built. With the money that Mark Cottle left to the Roan School, houses, which are still standing, were built at the foot of Croom's Hill and the ground rent was paid to the Roan Foundation. We pay tribute to Mark Cottle and his cherry trees.

Somewhat puffed by our mountaineering feats, we move down to Roan Street. We regain our breath in the "Greycoat Boy" which is a pub named after the old School. It has been given a more modern title, but the old name is built into the side wall. Here we read extracts from "The Sayings of Mr. Kirby".

We go along to the 1807 Roan building, and a part of the original is still standing; it belongs to the Saxonia Electrical Wire Co Ltd. It must have been a pleasant place in 1807. There was a light maintained over the door of the school from Michaelmas to Lady Day and there were posts and chains to prevent coaches from damaging the building. On the site of Church Fields, where the railway sidings are now situated, there stood the pleasant residence of Lieut-General Edward Wolfe and, along the road the landlord of the "Mitre" was arranging stabling and accommodation for coaches. We pay tribute to the intrepid watchman who, in attempting to apprehend dishonest knaves who were stealing lead from the school roof, sustained damage to his trousers and note that the Governors voted him £1 to compensate him for the loss. Here we stand to attention and contemplate the Roan Stone which was erected as a memorial to John Roan. It was made by Mr Joseph Cooke, stonemason, and cost £7-10 shillings; it was placed in the wall in 1835.

We now move to the area of the church. Pepys and Evelyn were frequent visitors and it must have been quite an occasion when the Roan Boys in their uniforms attended on Sundays. There were some distinguished vicars including Dr Thomas Plume, Archdeacon of Rochester and founder of the Plumean Professorship of Natural Philosophy at Cambridge, William Aldwin Soames and the Rev. George Mathew; they were automatically chairmen of the Governors. We raise an imaginary glass to the tablet which commemorates our Founder. It reads:

In memory of John Roan,
Who by his will dated 19th March, 1643
bequeath certain lands in Greenwich
for educating and clothing poor Townsborn children
of that Parish.
He died A.D. 1644 and lies buried near this spot.

The Foundation that bears his name is his best monument. Erected by the Feoffees and Parish Officers A.D. 1854. William Aldwin Soames, Vicar.

George Smith
Thomas Wheatley Church-wardens

We now move to the birthplace and the residence of the founder. John Roan, the father of the founder, held a lucrative office in the Royal Palace. The whole family were of some substance and their coat of arms consisted of a stag's head holding in its mouth an acorn or leaved vert. John Roan bought a substantial plot of land to the south of the Church. The family house, on the site of the "Mitre" inn, was shown on maps as late as 1699 as Mr Roan's house or Mansion House. According to Mr Kirby, the "Mitre" remained Roan property until about 1875. So, it is here that we celebrate the birth of the founder. The steeple of the church next door would have been a familiar sight to John Roan, but the church building itself that he knew was destroyed and had to be rebuilt.

Fortified by recollections of the past, we walk round the bounds of the churchyard, noting the building of the First National School for Girls. We then proceed to Turnpin Lane. This is a very ancient way and it is shown on the earliest maps of the area. We are now approaching the site of the first Roan School but, before we reach it, we stop at the "Cricketers" to celebrate the generations of Roan sportsmen, and to pay tribute to the first of the many, one, J Allum, who broke a window when playing ball on April 7th, 1853. Mr Kirby remarked that instead of erecting a memorial to this pioneer, the Governors stopped his clothing until his father paid for the damage.

We then come to the site of the first Roan School, started in 1677. The area in John Roan's time would contain the old Royal Palace, the Queen's House, and the church and the buildings occupied by the Grey Friars. On the land now occupied by the Dreadnought Hospital, just opposite to Turnpin Lane, the first Roan School was built. Norman Spence, when he was President of the O.R.A., tried unsuccessfully to get a plaque placed there to mark the site, but the Hospital has done it for us. They have erected on the exact spot where the old school stood a notice which reads; "Out-patients Department."

In this place we pay tribute to John Lodge, the first Headmaster, who undertook to replace broken windows out of his slender salary. We salute the first Roan boy to be mentioned, one Thomas Smith, who was threatened with dire penalties if he did "neglect" to come to School. We give praise to a splendid family of headmasters, the Herringhams. We boo Mr Bussfield who "neglected his school, behaved with great cruelty to scholars, exacted money where none was due, absented himself from church, neglected the school-house and refused to pay rent." There creeps in almost a modern touch. In 1724, John Everest was suspended from School till he be restored by the churchwardens on account of his playing truant and his mother abusing the master for moderately correcting him for his fault. It was here that the Roan School opened in 1677 and continued until 1807.

We now walk along that historic river front which has seen nearly every English Monarch since the time of Henry VI. The Queen's House was commissioned by James I in 1617. In 1635, King Charles had the house completed and gave it to his wife, Henrietta Maria. They lived there frequently for the next seven years. So, John Roan would have been a

witness of the building of the Queen's House and, if his position warranted it, it would have been there that he would have had his audiences with the King or with his officials.

After our riparian excursion, we visit the Yacht to do honour to Sir Peter Dennis, one of our benefactors, who was a great seaman and sailed round the world with Anson.

Now we abandon ship as it is impossible to sail uphill to the Eastney Street School which opened on September 28th, 1877, under the redoubtable Mr C. M. Ridger. It was a fine period in the School's life as can be seen by the affection in which Ridger's Men hold their old school. We pass by the "Plume of Feather", considering that it would be inappropriate to stop there as a tribute to Archdeacon Plume. We can, however, think of some of the fine schoolmasters who were part of the Eastney Street School; Joe Amesbury, Potter, Parker, Poyser, Kirby, Lee and Tubby Allen . . . to name but a few. Their names are not forgotten.

We conclude the pilgrimage at the top of Maze Hill where the School moved in March, 1928. The memories of this are so recent that it would be presumptuous of me to make any comment. So, in the course of the evening, we have travelled from 1667 to the present time and, thinking of John Roan, we can but repeat the words on the tablet at St Alfege's Church; "The Foundation that bears his name is his best Monument," and we add our own comment, "Floreat Roana".

G.C.W.

JOHN ROAN SCHOOL LODGE No. 5085

(Secretary: W. Bro. G. P. Marsh,
33 Rennets Wood Road, Eltham, SE9 2NF)

After the Summer recess, the Installation Meeting, heralding a new year in the Masonic life of the Lodge, will be held on Tuesday, 25th October next. Then the Worshipful Master, Dennis Fredrick Brookland (1942-50) will install his successor and he, in turn, will appoint his officers for the ensuing year. Lodge meetings, always on a Tuesday, are held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.2 and meetings following the Installation will be held on 22nd November 1977 and 28th February and 25th April 1978. Enquiries from Old Roans interested in the Lodge are always welcome and may be sent to the Secretary, as above, or to members of the Lodge.

The School Lodge is very fortunate in that every year a new member has joined and thus ensures the Lodge is an active living fraternity. Behind the work of the Lodge is the Lodge of Instruction, which is an ever growing body of keen masons guided by the knowledge and enthusiasm of our preceptors, meeting on Tuesday evenings September to May at the School Sports Pavilion, Kidbrooke Park Road, S.E.3; particulars from the Secretary W.Bro. V. T. J. Penfold (1927-33) 11, Studland Road, Hanwell, W.7.

This year's Ladies Festival will be held at the Forest Hill Banqueting Suite on Saturday, 22nd October—further details from W.Bro. R. L. Harmer (1934-39), 6 Chesterfield Drive, Chipstead, Sevenoaks, Kent.

JOHN ROAN SCHOOL CHAPTER No. 5085

The September convocation was devoted to Installing of the principals and to the investiture of the officers for 1976-77. Future convocations are arranged for Tuesdays 24th May. 28th June. Monday 26th September 1977. 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 write to A. J. Jarrett 90 Chislehurst Road, Orpington, Kent BR6 0DN. Phone Orpington 26557.

OF JOHN ROAN'S MEN

The splendid response to the Committee's appeal for funds is reflected elsewhere in this issue. The appeal also gave rise to a large number of letters since most O.R.s who responded, particularly those from far afield, took the trouble to add a word or two of news. One thing that was apparent from every letter is a deep and lasting affection for the School and a genuine concern about its future; there is little that can be said about this at the moment but every effort will be made to keep members informed.

Several old photographs came to hand and it is hoped to publish them in future issues. George FRANKLIN from Ely, sent us a picture of the officers and N.C.O.s of the Cadet Corps (circa 1915), the Prefects and the football team of about the same time; his ORA membership card for 1915-16 (subscription 1/-!) was of particular interest. From Raglan, New Zealand, came news from D. W. ARTER, B.E.M. M. A. MINTER (58-65) wrote from Margate, where he and his wife run the Orb Inn, just outside the town on the way to Ramsgate. D. E. PHIPPS-JONES (24-31) has not been able to make any of the AGMs recently because of distance.

C. STOKER-SHERIFF retired some three or four years ago and lives in Chichester; just previously on a business trip to North America he spent two days in Vancouver with K. A. GARDNER who is now internationally known for his work on behalf of cancer research. A. J. THWAITES (06-13), wrote from Hendon to suggest a re-union somewhere in London since the Pavilion and School are not so easily accessible for many O.R.s; this will be discussed by the Committee, and any other views would be welcome. Recent contacts of BILL (J. F. N. WEDGE, (32-38) writing from Carshalton have been ERIC WRIGHT, KEN BARTLETT, KEN WHEELER and REG MATHIESON; his brother PIP WEDGE is still active in television in Canada; he provided news also of BILL HENLEY who continues to fly from Glasgow to the Hebrides among other places, and of PETER TRAFFORD who is prison-doctoring in Bristol he believes. He is another who voices the idea of a reunion—for the 40-years on types perhaps; he would like to hear from like-minded ORs with a view to getting something organised.

R. B. WOOLLEY (27-37) writes from Sevenoaks where he runs the Brickmakers' Arms on the Maidstone Road. Dr. Taylor has passed along news of STANLEY TRUPHET who was in the sixth form in 1900; he will be ninety two next July and still wears the O.R. Blazer regularly in the summer months. Greetings came from H. S. ALLEN (46-47) and from ALAN BAKER (24-30); it is hoped that BARRY BOYDEN (19-26) will find the news in this issue more comprehensive.

TONY BRYER (-) is about half way through a first curacy at St. Cuthbert's Church in Preston having been ordained in 1975. LEN CLOUSER (19-26) though retired is finding life busier than ever; PHILIP DALE (26-32) seeks a list of subscribing O.R.s, but space hardly

permits—perhaps a partial list in successive issues might be possible. There is not so much in this issue about cricket and G. W. GILLAM (12-16) will have to wait for the next issue when Peter Williams' comprehensive review of the season can be expected! We thank S. C. WILTSHIRE (12-16) for his interesting snap, with the considerably younger Kenneth Binnie; it is, I am afraid, unlikely to reproduce satisfactorily for publication in the Chronicle.

ARTHUR MEUX (11-16), one of the founders of the School Lodge, lives in Claygate and we were glad to have his news and views; health prevents him from taking the active part he once did in O.R. functions, and it was good of him to write; we wish him well. The brothers Kemp both wrote to us. L. N. KEMP (10-15) from Cape Province and W. B. KEMP (03-08) from London; the War Memorial still occupies its old place at the School and the name of George Herbert KEMP is there to be seen. H. LISTER (16-23) has been retired for the past six years from his former post as Second Master at Watford Grammar School and now occupies himself with golf and compiling a record of the careers of his former pupils. JOHN THORP (Staff) is also now retired from teaching but has a part-time job as Careers Adviser for schools in three counties. KEN WHEELER is experiencing the second year of the transition of his school from a boys' Grammar School to an open access, mixed sixth-form college. Mrs. ICOUGH sends her greetings from Devon where she is keeping in good health. FRANCIS MURDOCH (48-52) has been overseas for the past nineteen years and is currently in Hong Kong. ALBERT ROBINSON has recently retired and this marks the end of a long era of his family's association with their business; he is one of many Robinson family members who attended the School.

Magazines have recently been returned marked 'Gone Away' having been addressed to M. K. ALLUM (57-64); H. BAKER (24-32), Auckland, New Zealand; S. F. LAYTON (21-26); A. W. PILE (22-28); and G. N. SELLORS (33-38). News of them would be welcomed.

A..T. TEBBUTT (10-16), whose recovery, we hope, continues, thinks he may be one of the few remaining O.R.s who was a pupil under four Headmasters, Ridger, Crofts, Potter and Hope; He writes of some of his contemporaries— L. H. Lyons, Tuckfield, N. L. Smith, Threader, Burnett, Franklin, Cowell and Ronald: is there any other news of them? B. M. DAVIS, MBE (44-53) after a spell on loan to the Ministry of Defence in Cyprus, is now back with H.M. Customs and Excise and has moved to Oxford. TOM FIELD (17-25) sends wishes for the success of the Chronicle together with news of himself: after the war he moved from Blackpool to Croydon to make a career in industrial education and training; he retired in 1971, as Manager, Training Services of the National Freight Corporation, since when he has been Industrial Liaison Officer at the City of London Polytechnic. He still plays tennis and wonders if, at age 70, he is the oldest O.R. in employment.

An opportunity for a re-union will present itself next September (3rd-17th)

when the Braithwaite Camp will be open to O.R.s. Contact Tony Slaney (1, Bushmore Crescent, SE18 3EG, telephone 01-854 3753) or Alan Palmer (42 Elliscombe Road, SE7 7PY) for details.

The O.R.A./A.G.M will be held at the Pavilion on 17th March 1978.

GOLDEN WEDDING

BERRY: Lionel and Maud Berry celebrated their Golden Wedding in July 1976 among a host of friends. All who know them will wish to join in sending the warmest congratulations.

DEATHS

The Association notes, with regret, the deaths of the following
Old Roans:

Blackman P.L. (13—16) on 3rd May 1976
Eldridge R.T. (28—33) on 15th December 1970
Goldsmith Dr. K.L. (29—38) in July 1976
Hazlewood K.J. (32—38) on 7th February 1976
Knott, O.B.E., H.E. (11—16) in 1975
Manning T. (14—21) on 14th December 1976
Marsh J.H. (19—27) on 13th October 1976
Pye H.H. (Staff, 20—58) on 3rd February 1976
Ross T.A. (15—18) in 1967
Thorne A.J. (15—17) on 9th February 1977
Trafford E.H. (Hon. Member) in 1972
Turner B.S. (26—29) on 11th May 1976
Wigley A.W. (25—31) on 20th November 1975

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