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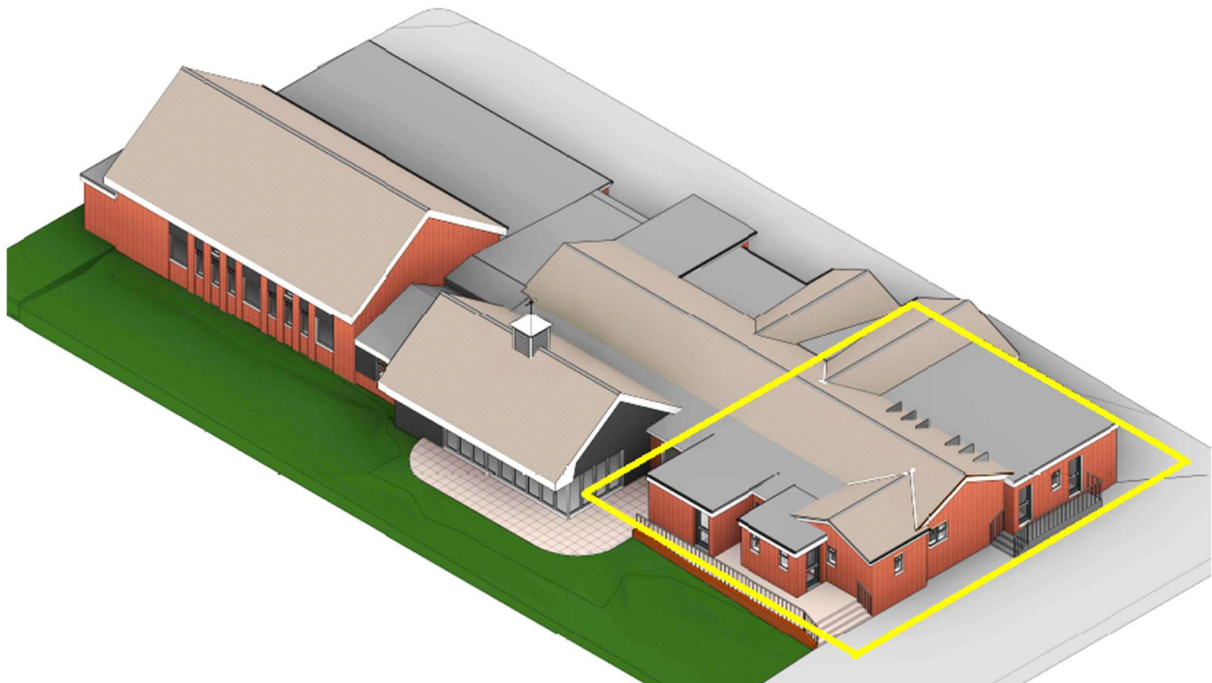
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CHANGING ROOM REFURBISHMENT - UPDATE FROM JEZ CROOK

Great news! The Football Foundation have agreed to provide a grant of £249,995 for the project so we can now get started.

Work will hopefully begin on 29th July and should take 16 weeks to complete. This will ensure that the club has the facilities needed to provide suitable men's and women's changing areas for all our football, cricket and tennis members plus our visiting opponents and match officials. The area being refurbished/extended is marked in yellow below, so you can see what a major project this is as we are updating a third of our current buildings.



This project has been 4 years in the making but all the work that has gone into it will be worth it when we open our new changing rooms for the first time. There will be a bit of disruption to our current users of course, as we are also creating new men's toilets for the clubhouse, but at least there will be no more lengthy walks down dark, cold corridors to find the toilets!

A message from OCA Treasurer, Alan Ball -Reclaiming Gift Aid on donations to the OCA now possible!

Although we now have enough money to start and almost complete the refurbishment project, we are still in need of some more donations as we have to repay the £50,000 loan we have received from the England Cricket Board.

As part of our fundraising drive for the redevelopment of our changing rooms, it was decided at last year's

AGM that the OCA would look into changing its legal status from an unincorporated sports club to a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) as this would enable us to reclaim Gift Aid on any donations received. The process has taken longer than anticipated, but we're pleased to report that HMRC has now accepted our application and the OCA was registered as a CASC with HMRC on 10th June.

This means that we can now claim Gift Aid back on any donations made to the club!

So, if you are feeling generous and would like to donate to our work on redeveloping the changing rooms and are happy for the club to reclaim Gift Aid on your donation, simply fill out the Gift Aid Form that is attached to this Newsletter and either email the signed version to me Alan Ball, at alanball333@gmail.com, or send it in the post to my address at 2 Chamberlains Farm Cottages, Sporehams Lane, Danbury, Essex CM3 4AJ.

Donations can be made either by cheque payable to 'Old Chelmsfordians Association' and sent to me, the OCA Treasurer, or by bank transfer to the following account:

Account Name: Old Chelmsfordians Association Sort Code: 23-05-80 Account Number: 32082556

Your generosity in supporting this will be greatly appreciated.

Women Footballers Wanted

This completed project will greatly improve the opportunities for sport for all at Lawford Lane. We already have a thriving women's cricket team and we will have a women's football team for the first time this year as well which is really exciting!

Any women interested in playing, please contact Paul O'Meara to find out more on 07783197118 - OCLADIES@HOTMAIL.COM



'200 CLUB' AND 'DEVELOPMENT FUND'

With this proposed redevelopment thought is being given to the future of both these funds with a view to them providing ongoing monies for the future maintenance and improvements at Lawford Lane and to service the ECB loan over the next five years. Meanwhile they continue as they are with new members always welcome.

The current monthly subscription for the 200 Club is just £1.10, which can be paid annually @ £13.20, with half the money received from members being paid out in winnings whilst the remaining half of the subscription helps boost club funds. More information is available from the organiser, **Adam Dessouki**, at adamdessouki@gmail.com.

The Development Fund is organised by **Mark "Turbo" Allison** who suggests 'It is very easy to join at just £5.00 a month and the more people that get involved, the higher the monthly prize pot becomes'. Mark can be contacted on mark.allison@pinnaclegroup.co.uk.

KEN NEWMAN

We are sorry to announce the death of **Ken Newman** on June 28th at the age of 91. To so many of us who were taught by, or otherwise knew him, Ken was undoubtedly the best Headmaster the School never had.

Having spent the Spring Term in 1956 at KEGs to gain teaching experience Ken, having studied for a BA at Nottingham in Geography and History was appointed to the full-time teaching staff in September that year with the hope expressed in the Chelmsfordian that 'he would be happy with us'.

It would appear so for Ken stayed on for 36 years before retiring in 1992. At the time of his retirement, after a lifetime of service to the School, Tony Tuckwell, then headmaster, wrote in the newsletter “Thousands of Old Chelmsfordians have benefitted from his wisdom and tuition, hundreds of teaching colleagues have admired his example and three Headmasters have uttered silent prayers of thanks for having such a man at their right hand.”

The final assembly at the end of the summer term in July was attended by present and former pupils, members of staff and the governing bodies and past presidents and other members of the Association who gathered to wish Ken farewell and to make presentations. Typical of Ken however was that, as he didn't officially retire until August 31st, he spent the summer issuing examination results and dealing with university entrance queries. He was elected President of the Association the following year and he and Ann were ever-present at Lawford Lane during his year in office and they have retained a love and interest for both the School and Association ever since.

Though deputy head for many years and stand in head during change overs between Nigel Fanshawe and John Gough and John Gough to Tony Tuckwell, Ken often confided that he should have moved away to another school so that he could apply for the headship at KEGs from afar when these posts were advertised as such appointments weren't then made from within the School but, every time he suggested that he was thinking of leaving, Nigel Fanshawe would find another little job and a bit more money to entice him to stay!

Since advising members of his death there have been many tributes to his teaching skills in Geography and Geology lessons and on field trips to Swanage and Barmouth with memories of screes, moraines, the structure of volcanoes, oxbow lakes, meanders, grateful thanks for his enthusiasm in coaching and encouraging so many to take up hockey, his incredible support to students through UCAS and Oxbridge entry, his advice on further education and careers and his amazing ability to recognise and remember the names of former pupils from across the years when he later met them.

Above all was the universal agreement that Ken ‘Noggs’ Newman was a really lovely man which perhaps Paul Biddlecombe summed up by saying **“For a master at school not to have a bad word said about him sums it up for me!”**.



Ken's funeral will be held at 10.00am on Tuesday August 6th at St Mary with St Leonard Church on Church Green, Broomfield, CM1 7BD. The funeral will be followed by burial at the Church with a wake afterwards at the Old Chelmsfordians Clubhouse on the Roxwell Road. For satnav use CM1 2NS: 134 Lawford Lane and it would be helpful for catering purposes if those hoping to attend could let me know.

THE HEADMASTER WRITES

The Summer term has been marked by our traditional major events: the Mogonjet Mini-Marathon and Sports Day (won by Holland) both took place and the PA ran a very successful Summer Festival on the 6th July, raising a considerable amount of money for the much-needed new minibus which we hope to purchase in the Autumn.

In sport, students have particularly taken part in athletics, tennis and cricket. The 1st XI played the MCC on 26th June at the OCs in some of the hottest weather of the year so far. The MCC team included four former KEGS students and a wonderful game ended in a tie with both teams on 203. Special mention should go to KEGS captain Aarav Salil who scored 128. Just 4 days later, the KEGS 1st XI took on the OCs with brothers Matt and Tom Bowerman captaining the two teams. (See photo below of the two teams with mum, OCA President Sarah and dad, Mark, 'Baz') The OCs were out for 161 and some aggressive batting from the KEGS team saw them overtake this score with 7 wickets and 7 overs to spare. Special mention in this case should go to Zak Patel who scored 41 off just 30 balls.

Meanwhile the arts continue to flourish – the concert and the Summer Showcase gave opportunities for students to demonstrate their dramatic or musical talent – and the art exhibition was a wonderful display of the creativity of our best artists. Trips have also continued to bounce back after the covid years. The 2023/24 year has seen a total of 103 planned trips, which compares to 85 in the pre-Covid 2018/19 year. There were three international trips leaving KEGS before the end of term (German exchange to Stuttgart, French exchange to Lyon and STC Morocco expedition) as well as the Year 12/13 Bioasis trip to Devon*.

Although not strictly part of the life of the school, I feel that this report would not be complete without mention of the achievements of two very recent alumni. Brin Pirathapan was crowned MasterChef champion back in May and Ollie Bearman has just recently been confirmed as a F1 driver for next year. Huge congratulations are due to both of them!

The end of term also brings farewells to departing colleagues. At the end of this term, we say goodbye in the teaching staff to Alison Brown, Mark Harding, Liz Collier, Tony Chumbley and Sarah Benson (to add to Arif Nikmal and Shahid Shah who left us during the year). As many OCs will be aware, Alison Brown and Mark Harding have both given many years to the school and been deeply engaged in the extra-curricular life of KEGS and we are extremely grateful for their service. In the Support staff, during the course of the term the following staff have left us: Helen Sims (Exam invigilator), Jordan French (caretaker) and Darren Wright (Science Technician) whilst Derek Wilson (DT Technician) will leave us at the end of term. We are very grateful indeed to all those colleagues for their service and commitment to KEGS and wish them well for the future.

Finally, I want to thank all those at the OCs who have given their time and support to the school in a number of different ways this year. This is very much appreciated and I am most grateful.

And I wish everyone reading this a good Summer!

Tom Carter



Members of the OCA invited to the School/MCC game were delighted to witness the spirit in which the game was played with every member of the MCC team personally congratulating **Aarav Salil** as he left the field after scoring his 128 and for which he will now receive an invitation to Lords by the MCC to receive a presentation for this feat.

Former pupils and other members involved whilst at School and subsequently with the CCF and Corps of Drums will wish to add their own thanks and best wishes in retirement to **Alison Brown**, (and her husband Gordon), for the amazing job she has done in running both units so successfully for so many years alongside her normal teaching responsibilities.

*Google informs us that **The Bioasis** is the perfect training ground to rewild the next generation and kick-start a more sustainable relationship with our planet.

As mentioned by the Headmaster we too were delighted to see that **Brin Pirathapan**, who joined the Association on leaving School in 2013, is this year's BBC Masterchef 2024. Brin produced some incredible food on his way to the finals which concluded on BBC1 on Wednesday May 22nd and won much praise from the programme judges, John Torode and Gregg Wallace, as he beat 57 other contestants to win this year's amateur contest. Brin, a veterinary surgeon working in Bristol, suggested his love of cooking was inspired by watching the Masterchef programme from being a boy and his Sri Lankan heritage. His winning menu was a seafood starter, a spiced venison main and a dessert of white chocolate and cardamom and saffron cremeux with a lime and chili sorbet.



He added that "The food I grew up with was never boring. Coming from a Tamil, Sri Lankan background, we had nice food on the table and it's never bland. There was just something about this year where I thought if I didn't apply, I would probably just sit and watch it and regret that I didn't. I just thought 'bite the bullet... what's the worst that could happen?'"

Ferrari junior, **Ollie Bearman**, has secured a full-time seat in Formula One from 2025 after agreeing a multi-year deal with American squad Haas. The 19-year-old impressed the world of Formula 1 when he stood in at late notice for the unwell Carlos Sainz at Ferrari in Saudi Arabia.

PRESIDENTS DAY MATCH REPORTS

Our regular cricket correspondent, Baz Bowerman, writes:

“An enjoyable match, albeit not a close one. Below par batting - Rob Lee aside - led to a President's XI total that was significantly less than the 200 they were targeting. In reply, the School XI rarely looked like anything other than winners, with Patel impressing with a rapid 41 before holing out at cow corner. However, with the score then on 127, it was left to Hastings and T Bowerman to see the School over the finishing line, which they did with some aplomb in a seven wicket win.

The match was also notable for two unusual facts - firstly, each side was skippered by the proud President's sons and, secondly, the winning runs came about when the ball hit the 'not-in-use' wicket-keeper's helmet, which resulted in Umpire Kitchiner awarding the School five penalty runs (a well-known but rarely-occurring cricketing law)! Our congratulations to Zack Patel, who was presented with the KEGs Player of the Day award having scored 41 of just 30 balls”.

Scorecard

President's XI 161 all out

Matt France	ct Chapman b T Bowerman	13
Matt Bowerman (c)	bowled MacCallum	23
Tom Hunter	lbw MacCullum	7
Rob Lee	bowled Spall	47
Jack Meer	ct Patel b Chapman	14
Toby Wallis	ct Savage b Howard	4
Alice Green	ct Dunleavy b Thakur	0
Matt Robson	ct Chapman b Miller	9
Fin Baker	ct T Bowerman b Howard	7
Mark Bowerman	not out	12
Andy Cook	lbw Miller	4

Will Dunleavy	4-1-7-0	Nathan Savage	4-0-21-0
Tom Bowerman	4-1-12-1	James MacCallum	4-0-13-2
Rob Chapman	4-0-32-1	Stanley Spall	4-0-32-1
Sharia Thakur	3-0-12-1	Sam Howard	5-0-18-2
Rufus Miller	2.2-0-8-2		

KEGS First XI 163-3

Shanveer Sandhu	ct Mark Bowerman b Robson	12	
Sharia Thakur	bowled Wallis	30	
Zak Patel	ct Matt Bowerman b France	41	
Lawrence Hastings	not out	28	
Tom Bowerman (c)	not out	34	
Will Dunleavy	did not bat	Rufus Miller	did not bat
Stanley Spall	did not bat	Rob Chapman	did not bat
Nathan Savage	did not bat	James MacCallum	did not bat

Fin Baker	5-0-20-0	Matt Robson	4-1-20-1
Alice Green	5-0-28-0	Mark Bowerman	1-0-12-0
Toby Wallis	5-0-26-1	Matt France	5-0-25-1
Matt Bowerman	3-0-19-0	Rob Lee	0.3-0-5-0



Sarah, seen here with the trophy presented to the School Captain and son, Tom, herself added that "President's Day dawned slightly damp with drizzle in the air. Fortunately, by midday, the sun had arrived, the strip had dried out sufficiently to be rolled and play began at a slightly delayed 12:10pm. Both teams had already agreed to a shortened 35-over match, to enable an early finish so the players could watch the England football match taking place that evening.

It was a very enjoyable game of cricket, played with good humour and fun. Spectators old and young enjoyed the sight of some excellent bowling, big-hitting and a couple of stunning catches. As the sun came out more and more people arrived at Lawford Lane and by 5pm the clubhouse was full of past Presidents, club members and my family and friends who, by this stage, were replete from their afternoon tea. It was lovely to have so many Presidents join us on the day, and next time we all meet up we must have a photo!

It was also great to see so many recent school leavers attend, to watch both the cricket match and England win their match against Slovakia in the round of 16 in the Euros 2024.

Thank you to everyone who made the day such a lovely event. Days like this do not just happen and I appreciate the efforts of all those who give their time so graciously. A big ‘thank you’ to all of you who made the day run so smoothly, making it a day I will never forget”.

FOLLOWING ON

Following our article in the last newsletter, former School music master **David Sparrow** wrote: -

“I was interested to read in the latest Newsletter that the grandson of the Rev Franklin has information about the time that he taught at KEGS. I started teaching in 1968, and with my connections at the Cathedral, was soon introduced to “Bill”, as he was known. He used to rush in to the Staff Room, gather a few books and papers, greet everybody and rush out again. If there was a game of Bridge going on, he always showed great interest too! As far as I remember, he taught Classics rather than RE for a few hours a week amongst his other duties.

“Bill” was indeed the Rector of Great Leighs, and at Christmas he and his wife, the redoubtable, Hon. Mrs Joan Franklin JP, invited Peter Cross and me to sing and play a slimmed down version of our own Carol Service at the parish church in Great Leighs. Peter directed and I played the organ, which at that time was housed somewhat precariously under the west circular tower. I remember that there was no retaining back rest and I had to be very careful if I was over enthusiastic at choosing stops.

How we got all the youngsters to the church and back I can’t imagine. Perhaps in staff and parents’ cars? It wouldn’t be allowed today.

The main attraction for the boys (no girls in the sixth form for years yet) was the superb, sumptuous tea that Mrs. Franklin organised in the huge rambling Rectory after the Carol Service. Mrs. Franklin used to keep her beady eye open for any greedy trebles overstepping the mark with the jam tarts. It was much appreciated by all. Many will have, I hope, happy memories of such “days out”. It even used to get reported in the local newspapers, on one occasion specifically, that Mr. Swallow was at the organ!”.

Following this article we also heard from **Ian Hennessey** (1967-1973) who after the '50 years out' sessions at the Ale House in Chelmsford last summer reported two further meetings with eight or nine of his year group, in Winchester last November and Salisbury this April. Ian had initially confused the esteemed Rev. Franklin with the redoubtable Ralph Lee whom he recalled as “a well-known character in the school corridors, with his height, his gown and his, er, somewhat humourless reaction to any youthful boisterousness in the corridors. But I am almost certain it was he who had a glass eye, which was not very well placed - always looking somewhat upwards. You must have surely heard this tale before, but due to that and his RE speciality, he was known as Isaiah - because one eye's 'igher than the other!” I always thought that was just the best nickname I ever came across. But you'd have to approach putting it in the magazine with some care, I'd imagine!”.

Ralph Lee was another of the long serving members of the teaching staff having originally been appointed in 1935 for a couple of years before moving on to Emanuel School, Wandsworth, only to return to KEGs after the war in May 1945 where he stayed until retirement in 1972. His son Derek was at School in my year 1957 but left after the Vth form but you would not have known there was a family connection - from memory they travelled to and from School independently and during the day seemed to ignore each other!

Having reminded Ian that Ralph Lee was also known as ‘Tusker’ because of the state of his teeth one wonders where those teacher nick-names came from and whether, in these days of ‘correctness’, any of today’s masters have been afforded them or whether the pupils are even allowed to apply them.

School without Isiah/Tusker Lee, Waxy Wheatley, Pussy Johnson, Copper Smith, Bruiser Findlay, Sparky Hale and of course Noggs Newman etc is quite unthinkable today!

The correspondence between **John Lines** and **Murray Brazier** prompted another ‘War-time at KEGs’ memory for Murray of a German fighter plane, without any air raid warning, finishing off a raid presumably on the Marconi or

Hoffman factories, with a stray bullet breaking a window in the ground floor classroom they were in. The whole class apparently ducked under desks and Murray believes the distinctive pain using what glass was available at the time is still in place there to this day!

Mention of the cost of postage in the last issue prompted **W.R. 'Jake' Jackson**, a pupil from 1949 to 1955 and later a teacher at the School to send a donation to cover future postages for which we are grateful. In subsequent correspondence he confirmed that he had not joined the School until January 1949 having started his secondary education in Leicester at Alderman Newton's Grammar School which was right in the middle of the City. "It was a 'green coat' foundation so I spent two terms of my second year at King Edward's in a green blazer. Whether it was clothes rationing or my parents being hard up that left me looking a bit conspicuous for some months I don't know but I cannot recall anyone at school ever commenting on it. As you say, I left School in July 1955 only to re-appear after National Service and University in September 1960, having visited Nigel Fanshawe a few months before and being surprised by the sudden offer of a teaching post. I owe an enormous amount to King Edward's and, with old age, I think about it a great deal. Despite some sadness when I read obituaries of pupils that I taught, I still enjoy the newsletter very much".

In correspondence with **Les Retford**, another pupil (1958-1965) who also returned to teach at the School, we mentioned this correspondence and he replied "Lovely to have your mention of Jake Jackson and to know that he is still with us. He was an outstanding teacher and greatly respected by all of us. I will always remember Fleur de Lys committee meetings in Jake's room at the top of the boarding house stairs. As you say the days are sadly long gone when the Head could appoint staff at his own discretion without the formalities of advertising vacancies, drawing up short lists and interviews. Sic transit etc."

Our correspondence with Les stemmed from an enquiry from **Michael Wood** (1982-1989) as to the rank of Nigel Fanshawe in the Combined Cadet Corps. Michael is compiling a history of the School CCF for the School and has Nigel variously listed as a Major and a Lt Colonel. He was also awarded the Territorial Decoration and Michael added "His TD award is curious. I have not found any territorial service for him, only cadet, though his earlier Gazette entries have him on the General List which might be the explanation. The Cadet Force Medal was introduced on 1st Feb 1950 and his TD was awarded on 17th Feb 1950. It is all rather a can of worms!". Like so many of us, Les rued the demise of the Chelmsfordian as we knew it, adding 'that wonderful source that is sadly no longer - such a good, comprehensive record'.

Following our mention of the death of **Doug Rollings** in August last year a former school colleague, Chris Pain (1951-1958), wrote "*I was always envious of the Norton Dominator that he rode around Chelmsford at great speed!*"

We were therefore delighted to have received this photo from his daughter, Jane, of Doug on the motorbike, a 1953 Norton Model 7, when aged about 17 in August 1955 and another of Doug, in later life, at the wheel of his much-cherished Rolls.



We also mentioned that Rollings Construction, then working out of Bush House, Writtle, had built the new hall and the ancillary buildings at the Club for us in the mid-seventies and Jane included these photos of



Bush House, a suited and very business-like Doug standing in front of one of the lorries with driver Charlie Clements and one of their diggers on site at Lawford Lane with the operator, Ricky Batchford.



Jane added that ‘dad had a passion for cars and cherished number plates’ and included these photos of him with one of his pride and joys, bearing the DJR 1 plate and another with brothers Martin who played football for us for many years and Jim who looked after the heating and plumbing at Lawford Lane with cars bearing WMR plates being the initials of their father Walter Maynard

Rollings, who started the business in the early 1950s, and which are still owned by various members of the family. The business is still trading, now as Rollings Commercial, based at Station Road, Maldon, with Jane and her sister, Zoe Napier, taking over the reins from their father and determined to keep the Rollings legacy alive and their dad proud of them.

With the first anniversary of Doug’s death coming up on August 13th Jane hopes that older members will enjoy these photos and the memories they carry with them



COFFEE MORNINGS

After the welcome increase in our April numbers with the visit from the '1949' party organised by Frank Easton we have reverted to our normal reduced numbers in May and June but, that said, have welcomed Sarah Bowerman, our President this year, who has enjoyed both the conversation and the company whilst other new faces, John Aldridge and Brian Greatrex have also offered their own slant on life, both ancient and modern.

Colin Wigmore proudly showed us a copy of the Racing Post with a double-page photo of he and his fellow syndicate winners with their horse Forward Plan which has had a successful season.

More discussion was had on the history of local timber merchants, L. P. Foreman, and with the prospect of the Conservatives being defeated in Chelmsford in the forthcoming election, Murray Brazier recalled the time before Hubert Ashton, Norman St. John-Stevas, Simon Burns and Vicky Ford by reminding us of Ernest Millington who stood initially for the British Common Wealth party in 1945 before sitting for Labour in the 1946 General Election. His 5 years serving the town has been the only break in this Conservative held seat since 1924....one hundred years to date!

Murray, whilst not remembering what he had for breakfast, however recalled that Ernest Millington had succeeded the Conservative member, Colonel John Macnamara, who was killed on active service in Italy during the War and a subsequent search revealed that, having served in the RAF, Millington wore his DFC ribbon on his uniform when attending the House of Commons, as was customary at the time. Many years later he fondly recalled being reprimanded by a Conservative MP who bemoaned the fact that Millington's ribbon was being incorrectly worn. Millington told the BBC, "I was approached by a Tory MP dressed in civilian clothes and with a hand in his trouser pocket - 'Your DFC ribbon is worn too wide'. He was, I think, not expecting my reaction. 'If you are talking to me as an RAF officer: stand to attention; take your hand out of your trouser pocket and address a senior officer as Sir. If you are talking to me as a fellow Member of Parliament, mind your business and bugger off.'"

With such talk of wartime, Murray recalled going with fellow pupils from School to the British Restaurant situated on Rainsford Road (?) and run by one of the boy's mothers (?). Murray had to explain to the younger members present that British Restaurants were communal kitchens created in 1940 during the Second World War to help people who had been bombed out of their homes, had run out of ration coupons or otherwise needed help. In 1943, 2,160 British Restaurants served 600,000 very inexpensive meals a day. They were disbanded in 1947.

Every meeting is filled with such scintillating and educational conversation to accompany the coffee and biscuits so why not come and join us? We would love to see you and hear what you have to say! Third Thursday of the month, 10am until noon.

OBITUARIES

We were sorry to hear at the end of April that **Roger Sparkes** had died in February. Roger attended KEGs from 1962-1969 and played football for the OCs for many years after leaving the sixth form and his wife Elizabeth added that, before he died whilst in palliative care, he had asked her to send a donation to the OCA which she was now happy to do with the suggestion this went to the changing room rebuilding fund.

Roger is still fondly remembered by many at Lawford Lane and **Steve Little** sent us this tribute.

'We were sad to learn in April of the death of Roger Sparkes in February from renal failure. Roger joined the school in 1962 and after a successful academic school career was eventually to spend most of his working life in various divisions of the Inland Revenue. He was a colossus of a man even as a teenager both in stature and character. He was a key defensive part of the 1967 school football team, one of the most successful ever, forming a central defensive partnership of some quality with his good friend, Cliff Hill – Roger, a Jackie Charlton to Cliff's Bobby Moore!

From that team seven almost immediately went into the OC's Olympian League side, including Roger and Cliff, and they also played for the Sunday team that had considerable success as did the Saturday team between 1968 and 1975.

Playing alongside us was Chris Flint who says of Roger: *'He was a brick in our football team's defence and very useful at attacking corners not only in the School teams he played in but for many years in the OCs 1st team.....more than that he was a thoroughly dependable fellow and a great friend, we will all miss him.'* Indeed, we will".

Of that 1967 School team The Chelmsfordian reported that "This year's 1st XI was the most successful for several years. I am sure that this fine record was due to the excellent team spirit., the regular attendance at training sessions and also because the school tried a 4-3-3 formation this season which proved most effective. The early part of the season provided the hardest matches, especially against Palmer's School and Sir George Monoux. In both cases our superior fitness enabled us to succeed where we could have failed. In the latter case we pulled back two goals in the last quarter of an hour. The other schools, with the exception of Brentwood, provided very little opposition. Cambridge Colleges, usually quite strong, were disposed of with great ease.

Our lone defeat, against the Old Chelmsfordians' Olympian League side, was disappointing because their victory was due to superior strength and experience rather than superior footballing ability. However, we had our revenge against K. Booth's XI which contained many of the Old Chelmsfordians whom we had played against in the previous match. A new fixture for the School against Corinthian Casuals proved very worthwhile and we were unfortunate not to emerge with a victory.

Our thanks must go to Mr. Booth and Mr Church for supervising training, to Mr Yates for his valuable support from the touchline, to the Parents' Association for arranging the teas and finally to B. Brunwin and to P. Webb who gave up their time to act as substitute and linesman respectively.

The following boys are to be congratulated on playing for Essex Schoolboys: R.J. Smith, C.J. Flint, S.N. Little and C.Hill.



Before the closure of so many grammar schools that formed the opposition for KEGs sides the results were:

Home to S. Hughes XI won 3-1, Ilford CHS won 5-2, Away to Palmer's Gray's Won 2-1, Leyton CHS won 2-1 and Sir George Monoux Drew 3-3. Home to OCA lost 2-1 and Southend won 8-1. Away to Emmanuel College won 8-1, home to Royal Liberty won 6-0 and Barking Abbey won 12-0. Away to St. Catherine won 7-1, Gonville and Caius won 8-1 and Brentwood School won 3-1. Home to Rayleigh Swayne won 6-1, K.Booth's XI won 4-3 and Corinthian Casuals drew 3-3.

Goalscorers were Little 30, Flint 21, Hook 7, Hollebon 6, Roberts 5, A Hill 4, Cole 2, Sparkes 2 with 3 own goals.

The team in 4-3-3 formation was Smith (Captain), Evans, Mulqueen, Sparkes, C Hill, Roberts, Flint (Vice-Captain), Cole, Hollebon (Secretary), Little, Hook. Substitute was Brunwin and A. Hill, Beach, Donaldson, Happe and Walsh also played.

Honours: Old Colours; Smith and Hollebon, New Colours; Flint, Little, Roberts, Cole and Hook with 1st Team Caps to Sparkes, C Hill, A Hill, Evans, Mulqueen and Beach.

Our photo shows Roger Sparkes, top left, Steve Little seated in front of him bottom left and Chris Flint and goalkeeper Dick Smith the middle pair seated side-by-side in the front.

We have also heard from his son Carl that **Professor Brian Goodey** has died. Brian was at School from 1952 until 1960 and throughout his life was a great follower of the OCA as was his father, R.R. Goodey, who had been at KEGs from 1919-1923 and was President of the Association in 1954.



Brian went on to be appointed Professor Emeritus of Urban Landscape Design at the Oxford Brookes University with a later responsibility for advanced degree candidates in Urban Design, Planning and Architecture.

He was at School with Gareth Gunning, who himself worked for the Environmental Services branch at Essex County Council involved with the County's landscape conservation programme. Having remained close friends throughout their lives Brian delivered the eulogy at Gareth's funeral in 2017.

Following a private committal a colourful celebration of Brian's life was held at All Saints Church, Middleton Cheney, on Friday 21st June.

Despite moving away from Chelmsford to Oxford and later to Northamptonshire, Brian had tried to maintain his links here in Chelmsford with his many old friends from School, and Carl suggested that anyone wishing to contact the family could do so at his email address steamtrainjazz@gmail.com.

Earlier in 2017, Brian had sent us his father's OCA blazer with the hope that we might have a member who could make use of it. This had previously been passed on to Gareth Gunning when Brian and his father could no longer get into it and which had subsequently been returned to Brian when it no longer fitted Gareth!

We have also heard from Diane Mott that her husband **Anthony James Mott**, better known as Tony, had died on May 18th. Tony had been at School from 1945-1950 and Diane added that on sorting his possessions she had discovered a brand new, unworn Old Chelmsfordians blazer which she wondered might be of benefit to one of our members. It is hoped to take delivery of this later in the year as she and her son pass through Chelmsford from her home in East Sussex.

We also received a further blazer and a long red-tasselled prefects' cap from the School which had belonged respectively to **G A Walker** (1927-1931) and **Cyril Symonds** (1940-1947).

OCA WILDLIFE APRIL - JULY 2024

Our correspondent, **Nick Green** writes that the climatologists, bearing in mind global warming and climate change, are predicting cool, wet winters followed by hot, dry summers, so it currently looks like an extended winter!

Local birds recorded: the usual suspects Carrion Crow, Magpies, Jay, Woodpigeon, Collared Dove, Green & Great Spotted Woodpeckers, Kestrel, Blackbird, Song Thrush, Robin, Dunnock, Greenfinch and Chaffinch.

Summer migrants include Chiffchaff, Whitethroat and Blackcap. Swallows and Swifts seem low in numbers this year

Butterflies: Peacock, Orange-tip, Small Tortoiseshell, Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper, Speckled Wood, Green-veined & Large & Small Whites

Dragonflies: Banded and Azure Demoiselles, Southern Migrant Hawker (rapidly colonising Essex) and Emperor Dragonfly

I was lucky to observe a male yellow-legged clearwing moth (see photo - copyright Jeff Delve), just 25mm in length. Clearwing moths are closely related to the more familiar burnet moths and have 1,000 species worldwide with 14 resident in the British Isles. They mimic wasps conferring protection from predators.



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FROM OUR MAIL BOX

We also heard from Mike Smith, that he regularly plays golf with **Dave George** who was at School in the late 50s/early 60s with, amongst others, the likes of John Aldridge, Rodney Bass, Peter Cash and George Heseltine and asked to be remembered to George and John and, through the newsletter, any others who remembered him.



Mike himself had worked for the James Finch Partnership where several other members had started their architectural careers including one, other or all of the Butt, Reeve and Simpson partnership.

Based in Broomfield Road opposite the School, the James Finch Partnership had been responsible for the School's VIth Form building which, on completion, was awarded the Local Authority Building Control (LABC) Building Excellence Award in 2010.

Delighted to have heard from **Tim Macpherson** (1971-1977) who is happy to receive future newsletters by email to save the postage costs and Kevin Menhinick updated us with **Pete Symes** email address.

Pete, a stalwart of many a football team in the past wrote “How good to ‘hear’ from you - thank you for the newsletter. So sorry to hear about Roger Sparkes - a giant of a man and a fine footballer. I always felt safe and confident when he (and Brian Terry) was in our team. They say “no news is bad news” but over the past few years it seems that “most news is bad news”. However, I still remain an optimist!

FOOTBALL

THE 2023-2024 SEASON – FINAL RESULTS

Saturday 1st XI Essex Olympian League Premier Div 2nd XI Essex Olympian League Senior Div 3

24/04/24	Home	Toby	Won 3-2	
01/05/24	Home	Old Southendians	Lost 5-1	The 2nd XI forfeited their last 3 games and finished in bottom position of their league 12th of 12. P22 W1 D2 L19 GF 21 GA 61 Pts1*
08/05/24	Away	Harold Wood Athl	Drew 4-4	
11/05/24	Away	Catholic United	Lost 6-2	

All League Matches

Final Position: 6th of 14. P26 W9 D10 L7 GF 64 GA 66 Pts 37

Saturday 3rd XI Mid Essex League Premier Division 4th XI Mid Essex League Division 3

Final Positions: 9th of 10. P18 W1 D0 L17 Goal Diff -50 Pts 3 7th of 10 P18 W7 D2 L9 GD -9 Pts 23

Saturday Vets Essex Veterans League Division 1 East Essex Vets Over 45s Premier Division

27/04/24	Home	Great Baddow	Won 3-0	Away	Harold Hill	Lost Home w/o
04/05/24	Away	Runwell Sports	Won 4-2	Home	Blackmore	Lost 9-4

All League

Final Positions: 6th of 10. P18 W7 D1 L10 GF 37 GA 37 Pts 22

10th of 10. P18 W1 D3 L14 GF 21 GA 52 Pts 3*

Essex Vets Over 45s Division 2 (East)

27/04/24 Home Horndon Lost 6-1

All League

Final Position: 9th of 11. P20 W6 D3 L11 GF 42 GA 65 Pts 21

Sunday XI Chelmsford Sunday League Div 3

Final League Position:

8th of 12. P20 W6 D1 L13 GF 38 GA 44 Pts 17*

CRICKET

We are halfway through the 2024 cricket season and the OCs cricket teams are flying, *writes Baz Bowerman.*

The **First Eleven** are skippered by Tom Bird and are back in the Premier Division, having been promoted last year. They have made an encouraging start and currently sit in third place. Another feather in their cap is that they are the only team to beat the league leaders, High Roding, so far this season.

The **Second Eleven** were also promoted last season but have changed captain and this season are skippered by James Hodivala. The twos are in Division Three and are in fourth place, having made a solid start.

The **Third Eleven** (skipper: James Brown) are in Division Eight and, despite starting with a defeat, they have found excellent form and are now second in their league.

The **Fourth Eleven** (me) are in Division Ten and again, despite losing our first game of the season, are now up to joint second in a very tight division. We also have a new team in the league this year, the **Fifth Eleven**, skippered by Will Davis. This is our development team, which consists of four adults and seven youngsters and they have swept nearly all before them and are top in their division.

The **Sixth Eleven** are our friendly team, with Alan Ball at the helm. They haven't quite enjoyed the successes of last season but have had plenty of exciting games, including a tied match with Rayleigh. And such is the number of people wanting to play for us this year that we even ran a **Seventh Eleven** at the end of June!

Our **Women's Team** are skippered by Alice Green. They have once again enjoyed success in their league and are through to the semi-finals of their competition. We wish them all the very best!

In the youth ranks we have three teams – the **Under-11s** which have played a couple of friendlies, as well as our youth league teams: the **Under-13s** and **Under-15s**. Jez Crook (U11s), Matt Cranfield/Will Davis (U13s) and Ross Cant/Mark Bowerman (U15s) are the respective managers/coaches.

The Under-13s and the Under-15s have both won all of their league games, so both have a very good chance of picking up silverware by the end of the season.

Finally, we have our **Sunday Eleven**, captained by Matt Bowerman, where a mix of elder statesmen and youngsters compete. The team enjoyed a great game on Father's Day, when the team was comprised of half a dozen players aged under 30, plus their dads!

Results and individual performances of note from the first half of the season are detailed below:

First eleven

- 4 May – OCs 76 all out lost to Gt Baddow 90 all out (Prad Philip 4-21)
- 11 May – OCs 216 all out (Prab Bagga 52) **beat** High Roding 208 all out (Ajai Ajith 4-51)
- 18 May – OCs 97-6 **beat** Tillingham 96 all out (Prad Philip 4-12)
- 25 May – OCs 252-9 (Prad Philip 60) **beat** Rettendon 226 all out (Tom Bird 5-33)
- 1 June – OCs 112 all out lost to Gt Waltham 116-4
- 8 June – OCs 210 all out (Prad Philip 84) lost to Basildon 211 all out by one run (Tom Bowerman 3-38)
- 15 June – Rained off
- 22 June – OCs 123-3 **beat** Noak Hill Taverners 122 all out (Ajai Ajith 4-28)
- 29 June – OCs 192 all out (Mo Misbahuddin 92) **beat** Springfield 174 all out (Prad Philip 3-31)

Second eleven

- 4 May – Rained off
- 11 May – OCs 90-3 (Jamas Hodivala 46) **beat** Rankins 1s 89 all out
- 18 May – OCs 224 all out (Stu McNeill 66, Dom Norman 52) **beat** High Easter 1s 164 all out (Bijoy Geevarghese 4-32)
- 25 May – OCs 141-2 (Jamas Hodivala 87) **beat** SW Ferrers & Burnham 2s 140-7
- 1 June – OCs 178-5 (Dom Norman 46) **beat** Gt Waltham 2s 175-9 (Muhammad Ali 3-15)
- 8 June – OCs 202-8 (Stu McNeill 50) lost to Hornchurch 2s 272-2
- 15 June – OCs 116-5 **beat** Springfield 3s 115
- 22 June – OCs 134 all out lost to Ardleigh Green 1s 138-3
- 29 June – OCs 164 all out (Andy Cook 46) lost to Beaulieu Park 1s 165-3

Third eleven

4 May – OCs 122-6 lost to Terling 2s 123-5
11 May – OCs 125 all out **beat** Rankins 2s 112 all out (Kieran Shelley 5-16, Jon Ball 3-11)
18 May – OCs 138-3 **beat** Boreham Royals 134 all out (Paul Osborne 3-19)
25 May – OCs 131-2 **beat** Writtle 2s 129 all out (Michael Bird 4-29)
1 June – OCs 118-4 **beat** Bentley 3s 117 all out (Clive Barnstone 3-11)
8 June – OCs 222 all out (Matt Cranfield 84) **beat** Theydon Bois 2s 101 all out (Matt Robson 5-21)
15 June – OCs 172-8 (Shailendra Kulshreshtha 97) lost to Sth Loughton 2s 173-1
22 June – OCs 183-7 (Matt Cranfield 46) **beat** Basildon & Pitsea 3s 182 all out (Paul Osborne 5-21)
29 June – OCs 276-7 (Ollie Speakman 83*, Michael Bird 56) **beat** Chelmsford SKs 2s 171 all out (David Heard 3-35)

Fourth eleven

4 May – OCs 71 all out lost to Gt Totham 3s 105 all out (Paul Firth 4-27)
11 May – OCs 153-6 **beat** Galleywood 3s 150 all out (Mark Shelley 4-21)
18 May – OCs 170-3 (David Scarfe 64*) **beat** St John's Billericay 2s 169-8
25 May – OCs 152-7 (Baz Bowerman 47*) lost to Ardleigh Gn 3s 154-4
1 June – OCs 142-3 (Owen Raisborough 67) **beat** Oaklands 1s 141-9 (Alice Green 6-31)
8 June – OCs 73-1 **beat** Gt Waltham 3s 72 all out (Mark Shelley 6-10)
15 June – OCs 87-3 (David Scarfe 61*) **beat** SW Ferrers 4s 84 all out (Sam Tant 3-20)
22 June – OCs 182-6 (Baz Bowerman 56*) lost to East Hanningfield 3s 197-8 (Alice Green 3-27)
29 June – OCs 153-9 (Baz Bowerman 56*) **beat** Rayleigh 5s 152 all out (Fin Baines 3-25)

Fifth eleven

4 May – OCs 66-9 **beat** Gt Baddow 3s 62 all out (Samuel Cant 4-2)
11 May – OCs 159-7 (Will Davis 105*) lost to Rayleigh 6s 160-4
18 May – OCs 91-3 (Graham McNeill 48*) **beat** Hornchurch 5s 90 all out (Will Brown 3-29)
25 May – OCs 140-5 (Uday Patel 60) **beat** Basildon & Pitsea 5s 132 all out (Joe Le Roux 3-33)
1 June – OCs 105-2 (Graham McNeill 56*) **beat** Tillingham 3s 104-9
8 June – OCs 199-3 (Will Davis 77*, Joe Le Roux 53) **beat** Canewdon 1s 198 all out (Jan Le Roux 3-13)
15 June – OCs 116-4 (Joe Le Roux 46*) **beat** Springfield 5s 113-6
22 June – OCs 253-6 (Dave Grainger 67, Joe Le Roux 50) **beat** Eastwood 3s 181 all out (Jan Le Roux 4-17)
29 June – OCs 157-2 (Joe Le Roux 65*, Samuel Cant 65) **beat** Boreham & Roxwell 2s 156 all out (Will Davis 3-13)

Sixth eleven (friendlies)

4 May – OCs 112-9 lost to Rankins 3s 114-8
11 May – OCs 132-9 TIED with Rayleigh 6s 132-9 (Ian Scarse 3-23)

17 May – OCs 86-8 lost to Long Melford 168-4
19 May – OCs 161-6 (John Hodges 51*) lost to Chapel & Wakes Colne 187-8
25 May – OCs 161-4 (Scott Shelley 51*, Alan Roscoe 48*) **beat** Maldon 4s 103-5
1 June – OCs 133-9 lost to Westcliff 200-1
8 June – OCs 126-8 (Ben Foster 50*) lost to London Saints 216-3
22 June – OCs 163 all out lost to Witham 4s 204-7

Seventh eleven

29 June - OCs 119-8 **beat** Rayleigh 6s 117-9 (James Auty 3-11)

Women

17 May – OCs 66-0 (Zaynah Rehman 25*) **beat** Kelvedon 65-8 (Alice Green 3-7)
24 May – OCs 82-2 (Zaynah Rehman 27*, Abbie Camp 26*) **beat** Hatfield Peverel 81-6
21 June – OCs 90-1 (Zaynah Rehman 30*, Millie Rawlins 25*) **beat** Kelvedon 87-9

Sunday eleven

2 June – OCs 117 all out lost to Galleywood 201-5
9 June – OCs 158-7 **beat** Maldon 157-8
16 June – OCs 191-8 (Matt Bowerman 99*) **beat** Billericay 189 all out (Sam Tant 3-37)

U13s

12 May (cup match) – OCs 45-9 lost to Shenfield 95-7
6 June – OCs 77-3 (Joe Le Roux 30*) **beat** Broomfield 76 all out (Joe Le Roux 3-8, Sam Leverett 3-9)
13 June – OCs 153-4 (Joe Le Roux 30*, Edan Mullett 30*) **beat** Galleywood 61 all out
16 June – OCs 110-2 (Sam Leverett 31*) **beat** Maldon 58-8
27 June – OCs 153-2 (Joe Le Roux 31*, Oscar Owers 30*) **beat** Gt Baddow 32 all out (Fred Railton 3-8)
30 June – OCs 183-4 (Edan Mullett 33*, Joe Le Roux 30*) **beat** Terling 60 all out

U15s

19 May (cup) – OCs 118-9 (Will Brown 43) lost to Harold Wood 161-7 (Tristan Pyne 3-27)
2 June – OCs 113-1 (Niall Kelly 32*, Samuel Cant 31*) **beat** Writtle 111-6
21 June – OCs 97-8 **beat** Chelmsford 95-9 (Will Brown 3-10)
1 July – OCs 149-1 (Niall Kelly 33* John Waring 30*, Samuel Cant 31*) **beat** Gt Baddow 89 all out (Samuel Cant 3-10)

TENNIS

The section chairman, Jane Gray, writes:-

Membership levels remain high after another successful renewal process in the spring. Summer league matches are well under way and doing their best to defeat the continued rain. The club tournaments are also making good progress and we look forward to some great finals on 14th September.

Junior coaching courses run every weekday afternoon after school and there are longer courses available to book in the summer holidays

New members are always welcome, whatever your standard of play, please visit our website www.chelmsfordiantennis.co.uk for membership information.

TABLE TENNIS

Central Essex Summer League 2024

The 2024 edition of the Central Essex Summer League is now at its half-way point.

We have entered three teams into the competition, two in Division Two and one in Division Three

In Division 2, our A Team currently top the table having won all four of their matches to date. The father and son pairing of Mick and Luke Richardson have won three out of four of their doubles matches with Mick

prevailing in seven of his eight singles. It is, however, very tight at the top of the table with second placed Chelmsford C on the same points and third placed Danbury B only a point further back.

Just behind the top three, our B Team lie in fourth place, with Robbie Burton remaining unbeaten in the four matches that he has played.

In Division 3 our C team currently lie fifth out of seven, but in a tightly contested league are only two points behind the team in second place and, with a good end to the season could push themselves up into the runners-up spot. However, runaway leaders, Hutton B, are unlikely to be caught having established a five-point lead over second place.

Interested in playing table tennis for the OCAs?

If you are interested in playing competitive table tennis for the OCAs we accept new members at all times of the year so please contact David Porter (by email to DJPEssex@aol.com or on 07885 467935). All standards of player can be accommodated across the teams we enter in both the main Chelmsford League which runs from September to the following April and the Central Essex Summer League which operates in June and July.

AND FINALLY....



Some of our older members may have memories, perhaps some not so good as others, re-kindled by sight of this prefect's cap as reported on Page 12 and for those of you living locally and up for a Quiz Night our President is holding a fundraiser at the club on Friday 23rd August at 7.30pm. Teams of up to 8 - £6.00 per person. The bar will be open but please, bring

your own nibbles. **To enter your own team or register your interest in joining up with another, please message Sarah Bowerman on 07891 564682.**



Please also support our fundraising campaign for the changing room project, if you have not already done so, by going online or by contacting Alan Ball – his details are on Page 2 with a Gift Aid Form attached below.

As always, any members wishing and willing to receive the newsletter by email or wanting to advise us of any change to either their home or email address should contact the Secretary/Editor as below.

Many thanks for your contributions to this issue and we look forward to receiving your further news for Number 302 in September after your summer breaks.

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