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OUR MEMORIAL SPORTS FIELD AT 75

We are always very pleased when visitors to the Club compliment us on the facilities on offer at Lawford Lane, both on the field for those wishing to play their sport with us and within the clubhouse for parties and for post-match and other social gatherings. However, whilst being rightly proud of our achievements, we do sometimes rather take for granted what we have, the group of volunteers who attend to the daily maintenance and the committee for their work in overseeing the business of the Association.

Indeed, the 75th anniversary of the purchase of the land, as reported in the early part of 1948, has passed without recognition or special mention! Perhaps this is because the official Dedication of the Memorial Sports Field did not take place until July 1951 as part of the celebrations to mark the School's 400th anniversary.

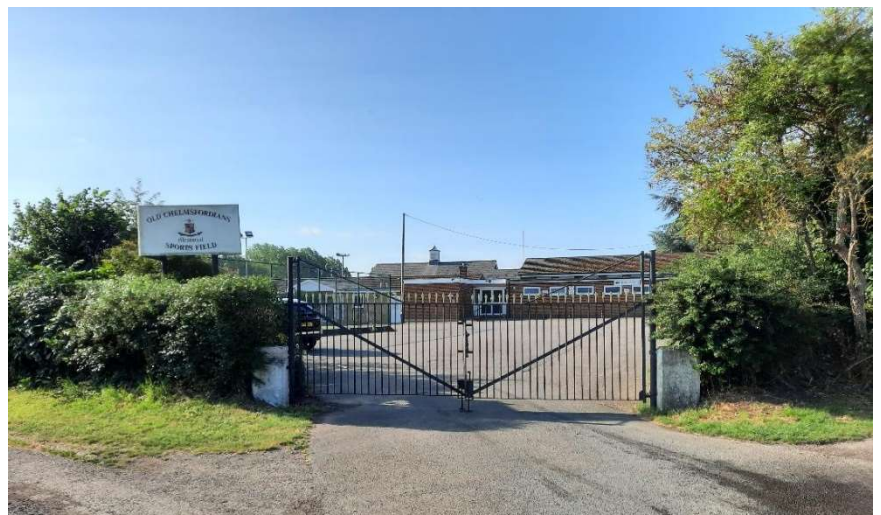
The report in the January 1952 Chelmsfordian magazine reads:-



“A three year's effort by members of the Old Chelmsfordians Association to provide a memorial of a practical nature to the Old Boys who gave their lives in the 1939-45 war and at the same time to lay out a sports ground second to none in Chelmsford reached its fulfilment on Saturday 28th July 1951, the last day of the Quatercentennial Celebrations. This fine seven-acre sports field has been got into first-class condition by voluntary effort on the part of the members. A large army hut has been

converted into a pavilion with nearby a refreshment room. The two buildings will eventually be linked up and the plans provide for showers, changing rooms and other amenities. A splendidly designed pair of iron gates has been set up at the entrance to the ground.

The dedication ceremony was performed by the Reverend A.J. Sparrow, Vicar of St. James's, Walthamstow, who is himself an Old Boy of the School. In his address, Mr Sparrow reminded the congregation that the present generation of those who survived the war were carrying the torch for those who died. They left us with no mean responsibility. It was significant that the



playing fields should commemorate the dead, for it was on the playing field that we learned team spirit and the sense of duty that subordinated self for the sake of the rest. This was the spirit that must be carried into world affairs.

After the lesson, taken from the third chapter of the Book of the Wisdom of Solomon, had been read by Mr. Stanley Bragg, Mr. Sparrow dedicated the sports field with these words:- “In the faith of Jesus Christ, we bless and dedicate this Sports Field to be a memorial to all those former members of our School who gave their lives in the service of their country”.

Buglers of the Cadet Corps of Drums sounded the Last Post and Reveille, and the new flag of the Old Chelmsfordians Association was lowered and raised again to the masthead.

The flag was mentioned in the July 1951 Chelmsfordian –

“A flag pole has been obtained and a flag is being made with the four house colours in horizontal stripes occupying the top left-hand quarter on a white ground, and the letters O.C.A in red in the centre of the flag”.

Over the years both have been renewed, from memory the flag pole by M & G thanks to Chris Eve and the flag donated by the Lawford Lane Ladies, possibly during the 1980s, but to the original design.



THE HEADMASTER, TOM CARTER, WRITES

The Summer term has brought the traditional run of events – and plenty of fine weather to help them run well. The Magonjet Mini-Marathon and Sports Day both took place and the PA ran a very successful Summer Festival on the 8th July. In sport, students have particularly taken part in athletics, tennis and cricket - and it was a real pleasure to watch the MCC game and the match against the OCs on President’s Day (both of which took place at the OCs).

Extra-curricular activities have continued to bounce back, as have trips. There have been no fewer than six international trips leaving KEGS towards the end of the Summer term (German exchange to Stuttgart, French exchange to Lyon, Y10 Battlefields trip to France, CCF Romania expedition, West Indies cricket tour plus the World Challenge Eswatini expedition). It is also very pleasing that so many current Year 7’s have signed up to the Alsace trip in October 2023 – and I am delighted to note how many activities within the UK are taking place.

The end of term also brings farewells to departing colleagues. At the end of this term we say goodbye to Jane Breen, who is retiring after 24 years at KEGS in the MFL and the English department - as well as Geraldine Rumbold (Geography), James Bluff (Music), Clare Foreman (Biology) and Alison Goodier (Pupil Support). We have also, during the course of the term said goodbye to Laura Bayken (Pupil Support), Lynda Haywood (several roles in the school), Steve Newman and Ray Windscheffel (both on the site team). 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

As the Headmaster has mentioned we recently hosted both the School/MCC and School/President’s XI cricket matches at Lawford Lane and it was a pleasure to welcome him, other staff members and the school cricketers, prior to their summer trip to Granada, to both these events.

We will carry a report on the President's Day match in our next issue which, with the President Dave Grainger, 16 Past Presidents and our President-Elect, Sarah Bowerman all present, certainly lived up to its name.

OTHER SCHOOL-RELATED NEWS

Lindsey Thompson contacted us from the School that they had been informed by the Rev Colin Judd of the death in April of his brother, **Dr. Brian Judd**, who was at School from 1942-1949.

Colin advised that Brian had had a very distinguished academic career in the field of physics in the United States, finishing his career as a Professor at the John Hopkins University.

In this field he is best known for his work on what became known as the Judd/Ofelt theory which was introduced independently in 1962 by Brian Judd, at that time at the University of California, Berkeley and PhD candidate George S. Ofelt, at John Hopkins University. Their works were published in *Physical Review* and the *Journal of Chemical Physics* respectively but quite amazingly the two of them didn't meet in person until 2003 at a workshop in Poland.

For those more learned than your editor the theory, in physical chemistry, describes the intensity of electron transitions within the 4f shell of rare earth ions in solids and solutions due to the process of absorption or emission of electromagnetic radiation!

Brian M Walsh of the NASA Langley Research Centre places the Judd/Ofelt theory at the "forefront" of a 1960's revolution in spectroscopic research on rare-earth ions.

*Knowing of the many members who experienced and enjoyed the Schorndorf music exchanges whilst at School, **Peter Cross**, has written:-*

"It was very sad to hear of the death of Martin Reischle who succeeded Professor Binkowski as music teacher of the Schorndorf Gymnasium at the same time that I succeeded Tom Wright at KEGS.

Martin and I arranged the exchange visits between the German choir and the KEGS Orchestra from 1968 until 1986. He was a brilliant and demanding choral director, a fine pianist and a fluent skater!

Two visits to Chelmsford by his choir remain fixed in my memory. On one occasion we decided to work on a performance of 'Samson at the gates of Gaza' which had been written for the KEGS Choral Society by Elizabeth Maconchy who lived locally in Boreham. During the rehearsals Martin commented throughout on the difficulty of the tritones for tuning. The tritone was obviously the 'diabulos in musica' for him!

The other was the electrifying performance of 'Carmina Burana' which Martin conducted in the school hall at KEGS. We chose the two piano version plus battery of percussion. The boys who took part remembered this years later, including Martin Outram (now the Lionel Tertis professor of viola at the Royal Academy of Music), Timothy Carey and many others. So many happy memories!"

CATCHING UP

*At the end of every newsletter, we invite members to drop us a note of what they are up to so were delighted to receive this from **Wyn Grant** who was at School from 1958-1965*

"I became a great-grandfather in April when one of my granddaughters gave birth to a daughter on her 22nd birthday. I was on my own for some years after my wife passed away in 2014, but I met Margaret Hitchcocks through the U3A and she is now my partner. At Leamington Football Club I write for the programme and am secretary of the vice-presidents club. I am chair of the Friends of Leamington Parish Church. I am a

director and commissioning editor for Political Quarterly. Before the pandemic I used to visit Richard Thomas in Orkney each year. I have had to have both knees replaced”.

By chance we came across this piece from Wyn, in the June 1965 issue of the Chelmsfordian, he having answered the editor’s call for impressions from School students of their visits to prospective Universities.

London School of Economics

The journey from Chelmsford to the London School of Economics could by no means be described as exciting or glamorous. No fast express to some cathedral city, no plush pullman to some bustling Midland’s town, just the 2.26 from Chelmsford, calling at all stations to Romford...Liverpool Street...a walk through the City...up Fleet Street, past the “Express”, the “Telegraph”, the Lord’s Day Observance Society...past the Law Courts...into the entrance hall of the L.S.E. A glance at the notice board – “U.S. aggression in Vietnam – lobby your M.P. at the House of Commons tonight”, then into a lift. A variety of dress and a variety of accents, but predominantly American – “So I guess I might have a spell in Virginia”,. Along some corridors and countless cafeteria, a wait in a dead-end passage, then an extremely friendly and intellectually stimulating interview. Then back into Aldwych. The three-car shuttle service of the Aldwych Tube. On to the Central Line. It’s 5.15. Crushed, buffeted, swept off the ground, but one emerges at Liverpool Street unscathed. The fast to Billericay awaits.

W.P.G., U.VI



Despite this prospective visit to the London School of Economics Wyn, a Duffield Librarian, Secretary of the Book Club and Chairman of the Geographical Association whilst at School, is a graduate of the universities of Leicester, Strathclyde and Exeter.

He joined the Politics and International Studies Department at the University of Warwick in 1971 and was chair of the department from 1990 to 1997. He also worked closely on research projects with colleagues in the Department of Life Sciences.

In 2010 he was presented with the Diamond Jubilee Lifetime Achievement award of the Political Studies Association of the UK at their Awards Ceremony and was elected an Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences in 2011.

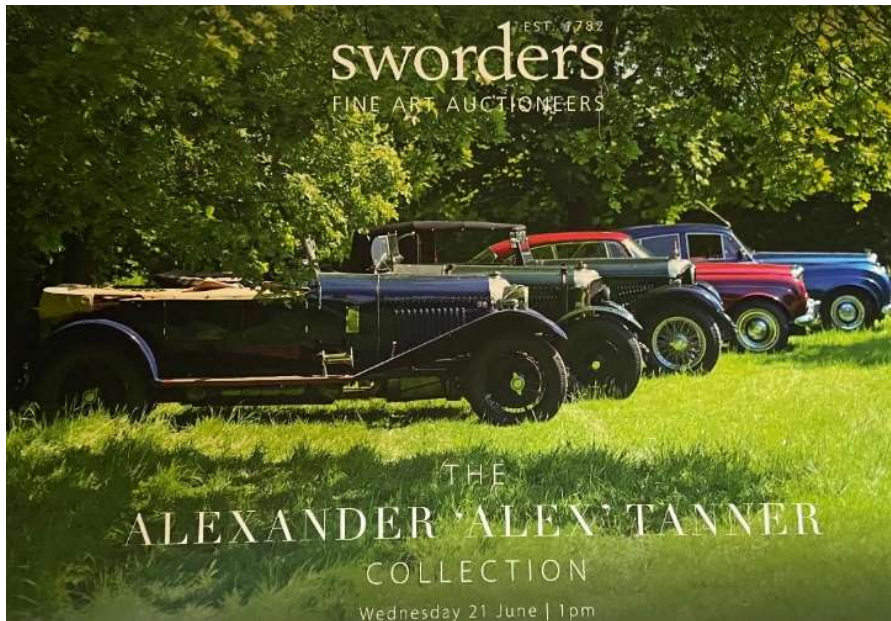
Since the last newsletter we have also heard from **Peter Bish** (1945-1953) with the promise that, as time allows, he will update us on life in Arizona, re-established contact with **Robert Ball** (1971-1978) and **Brian Greatrex** (1948-1955), received updated contact details from **Paul Gardner** (1990-1997), **Piers Harrison** (1981-1988) and **Andrew Johnson** (1962-1969) and had a request from **Chris Billimore** (1970-1975) to be informed of any class reunions such as those currently being held by **Ian Hennessey** (1967-1973).

Having heard from **Colin Burgess** (1966-1972) with his sadness at learning of the death of Gerry McCabe and his regret at not being able to travel from Florida for the Annual Dinner we did subsequently meet up along with several of his school colleagues at Lawford Lane when he had to come to England for his brother’s funeral, the wake for which was held at the club.

As ever, we are always pleased to hear from you. You will note this issue is shorter in content than usual so we do need your contributions to ensure the newsletter remains a worthwhile read.

FOLLOWING ON

In our October 2022 issue, 294, we carried a piece from Frank Easton on the death of **Alex Tanner** (1954-1961) in which it was mentioned that he was a keen collector of veteran and vintage cars, which he kept in a museum located at his home. This collection came up for sale in a special auction at Sworders in Stansted



on June 21st and by coincidence another of our members, Stephen Foakes, was present and sent us details from the catalogue in which the auctioneer's introduction to the sale read:-

“By order of the executors of Alex Tanner, we are delighted to present this fine single-owner collection of pre-war classic and modern Bentleys, a Riley RMB and a US Army Dodge Troop Carrier, together with a collection of Automobilia, acquired over some 27 years by the former chairman of the Bentley Drivers' Club.

Born in Shalford, Essex, in the house he was to occupy his entire life, Alexander George Tanner (1942-2022) showed a remarkable passion for motorised transport from a very young age. A tall child, he had learned to drive a car at the age of just seven and, before moving on to King Edward VI Grammar School in Chelmsford, he could already control a lorry and had a working knowledge of the internal combustion engine.



Even in romance, the car was the star. He gave his first childhood sweetheart, Angela, a toy car as a gift, prompting friends to quip, when they finally tied the knot in 1985, that she could not claim to having been unaware of his primary interest!

With cars so very much in his blood, Alex's excellent commercial intellect allowed him to indulge his passion for vehicles. During his lifetime, he built an enviable collection of 64 cars and it had been his ambition to own at least two cars from each decade of the motor car. He was a Lifetime Member of the Veteran Car Club, and a passion for the Bentley and Rolls-Royce marques saw him join the Bentley Drivers' Club and the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club in 1974. He later served as Bentley Drivers' Club Chairman from 2008-2011.

At one time or another, he owned at least one model of every vintage Bentley, and many of the British marque's finest later models.

Alex was the truest of enthusiasts, never fixated with a single marque or a fashion. He genuinely loved cars – from the earliest brass-era examples to the finest new models – but most of all, he simply loved driving”.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee mornings have continued on the third Thursdays of each month and whilst still not commanding the numbers of earlier times a dozen or so members still regularly meet and enjoy two hours of coffee and catch-up. We are aware of many members of retirement age still living in the area and would love to have you join us at the clubhouse at Lawford Lane to share your memories of schooldays in past times and what life has held for you since. Whilst our older members will have been at School during Norman Squier's headship from 1934-1949, and remember him well, they might have been intimidated in the presence of Frank Rogers, an earlier head, from 1885-1909. This photo was passed on to us by T Wray Bolingbroke (1926-31) which he believed probably belonged to his father, Stanley (1892-1897) who went on to become Chairman of School Governors from 1931-1948 and president of the OCA in 1951. In his time Frank Rogers transformed the School but made enemies along the way. For their usefulness in researching past School history, we must be grateful to him for introducing the Chelmsfordian magazine in 1895 although Tony Tuckwell, in his history of the School, writes *"This sumptuous magazine was, however, not paying its way. Financial planning in this and other spheres was Frank Rogers' Achilles heel. He often subsidised the losses out of his own pocket. As he tartly put it in the Spring 1901 edition – "The School motto is... 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all they might' – and the headmaster's money"*.



We reproduced this photo of the Leonidas stained-glass window which Frank Rogers and his wife installed in 1901 on the back staircase to commemorate the deaths of Corporal Wrightson and Trooper Day in an earlier newsletter when we were researching the origins of the Wrightson/Dains Medal.

Our regular Coffee Morning gatherings are held between 10am and noon on the third Thursday of the month and further information is available from **Ted Caton** on 01245 256790 or at ted@hausgisela.plus.com.

Ted has also sent us these memories of C. A. Bilney whose death, in July 2022, was recorded in our Newsletter No 295.

“Cyril was a contemporary (but not a form-mate after 1A) of mine from 1945 to 1950. He lived in one of a number of wartime prefabricated bungalows (prefabs) in Beeches Road, Chelmsford.

When he was able to do so (I believe this was when he had reached the Third Year) he, along with some friends, became a member of the Photographic Society, founded in 1946 by Messrs Huxley and P Wright, the latter known as “Lefty” to distinguish him from Mr T Wright. Under Lefty’s supervision regular meetings were held after school in the Geography Room and a well-equipped Dark Room, formed by the partitioning of a store room adjoining the Woodwork Room, was soon in regular use.

Eventually Cyril became Hon Secretary of the Society; at the same time his good friend Brian Barker became Hon Treasurer and form-mates Dennis Withams and myself were designated Members i/c Chemicals. Cyril’s reports published in the “Chelmsfordian” made it clear that the Society and the dark-room were kept busy.

Late in the 1950 summer term Mr Bromwich arranged for Cyril and three other potential school leavers (Brian Barker, Lloyd Hardy - a future Vice President of the Association – and myself) to be interviewed at County Hall with a view to possible employment and/or careers with the Essex County Council. One sunny afternoon we four attended together at County Hall and were interviewed in turn by Miss Bew (personal assistant, although not called that in 1950) to the County Clerk, and all offered employment – Hardy in the County Treasurer’s Department and the other three in the County Clerk’s Department.

All started work not long after finishing school. Cyril was installed in the Conveyancing Section of the Clerk’s Department (located in one of three former private houses in King Edward Avenue) where he was engaged mainly on legal type work under the supervision of a section head who was a solicitor. He remained in this situation when his contemporaries left to undertake their National Service in the RAF or Army, having himself failed his medical examination on grounds of poor eyesight. Obviously, the work of the section was to his liking as he later sought, unsuccessfully, to become Articled to the then County Clerk with a view to eventually becoming a solicitor. He was more successful when marrying Daphne of the typing pool, the couple thereby becoming fruits of what my father termed the “County Hall Marriage Bureau”.

Prior to what later formally became the Social Club of the County Clerk’s Department, Cyril was active in the social life of the department. He eventually left the County Council’s employment and, no doubt in the hope of achieving his hope of becoming Articled elsewhere, began working for a firm of solicitors located in Chelmsford. Despite an office move to elsewhere in Essex, Cyril remained with the same firm until retirement, continuing to live in the mid-Essex area.

Footnote: Having been made redundant by Anglian Water, to whom he transferred his administrative abilities in 1977, the writer worked voluntarily for the WRVS on three days each week (they said he was a bit of an old woman). Delivering meals-on-wheels in Beeches Road one lunch time he found himself calling on an elderly Mr. Bilney. Obviously, Cyril’s father, the likeness was extraordinary!

OTHER OBITUARIES

We were sorry to receive this news from Pam Barker of the death of her husband Victor.

“Having just received the latest OCA Newsletter I am reminded that I haven’t let you know of the death of my husband, Victor Barker, on 30th October last year. Vic was at KEGS from 1946 to 1953 I believe, and

went on to Sheffield University to study Electrical Engineering. Most of his working life was spent in research at Marconi/GEC with a short break in the family business.

Vic married me, Pam (nee Wisbey and one of the Chelmsford building firm) in 1961 and we have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

Like Geoff Chivas, at the end of his life, he could tell us all the names of his class from 70 plus years ago but needed help, which he happily accepted, to remember what he did the previous day.

I still have old copies of The Chelmsfordian from 1947 to 1964 which he hoarded with much else and would be happy to pass these on if you can use them. If possible, I would still be interested in receiving your newsletters as I always enjoyed reading them as I know of quite a number of the people mentioned having had two brothers, a father and a son at the school over the last century!"

We were delighted to visit Pam to collect the Chelmsfordian magazines which have been added to our archive at the club and to assure her that she could of course continue to receive our newsletters.

We have also heard that **John Jude** who started School in 1946 has died but sadly have no further information.

'200 CLUB' AND 'DEVELOPMENT FUND'

New members are always welcome - the monthly subscription is just £1.10 and half the money received from members is 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.

Our other fundraiser 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.

OUR 'VETERAN' INTERNATIONAL STARS

Following the news in the last issue that **Nick Wright** and **Chris Moore** had been selected to play for the England Football Over 50s team we are delighted to report that a former club captain, **Damian Westwood**, was chosen to represent England in their Over 40s Cricket team against Ireland on May 31st.

Despite Damian playing his part and keeping wicket well, the England team fell short of the 275-run total they had been set. Whilst not an OCA member, **Ian Belchamber**, who played for Dave Kitchiner's President's XI side a few years back and who is also an international hockey player was also selected for this game.

FOOTBALL

The football season finished with these final match results and a top spot for our Division 1 side in the Olympian League. Negotiations are in hand with the School to use their Bedford Fields facility as our changing rooms do not currently meet the requirements of the league for our first team to take their well-earned and well-deserved promotion to the Premier Division next season.

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

22/04/23				Home Toby	Lost - Away Walkover*
29/04/23	Home	Corinthians	Won 3-0*		
27/05/23	Away	Harold Hill	Drew 3-3*		

*League Matches

Final League Position 1st of 11
P 18, W 12, D 3, L 3, GF 53 GA 29, Pts 39

Final League Position 8th of 10
P 18, W 5, D 2, L 11, GF 38 GA 38, Pts 13 (Adj)

Saturday 3rd XI Mid Essex League Division 1

29/04/23 Home Harold Wood Drew 2-2*
29/04/23 Away Harold Wood Won 2-0*
13/05/23 Away Benfleet Lost Home Walkover*

*League Matches

Final League Position 4th of 10
P 18, Won 9, Drawn 4, Lost 5, GD +4, Pts 31

Saturday Vets Essex Veterans League Division 1 East

06/05/23

*League Match

Final League Position 3rd of 9
P 16, W 8, D 3, L 5, GF 36 GA 29, Pts 27

Sunday 2nd XI Chelmsford Sunday League Div 4

14/05/23 Away Woodham Radars

Final League Position 7th of 13

P 20, W 8, D 3, L 9, GF 43, GA 52, Pts 27

4th XI Mid Essex League Division 3

Home Southminster Lost - Away Walkover*
Away Springfield Lost - Home Walkover*

Final League Position 10th of 10
P 18, Won 3, Drawn 0, Lost 15, GD -47, Points 9

Over 45s Premier Division

Away Sungate Drew 1-1*

Final League Position 5th of 10
P 17, W 7, D 3, L 7, GF 31 GA 28, Points 24

CRICKET

The 2023 cricket season is well underway. It's an Ashes summer and the OCs cricket teams are flying, *writes Baz Bowerman.*

It started in annoying fashion. Having waited eight months for the season to begin, rain arrived on the morning of the first match of the season, and all our games were called off.

The following week the First Eleven kicked off the season with a win, welcoming back into the team all-rounder Faz Rehman, who delivered a match-winning performance. Since then, they've recorded five more wins and are top of Division One at the halfway point of the season. Centuries have been scored by Ajai Ajith and Somu Das; Toby Wallis (younger brother of Adam 'Gromit' Wallis) has added to the ranks of youngsters in the team, and Zaynah Rehman, one of the stars of our ladies team, has been a first team regular and has already claimed seven wickets to date.

The Second Eleven have a new skipper at the helm, Alex Critchell, and after a mixed start they have found some form with five wins on the trot and are now up to third place in Division Four. New recruit Harry Arnold has been a star with bat and ball, and Prabhjeet Bagga, promoted into the 2s having scored a ton for the 4s, promptly scored another one on his second team debut!

Once again I have been leading the Third Eleven into battle in Division Eight. After a few below par efforts we have found some form and recorded two wins late on in the first half of the season to add to one win in May, to leave us in sixth place. Jon Ball has led the way with the bat and youngest son, Tom, bagged a '5 fer' on a baking hot day in June.

We also have a new skipper in the Fourth Eleven, Paul ‘Ozzie’ Osborne. And, yes, he’s also an ‘Aussie’, so the homophone aspect works well. Paul has the Antipodean desire to win and it has proved infectious, with the fours boasting a 100 per cent record at the top of Division Eleven. The aforementioned Bagga has led the way with the bat, and youngsters Joseph Gardiner, Samuel Cant and Sam Tant (son of David ‘Nimmo’ Tant) have led the way with the bowling. And, as it’s never something I thought I’d be writing, I shall use my editorial sway (unless George removes it!) to highlight that in a guest appearance as skipper for the 4s – as Paul was away and the 3s didn’t have a game – I treated myself to a few overs of ‘right arm round’ and bagged myself four wickets in the process!

The fifth eleven are once again enjoying more cricket than all of us, with Saturday fixtures, midweek fixtures, and even a ‘three games in three days’ tour of Suffolk. Captain Alan Ball has an ever-expanding squad of players to call on, with regulars, youngsters and youngsters’ dads all playing a part.

Our women’s team continues to sweep all before them, and they will be hoping for better luck later in the season when, if their present form continues, they will hopefully be competing in their ‘finals day’. Zaynah Rehman, in the senior ones for her spin bowling, has shown her all-round ability with a number of ‘retired not out’ knocks.

In the youth ranks we have three teams – the under-11s, under-13s and under-15s. The U11s are enjoying their first taste of competitive cricket, led by Jez Crook and are finding the experience immensely enjoyable.

The U13s are managed by Matt Cranfield and Will Davis. Although they were knocked out of the cup by a strong Chelmsford team, they have bounced back with two good wins in the league, including strong performances from Matt’s son, Jake Cranfield, and Graham ‘Grumble’ McNeill’s son, George.

Ross Cant is looking after the U15s with my assistance, and two good wins have been followed up by two narrow defeats, one in an inter-club game with the Fifth Eleven. John Waring and Ross’s son, Samuel Cant, have both done well with bat and ball.

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

First eleven

6 May – rained off

13 May – OCs 168-2 (Ajai Ajith 80*, Faz Rehman 65*) **beat** Writtle 1s 167 all out (Faz Rehman 4-34)

20 May – OCs 248-8 (Somu Das 117, Faz Rehman 77) **beat** Sth Loughton 1s 153 all out (Tom Bird 3-14)

27 May – OCs 205-7 (Ajai Ajith 72, Rob Lee 56) lost to Terling 1s 206-7 (Adam Wallis 3-36)

3 June – OCs 167 all out lost to Galleywood 1s 168-4

10 June – OCs 238-6 (Ajai Ajith 50) **beat** Springfield 2s 205 all out (Tom Bird 4-24)

17 June – OCs 261-5 (Faz Rehman 63, Tom Bird 49*) **beat** Ilford Catholics 1s 189-8

24 June – OCs 269-5 (Ajai Ajith 116, Dom Norman 65*) **beat** Ingatestone 1s 199 all out (Toby Wallis 4-39)

1 July – OCs 141-3 (Faz Rehman 71*) **beat** Rayleigh 1s 137 all out (Ajai Ajith 3-16, Faz Rehman 3-19)

Second eleven

6 May – rained off

13 May – OCs 118 all out lost to Purleigh 1s 217-5 (Chris Gregory 3-29)

20 May – OCs 81-5 **beat** Basildon & Pitsea 2s 79 all out (Toby Wallis 5-29, Billy Brunger 4-14)

27 May – OCs 93 all out lost to Beaulieu Park 1s 135 all out (Harry Arnold 3-12, Noel Sebastian 3-37, Chris Gregory 3-32)

3 June – OCs 178-7 (Benny John 70) **beat** Gt Wakering 1s 176 all out (Harry Arnold 3-24, Matt Robson 3-39)

10 June – OCs 202-6 (Harry Arnold 55) **beat** Chelmsford Spartans 1s 201 all out (Harry Arnold 3-17)

17 June – OCs 272-3 (Prabhjeet Bagga 115*, Dom Norman 64) **beat** Boreham 1s 270-5 (Shyju Varghese 3-65)

24 June – OCs 168 all out **beat** Rayleigh Fairview 1s 144 all out (Shyju Varghese 4-27)

1 July – OCs 227-9 (Harry Arnold 81, Jamas Hodivala 78) **beat** Bentley 2s 168 all out

Third eleven

6 May – rained off

13 May – OCs 59 all out lost to Rankins 2s 89 all out (Kiran Fraser-Neve 4-16, Mark Shelley 3-12)

20 May – OCs 201-7 (Jon Ball 47) **beat** Basildon and Pitsea 3s 200-7

27 May – OCs 83 all out lost to South Loughton 170-8 (Jon Ball 3-15)

3 June – OCs 85 all out lost to Beaulieu Park 2s 195 all out (Tom Bowerman 5-21)

10 June – OCs 157-8 lost to Navestock 2s 158-1

17 June – no game

24 June – OCs 207-4 (Jon Ball 69*, James Brown 52) **beat** St Andrews 1s 206-5

1 July – OCs 160-3 **beat** Danbury 1s 157 all out (Hassan Rehman 3-31)

Fourth eleven

6 May – rained off

13 May – walkover

20 May – OCs 92-2 (Olly Speakman 49) **beat** Rayleigh 6s 89 all out (Charlie Speakman 3-17)

27 May – OCs 215-9 (Matt Cranfield 106) **beat** Sth Loughton 3s 125 all out

3 June – OCs 252-8 (Prabhjeet Bagga 120*) **beat** Basildon and Pitsea 5s 48 all out (Joseph Gardiner 3-5)
10 June – OCs 254-7 (Prabhjeet Bagga 90, David Scarfe 72) **beat** East Hanningfield 3s 217-7 (Sam Tant 4-19)
17 June – OCs 211-7 (Matt Cranfield 76) **beat** Tillingham 3s 182-8 (Baz Bowerman 4-11)
24 June – OCs 167 all out **beat** Hornchurch 5s 143 all out (Joseph Gardiner 3-5)
1 July – OCs 245-8 (Olly Speakman 54, David Scarfe 51) **beat** Rayleigh 6s 182-7

Fifth eleven

29 April – OCs 86-7 lost to Tillingham 88-4 (John Scarfe 3-7)
13 May – OCs 145-6 (John Hodges 44*) lost to Rayleigh 6s 146-6
19 May – OCs 100 all out lost to Shotley Peninsular 147-2
20 May – OCs 121-5 (Ollie Rowe 45) lost to Cavendish CC 189-7
21 May – OCs 160-6 (Duncan Robertson 52*) **beat** Chappel & Wakes Colne 156-8
27 May – OCs 172-6 (Sam Robertson 51*) lost to Wickford 5s 173-8 (John Scarfe 3-23, Ian Scarse 3-32)
3 June – OCs 181-3 (John Waring 88*) **beat** West Mersea 3s 177-8 (Paul Firth 3-26)
10 June – OCs 142-4 (Jez Crook 51*) **beat** Maldon 5s 141-9 (Thomas Firth 6-13)
11 June – OCs 155-8 **beat** London Saints 151-9 (Joseph Gardiner 3-19)
17 June – OCs 174-8 (Jez Crook 91) lost to Herongate 313-5
20 June – OCs 121-4 (David Scarfe 50*) **beat** OCs U15s 110-5 (Charlie Speakman 3-10)
24 June – OCs 131=5 (Scott Shelley 45*) lost to Benfleet 5s 133-4
1 July – OCs 164-8 **beat** Rayleigh 7s 124-9 (Ian Scarse 4-30, John Waring 3-34)

Women

26 May – OCs 72-2 (Zaynah Rehman 26*) **beat** Kelvedon 70-7
9 June – OCs 101-3 (Zaynah Rehman 27*, Abbie Camp 25*) **beat** Gt Waltham 98-9
16 June – OCs (Zaynah Rehman 25*, Georgia Hayes 25*) **beat** Billericay 94 all out (Naomi McCarthy 3-3, Serena Mahendra 3-8)
30 June – OCs 52-0 (Abbie Camp 23*) **beat** Chelmsford 51-4

U13s

21 May – OCs 128-1 (Joseph Le Roux 33*, Aarshya Patel 30*) lost to Chelmsfod 132-5

26 May – OCs 130-4 (Oscar Owers 30*, Edan Mullett 30*) lost to Springfield 162-4

15 June – OCs 128-5 (George McNeill 31*) **beat** Gt Waltham 88-5

22 June – OCs 86-2 (Jake Cranfield 27*) **beat** Gt Baddow 85-9

U15s

9 June – OCs 15-5 (John Waring 30*, Jack Brown 30*) **beat** Gt Baddow 104 all out (William Brown 3-10)

16 June – OCs 139-3 (John Waring 33*, Samuel Cant 30*) **beat** Writtle 138-7 (Toby Scarfe 3-19) by one run

20 June – OCs 110-5 (Samuel Cant 34) lost to OCs 5s 121-5

23 June – OCs 113-4 (John Waring 30*, Samuel Cant 30*) lost to Springfield 127-8 (Samuel Cant 4-9)

TENNIS

*The section chairman, **Jane Gray**, writes;-*

Summer league tennis for nine teams and seven club tournaments mean that the courts have been very busy during this fine weather. Final league tables for the Winter league saw all our teams maintain their League position with Mens 2 missing promotion by just 1 point!

Junior coaching courses after school in term time continue to be very well attended and holiday courses in July/August are also available - full information available on the Coaching page of the website.

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

TABLE TENNIS

Central Essex Summer League 2023

The Central Essex Summer League for 2023 got underway on 19 June 2023 and runs until the first week of August 2023.

The OCAs have four teams entered in this year's competition – one in Division 2, two in Division 3, and one in Division 4. In all, seven divisions are operating this season.

The A Team in Division 2 have made a slow start, losing both of their opening two games and currently sitting in joint bottom place.

In Division 3, the B Team comprising the father and son combination of Mick and Luke Richardson have won all of their opening three fixtures and are currently top on 11 points (out of a possible 15), 3 points clear of the team in second place.

In the same division, our C Team have won one and lost one of their games to date and sit in 5th place in a 7-team division.

The D Team in Division 4 (Farooq Ahmed, Dave Newman, and Russell Hall) have made a good start by winning both of their opening matches and currently sit in third place with a game in hand over the team immediately above them.

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

WEBSITE

As mentioned in our last issue please note that our new website address is **www.old-chelmsfordians.co.uk**. Whilst all the archived material is awaiting transfer to this, the old site is also still running on **www.oldchelmsfordians.com**

The date for the 2024 Annual Dinner has been arranged as Saturday March 23rd

The next newsletter should be published during October so plenty of time for you to comment on this one or to write your pieces for inclusion in this.

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.

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