



William Price
300th Anniversary Commemoration
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Newsletter 1

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My name is Phillip Reynolds and I am the Chairman of the Society of Old Priceans. As you will see from articles in this newsletter, we aim to celebrate in 2021 the 300 years since William Price left his legacy to the people of Fareham in 1721.



It's a frightening thought that I was in Year 2 at the Grammar School in 1971 when the 250th anniversary was celebrated. That was obviously centred around the school in Park Lane which unfortunately is no longer there. The events in 2021 will be based around the education legacy, including the Grammar School, the William Price Charitable Trust (of which I am a Trustee) and the links with Fareham College.

We wish to make the events memorable and worthy of our benefactor. But we need your help. All the work needed can't be done by the Committee members alone.

There are lots of ways you can help, be it large or small. Please do give it serious thought and get in touch with myself, Michael Peagram or David Goldring. We will be delighted to discuss things in more detail.

Phillip Reynolds (Chairman, The Society of Old Priceans)

This Commemoration includes 4 parts:

- i) **Service of Commemoration** in the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul.
- ii) A **Celebratory Lunch** to be held in Fareham Tertiary College
- iii) Compilation of a **Gazetteer** of past Priceans - a sort of "Who was there and what did they do then and achieved since?"
- iv) An extension to the publication in 1971 of "**The History of Price's School**" by FEC Gregory

A very early start on **iii) the Gazetteer** is underway already, but there is much more to be done, many more people to be included. This will provide a substantial information base for a writing of the School History extension, and this work is essential before anything else can follow. At present, we are in an information gathering phase.

How can you help?

- a) Volunteer for a particular project, for which detail will be in the on-line versions of the Lion magazine. E.g. to review the successes of the School Soccer teams, or to gather information about School Musical / Drama productions
- b) Offer typing services to transcribe PDF articles into Word documents so they might be edited for selected content
- c) Search Lion magazines for evidence of visiting speakers or of educational trips out of School
- d) There are lots of other ways that might relate to a particular interest of yours.

Short term needs!

Do you know of any of these family names? In each case, there appears to have been 2 or more boys who might have been brothers or cousins, or a father and son, or simply in different families sharing a surname? If so, please make contact with them and ask to contact me or, if the named persons are now deceased, but you are aware of their times in School and able to write an account of their times, please do so.

Abbott	W & D pre-1940	Byng	A., E.H., A.B., 1940s
Adams	P, L., J. & D. aka 1, 2, 3 & 4!	Buckley	R.F. & B.G. – 1960s;
Askew	(Cams) 1965/6,	Brammer-	were there 2 of them? One in 1958, another in 1963?
Ayres	WW2 casualty & 1963,	Brown	there were 5 of them – 1949/50 CSM in CCF, C.M. who entered Dartmouth Naval College 1963, M.L. who became a teacher, F.M. who was in WW2;
Bailey	Nigel F & Tony 1960s		
Baker	1912, R.R. 1948 & D left 1961,		
Barnes	V.J. 1924-31 & 1965,	Bussey	1924 & 1958
Bennett	K., A.C. 1947, N.R. 1961, F.W. 1962	Butler	C., G.P. & M.D.;

More in the next Newsletter, but please don't wait until then if you had relatives of the same name at the School

Were you one of the brave souls in the Land's end Hitch-hiking races? There is some copy, but mainly of the 1st race. How many were there? Who were all the contestants? What of mishaps? Anyone get lost? Organisation? Staff oversight?

Have there been any Pupils who have gone on to Professional sport or representation at a senior level? Have you entered a Faith Ministry* or become a major player in Charities or Community work? * There are at least 3 known in such a vocation.

Those with military service, Gallantry awards, National Honours, or with other distinctions?

Contact details for Mr Peter Martin, former Head of Fareham Tertiary College. His Report will be very valuable as a basis for the History extension, but his consent is needed..

A particular concern ...

Many Priceans left School early. Others maybe left at "O" level time, or at the "A" level stage and avoided further education. Some may have become successful innovators, entrepreneurs, leaders of industry, writers, drama luvvies or musicians. Some might have not liked School yet have been late developers and achieved much since.

Who are you? Where are you? What has been your story – just as interesting as those mentioned and lauded in School Lion Magazines. Send us your story, with School content, dates and a then-and-now photo?

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Next Newsletter(2), in February will deal with:
School buildings
William Price Charitable Trust
Gazetteer update