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Chapter 1



Cultural Life

Routine life in the School was ever dominated by concerns over Sport, and by high academic achievement and by CCF issues to the extent that the Creative Arts could almost be assumed not to have existed! But, dig amongst the Lions and slowly a new truth emerges, albeit a generally unlauded one. The School had a Choir, and there were Plays and Concerts, but all a bit low key of the standing of the current year's 1st XI for this or representatives for that.

This Chapter owes it's existence to writers who are not Committee members, yet are a part of a largely unheralded genre of creative arts-orientated folk of intellect whose passion has gone totally unrecognised or praised in the School's Lion magazine.

Let that be corrected now with this, the opening Chapter of the Lion Pride publication!

Similarly interested boys and Staff in the past also made worthy and acknowledged contributions to School life through Plays, and Concerts. In their times however, little could compete with Cricket!

This Report does not deal with the Cultural scene in the Price's Sixth Form College, which is recounted in the Chapter: "Price's Sixth Form College Years".

| Principal Contents | |
|--|----------------------------|
| The Creative Arts at Price's | Kevan Bundell |
| Prices 'Folk' concerts – 1969-75 | Kevan Bundell |
| The Black Lion 1968 – 1970 | Robin Ward |
| The Black Lion 1968 – 1970 | Robin Ward & Kevan Bundell |
| A response to comments and queries re cultural life at Price's | Mike Bayliss |
| School in the 1950s & '60s. | |

There is a separate Report including details and comment on productions of the Price's College era in the Price's Sixth Form College Years Chapter

Lion Pride Introduction



In the aftermath of the successful Exhibition held at Westbury Manor, in 2008, organised by the late David Williams, it was he who suggested the Society of Old Priceans Committee might look ahead to the presentation of a further major event in 2021 to celebrate then, the Tercentenary of the Will-writing by William Price that led to the establishment of a Price's School in 1725, after his death.

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Boarding at Price's School and life up to 1949



Written at this length in time, and with little access to any archive material, it is not easy to create a valid picture of the life of the boarders, and the day boys they mingled with. None the less there are some pieces actually written by some of the boys during those first dozen years and thereafter, leading up to the end of the 1940s, and that is the focus of this Chapter.

One feature piece relates to a Charity scholarship boy, whose daughter, known to me, has been able to show artefacts from her father and to give an account of how that boy's life embraced, yet was cautious of the regime at the School, and in his life thereafter

The pieces below are transcripts of genuine articles was that appeared in the Lion magazines, brought together here, verbatim.

Only occasionally has it been appropriate to insert Editorial comment by way of clarification or to offer background text from established historical publications, thus to give a better image of the National scene.

There is further content relating to the working of the School in the War Years in the Lion Pride Chapter "Old Priceans".

| Principal Contents | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|--|
| The Life of a Boarder | 1919 - 1927 | Maurice William Gardner | |
| Charity Scholar William Percy Fielder | 1909 – 1913 | Ann Shaw, David Goldring, | |
| The First Hundred pupils | 1808 – 1920 | | |
| Fragmentary memories | 1919 - 1929 | Geoff Winsor | |
| Photo of Mr. J. Shaddock's class | 1924 | | |
| Some recollections of the early days | 1916 | H.E.Dean Cooper | |
| Photo of Mr Bradly with boarders | 1924 | | |

| Looking Back over 44 years | 1921 - 1927 | T.S. King |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| My First Days at School | | A.E.P. |
| Halt! Who Goes There? | | Sidney (Paddy) Sutton Smith |
| Price's School in 1930 | 1930 | Herbert R Thacker |
| The Staff Room in War | 1939-1945 | Herbert R Thacker |
| Memories of a Boarder | 1941-1949 | Barry Callon |
| How We lived Then | | Ian Winfield |
| The boarding life and "Prep" | 1941 - 1951 | Patrick Nobes |
| A Sunday outing, photo. | | |
| The War Years | | |

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Chapter 4



The Buildings

In common with most Schools throughout time, the building provision at the Park Lane site was never adequate and there has always been a reliance on temporary structures which had a habitat of growing roots and staying for a long time. Phases of building did happen, with major new developments that were accompanied by other, changes of use for some areas. And there were a number of minor but significant additions to facilities. In latter years, room facilities were used at the defunct Harrison Rd. Primary School site.

Characterising the whole site however, was a distinct lack of architectural merit. The original buildings had little relationship to the School House, and later additions, whilst likely to have been functionally satisfactory, were of a distinctively abysmal standard, and none worse than the one that ought to have had merit - The S.R.N. Bradly Memorial Pavilion.

In the context of the closure of the Price's School and then of the Price's College but 10 years later, the money spent on the construction of new buildings can only be regarded as wasteful.

| Changing times | |
|--|----------------|
| A New School in Park Lane: Outside and In. Hall, Library, Woodwork Shop, | |
| A long and Winding Road | |
| The SRN Bradly Memorial Pavilion | |
| The Pool | This Chapter |
| New for Old | compiled by |
| The Workers | David Goldring |
| Price's Sixth Form Buildings | |
| Demolition | |
| Timeline of Building & Related Developments | |
| The Paul Woodley Collection | |
| Epilogue | |
| Acknowledgements | |

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The 50s, 60s and 70s. School to College



An era of great expansion for the School, and of its ultimate demise. Reference to the Roger Starkey Report on the 3 major games played will give a good account of the value of these activities in the life of the School, and Mark Knight's coverage of the minor sports* shows the increasing variety of sports on offer, along with a separate review of all extra-curricular activities*. In ways not possible to do at the time, the long-term record reveals what a golden era this was for Price's, on the field of play, in the examination rooms*, via the C.C.F.* and with the growth of cultural experiences, all wrapped-up in a detailed consideration of the physical growth of the School buildings*



Reported-in in their own Chapters

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Minor Sports



This Chapter has been brought-together by Mark Knight, with a care and attention to detail that will substantially contribute to the archival value of this Chapter and the whole "Lion Pride" publication. Mark has imparted much personal research and, being closer in age to some of the latter years, has been able to add with emphasis, an awareness of the real achievements of many of the Price's players.

Sport, along with the successes of different extra-curricular enterprises, enhanced greatly the overall quality of life in the School and College.

The so-called "Minor Sports" were named thus on the basis that, compared with Soccer, Hockey and Cricket, which were part of the School's earliest activities, these were of shorter duration, rather than of lesser significance.

Some of these sports developed from pupil-demanded opportunities growing into fully-fledged School / College teams, properly-kitted and with published fixture lists. No greater credit can be given to the originators of these activities, for sharing with others, the benefits of their interests.

One or two sports were rather short-lived but even then, there was ambition to seek proper facilities and development. Within the body of the Staff there were some very capable performers in their own right and many Staff offered their time and coaching skills willingly in the pursuit of opportunities for the boys.

In later years, when legislative expectations of adults leading groups of younger children became more rigorous, such willingness tended to fade away but even when there was support for teams, it became more difficult to build a fixture list with fewer participating Schools.

Teachers' tenure of appointments tended to be lessening, and younger Staff will have been confronting conflicting obligations that might have reduced willingness to offer time and effort freely, against an

environment of rising risks. Eventually, Teachers' industrial action had a major effect on the "School team" concepts and the Saturday morning and after School, midweek fixtures.

The present day (2020s) reveals a transfer of provision for younger sports players largely shifting from Schools to civilian Clubs - themselves responsible for satisfying legislative demands with institutional organisations for health and safety, and safe-guarding obligations, etc.

This review of the Price's School, and College situations (in the separate Price's Sixth Form College Years Chapter) shows how fortunate were the boys, and later, girls, working in an environment much enriched with a diversity of opportunity, and many, gifted coaching Staff and performing pupils.

Coverage of the "Major Sports" is to be found in a parallel Chapter by Roger Starkey. Likewise, Athletics and Steeplechase (Cross-Country) appears in another Chapter by David Goldring.

| Principal Contents | |
|--------------------|----|
| Badminton | MK |
| Basketball | MK |
| Boxing | DG |
| Chess | DG |
| Judo | MK |
| Rugby | MK |
| Sailing | DG |
| Shooting | DG |
| Swimming | DG |
| Table Tennis | MK |
| Tennis | MK |
| Trampolining | MK |
| Looking Back | DG |

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Charity Schools, and The Family Price



An Over view

Up until December 2019, the background to the William Price bequest had been shrouded in uncertainty. Attempts to trace the Family History had yielded little of an assured lineage, although there was no critical paucity of other detail in archived documents.

Renewing acquaintance at the 2019 Christmas Lunch, Paul Gover and I realised a mutual interest in Family History and, during conversations the matter of the William Price family was raised amid the other more general comments about the WP300 Project.

Paul undertook to deal with that part of the intention to write a sequel to the 1971 publication by the WPCT of the "History of Price's School", authored by Frank E.C. Gregory.

In the aftermath of the death of David Williams, I had taken over a task David had set himself to write "something", although that had never been detailed. A target date for publication was to have been the date of the 300th Anniversary celebrations in 2021. What was in my early thinking has been referred to since as an "Extension", though my view was for an end-product that would be somewhat different in scope and style. That has been outlined to Committee colleagues over the past 18 months, and it has been subject to evolutionary changes as new data emerged and considerations arose.

In essence my vision was for a multi-authored record of the School's life since the 1971 publication of the Gregory tome. The search for archive material quickly showed the real need to anchor any such work in the earlier days of the 1908 School, after it re-opened at the Park Lane site. The

rediscovery of the pre-1922 set of Lion magazines, and their transposition from PDF to Word was a major find, opening-up a wider base for this "Extension"

And thus, work has proceeded.

A number of folk have taken-on oversight and creativity for topics close to their interests, and that has been a welcomed contribution. There is not much of that work still to come and this is why it is possible now to begin the see and plan for the "end-game".

One especially important aspect of this "Extension" has been deciding what to do about the pre-1908 years. This era was fairly well treated by Frank Gregory's "History" in 1971, but it was essentially about the battle for existence and competing expectations / demands on the WP bequest. The arguments between local clergy, Charity Commissioners and Charity Trustees were the basis of the 1971 book and so do not warrant a repeat in the "Extension", though significant dates have been included in the "Time Line".

Paul Gover's work focussed on 2 or 3 aspects of William Price - to find what there was available to try to come to a perspective on him and his life, given other, local socio-economic conditions of the time. He undertook a substantial research into the Family History, making much more headway than had been achieved in the past, breaking valued new territory. He did encounter many of the obstacles that earlier searches had found but, through perseverance, has managed to arrive at something akin to a "best fit" outcome, giving shape to the family.

Towards the end of 2020, contacts with a fellow Year-inmate, Mike Duffy, proved to be very valuable. Mike had been a Professor of History at Exeter University and thus was well-placed to make further inroads to this challenge. In particular, he was asked to write an Introduction to the Story that surrounded W.P., to give his outlook a perspective into the sociology of the time, as a part of any National trends. And that Mike has done, in a collaboration with Paul that opened new possibilities.

Thus, two brilliant minds applied to the central element of the William Price Story. Paul has yet to conclude his further intent to analyse and report on the economics of the W.P. business that

generated the funds on which the bequest was based. All of that, so far, has been accounted for in the separate "William Price Story" chapter.

| Principal Contents | | |
|--|--|--|
| The Charity School movement, and Price's School | Mike Duffy (1955-1962) Emeritus Professor of History, University of Exeter | |
| The Life and Times of William Price, Father and Son | Paul Gover | |
| A Short History of Price's School | Elizabeth Beatrice Hynes (Mrs S.R.N.Bradly) July 1922 | |

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Chapter 8





A Report on its Life and Times

This Report is built on the personal recollections and interests of David Goldring (School House, 1955 - 1962) with valued contributions from many others, in particular friend John Tanner, who have written into the website with tales to recount, or in conjunction with the Exhibition at Westbury Museum held in June, 2008, or in direct response to the contacts. Of a decade ago when the Report was first drafted.

Some of the content appeared at that Exhibition.

In some ways this can be viewed as an interim account of the Fareham fighting force that was Price's Cadet Corps / Price's CCF, and further contributions of stories, photographs, successful military careers of former pupils will be welcomed.

The story of the Army section is the best documented though sadly, not in any systematic way that is fully informative. By contrast, the RAF section reports are much more detailed and offer insight to the remarkable experiences of flight training, Pilot's Licences and long-distance flights. In its time, since inauguration in 1953, hundreds of Cadets would have been given flight experiences, large numbers were able to attend Glider training, leading to certification. The Flying Scholarship schemes, worth thousands of pounds in modern terms, were taken up by 40 or more cadets in this section of the CCF and at least a dozen were awarded Star Camp opportunities to test their mettle as potential Officer material.

Inaugurated in 1962, the Naval section had mostly similar access to courses, and it was the sea experiences that were the highlight of their programme.

This Report has been adapted from the 2010 Publication

| Principal Contents | |
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| Forward | |
| (a) Introduction | |
| Landmark events | |
| (b) Personnel | Prepared from items in |
| (c) Band | the Lion magazines |
| (d) Training | Ву |
| (e) Uniform | David Goldring |
| A Time Line for the CCF | |
| Alternative views | |



The Price's Sixth Form College Years



Barely had the energy imparted to preparations for the closing of the Grammar School phase of the William Price educational legacy and its reincarnation as a mixed, Sixth Form College been completed and reached a state of regularity and routine that itself, was quite productive, than new clouds appeared on the horizon, with a more threatening future change in store.

Changes in management style ensuing the retirement of the final School Headmaster and founding College Principal undoubtedly had an impact, as all leadership novelty does, but there were important socio-political moves underway in society bearing down on the College in ways that were less evident from the outside. There was no resisting the final phase of political manoeuvrings however, that closed the College but 10 years after it's opening, with a completely new orientation as Fareham College, thus ending the Price educational legacy.

Nonetheless this is as broad a perspective as can be had from the scarcity of documentation available and relative lack of past pupil and teacher contacts. The Gazetteer, Part 2 listings do include some accounts of remarkable successes emanating from the P6FC years.

This review of the Sixth Form College years has been informed by materials derived mostly from the College magazines, and with a few valued contributions from Students and Staff. Post-1980, matters internally changed a lot, now well rid of the Price's 11+ intake and also of much semblance of sustaining any heritage traditions. Bringing to an end this final phase of William Price's legacy has relied on a patchy gathering of Newspaper articles, copied intact within.

Thanks to all who have contributed.

| Principal | Contents | |
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| Price's Sixth Form College Years | Peter Watkins & Eric Poyner | |
| Invasion | Garry Connett | |
| Message from the Principal | Eric Poyner | |
| College Publications | R.M. Jenkins, C.Yandell, J.Child, | |
| Price's College 1974 - 1984 | Neale Fray | |
| Price's College 1974 – 1984 Report | Peter Watkins | |
| | David Hall | |
| | Tony Hiles | |
| Academic Performance | Dr. Charles Evans | |
| Sports Reporting | | |
| Price's College Sports teams | David Goldring | |
| Price's College Sports Representative Honours | | |
| Changing provision | S.Fitzsimons | |
| Reminiscences by former Staff and Pupils | Charles Tuck, Terry Morton, David Hall | |
| Extra-curricular review: Public Speaking and Cruises | David Goldring | |
| More reminiscences by former Staff and Pupils | Tony Johnson, John Tomlinson, Ian Wilkie, David Hall, | |
| The End of an Era | Kay Shepheard | |
| Dictator, or Just a Nice Chappy? | unsigned | |
| Transition Years | Mark Knight, Phillip Reynolds, Eric Poyner, Phil Parsons | |
| Price's College: Reviewed at a Distance in Time. | David Goldring | |
| The Ultimate Demise of the CCF | David Goldring | |
| | Price's last prize-giving | |
| | The Last boy in uniform | |
| | Tony Blackburn's Truants | |
| | The American's Over Here! | |
| | One out, another in. | |
| | Never mind Covid! This is serious! | |
| Newspaper cuttings, and some comment: | New leader at the helm | |
| | Jobless boom at College | |
| | Parents bid to save School | |
| | Revolting Animals | |
| | Answering back: animals | |
| | Teachers' Pay | |
| | Schools shake-up | |
| | Demolition | |
| | "All kinds of everything" | |

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The Major Sports; Soccer, Hockey & Cricket 1st XIs



This report is a major contribution to the record of Price's School, worked on and designed over the months exclusively by author Roger Starkey. It deals only with the 1^{tt} XI Team performances. A lack of space and time precludes extending coverage to the lower order and age group teams.

Analysis of Team performance is by Decades. This facilitates a view of progress and comparative achievement which, inevitably will have a cyclic nature about it.

The stronger players are identified and, in conjunction with other such Reports, on Minor Sports, Athletics and overall contribution to School life will identify the School's real "stars" were, acknowledging that will always be a matter of subjective opinion, no matter what data exists.

NB This Chapter will be published in a different size format.

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Time Line of the Price's Charity, Price's School and Price's College



A summary of significant events in the evolving story of this Charity, its Founder and the Educational institutions associated with it.

Significant dates in the workings of the 1721 Price's Charity School are about the only references to the contents reviewed in Frank Gregory's 1971 History of Price's School.

There is however much discussion and many lines of enquiry reported in the Chapter on William Price's family and the growth of wealth that enables the establishment or the Charitable Trust which still bears his name fortune. This work covered by Paul Gover and professor Mike Duffy.

A further "virtual" role for the late William Price finds expression in the Chapter by Dr. Charles Evans on WP's spiritual oversight of the "progress" of his School, and it's descendent organisations.

The Time Line identifies events of National importance relating to education, in **black font**.

In blue font are events of a Price's School or Governors, or Fareham education interest.

Red font identifies events relating to buildings and facilities.

| Principal Cor | ntents |
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| Price's Charity administration | Assisted by Paul Gover |
| Events during the life of the 1908 School | David Goldring |
| Numbers on Roll | |

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9th Fareham (Price's School) Scout Troop



In the midst of Wartime, inspired guidance and great personal qualities brought the most unlikely of groups into existence, introducing boys to a wide range of experiences and values, loyalty and service that were the hallmark of an excellent leader. An 11 year spell of opportunities which, aside from the activity Reports written, brought forth no lasting legacy to the School. A matter of regret. Let this Chapter make good some of that deficiency.

Requests to the Hampshire Scout H.Q. and to the National H.Q. have brought forth no documentary evidence of this group, the story of which is reproduced here as appeared in the Lion magazines, and with a few photos that have arrived since.

| Prir | ncipal Contents | |
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| | 1941 Dec | |
| | 1942 July | |
| | 1942 Dec | |
| | 1943, July | |
| | 1943, Dec | |
| Lion Magazine entries | 1944, July | |
| | 1945, Mar | |
| | 1945, July | |
| | 1945, Dec | |
| | 1946, July | |
| | 1946, Dec | |
| Beaudesert International Scout Camp | 1946, Dec | All Reports written by The Revd. E. Melville |
| | 1947, Mar | |
| | 1947, July | (Ted) Royds Jones |
| | 1947, Dec | |
| | 1948, Mar | |
| | 1948, July | |
| | 1948, Dec | |
| Lion Magazine entries | 1949, May | |
| | 1949, Aug | |
| | 1950, Jan | |
| | 1950, Aug | |
| | 1951, Aug | |
| | 1952, Jan | |
| | 1952, May | |
| Camp + photo | 1941/42 | Eric Butcher |
| Scout Camp Locations | | David Goldring |
| Edition of "The Ninth" | 1944, Oct | c/o Victor Hughes |
| Review | | David Goldring |
| Photos | | c/o Peter Phelan |
| Link to "Adventure in North Wales" | | |
| Queen Scout | | John Rousell |
| Developmental stages of the Troop | | David Goldring |
| An Overview | | David Goldring |

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The Extra-Curricular Life of the School and College.
The Parent Teacher
Association



This is quite a revealing list and covers a wide range of different activities. What is evident is the extent to which the Extra-Curricular life has been organised by the boys of the School and where there has been Staff involvement, much of that has been notional, in a kind of "opening-doors" fashion.

Not included in this review because they have their own Chapters are the **Team Sports** where Staff involvement is clearly evident and which are Reported in their own Chapter. The **Creative Arts** scene, also reported elsewhere, included Staff as participants but outside of Choir and Orchestra, was again, a pupil-centred enterprise. Dates of significant Productions are listed

Almost totally without adult intervention were the exercises in the "Spirit of Adventure" Chapter, a contrast to the 11 years life of the Price's Scout Troop, thriving on the initiative and devotion of its leader, Revd. E. Melvill (Ted) Royds-Jones, also with it's own Chapter.

Some activities are written-up in the Chapter "Minor Sports": Chess, Table Tennis, Tennis, Badminton, Basketball, Rugby, Swimming, Sailing etc,

| Princi | pal Content | s | |
|--|-------------|------------------|--|
| Clubs & Societies: a Narrative | 2 - 3 | | |
| Clubs & Societies: a List | 3 - 9 | | |
| Educational, CCF Field, Exchange and other | 9 - 15 | | |
| Trips: a Narrative | | Brought together | |
| Educational, CCF Field, Exchange and other | 15 - 26 | by | |
| Trips: a List | | David Goldring | |
| Visiting Speakers & List | 27 - 29 | | |
| Parent - Teachers Association | 30 - 32 | | |

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Chapter 14



The Library

For many a young secondary pupil, helping in the Library is a way of staying away from those who would rush around the School in some kind of game, or being somewhere warm and dry in inclement weather. Doubtless this applied in some cases. Yet it is clear there was much more in the "career" of a pupil who stayed the course, providing a service in the process, and gaining useful skills as set-out at the end of this chapter. Actions of this kind stand in every way a parallel as any sport or cultural pursuit to the school as a whole, with outcomes improving usefulness across all genres of books and all ages, as well in terms of personal development.

Libraries are a nerve centre for a modern School, acting as a hub for so much that goes on and having technologies that would make the early-day pupils amazed, yet impressed. The location has changes several times. The furniture has increased and improved. The Library also stated to take-on a display role for paintings and Cups and gradually it began its journey through seasons of increasingly relevant technology towards the future. Cut-off in its prime (for the time), the Library showed the great benefit of the pursuit of ambitious goals to put it in the position that present day (2020s) School / College libraries fulfil, that of being a hub for all kinds of communication technology. In that process, they meet the same obstacle as in the beginning - that of limited funding.

This account tracks the evolution of the School Library and gives testament to the quality of service of the known Staff Librarians and to the sterling work and service offered to the School by so many of its Senior Librarian pupils and their own younger helpers.

Persuading Subject Departments to release their treasured stock of references is an on-going battle in every School!

In the interests of a full and accurate record and in readiness for any future amendments that might be appropriate, corrections to errors of detail, and submissions on the role of Librarians and their teams, or any further content related to Library function will be welcomed.

| Principal Contents | |
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| A Chronology of Lion magazine entries | |
| The Locations of the Library | |
| Other Work on Display. | |
| Price's own creative workers | |
| Price's College Library Hub | |



Roger Starkey wining the Mile event.

Athletics and Steeplechase



The athletic Sports Day was subject to much alteration over the years and thus it is with some caution that comparisons be made across different generations. The age groups, size and content of the competitive programmes, timing and length-measurement accuracy were all subject to degree to a homespun attitude. Location of the track and its size changed as building development encroached onto the field. In earlier times, there were hurdles relay races, and high & long jump team competitions in which different individual performances were summed to determine outcome! Nowhere in the School was there a place to display Cups or list records. Even time and space to practise was affected after School time was competed for with cricket practices, etc..

The Winchester Sports was an important annual fixture in the earlier days, a tradition involving a day out for the competitors, that didn't survive the WW2. Entries into area and County Championships seemed to show a bit of life in later years, and there were some County representatives.

But athletics was always the Cinderalla sport, which, like the Steeplechase -faded away as housing developments of parts of the cross-country course, growing disinterest as the School enlarged and, with the evolution into a Sixth Form College with accompanying closure of the House system, it was inevitable really when first the Steeplechase, and then the Athletic Sports Day disappeared from the calendar.

In a sense, the Sports day, as with the Steeplechase, was a Minor Sport, for there was little spin-off in term of competitive teams and Championships entered. But these events were of the early school days, and with frequent repetition, they yielded a lot of data, and regular annual Lion magazine content to form the basis of an interesting story!

| Principal Contents | |
|--|--|
| Athletic Sports Days – events and people | |
| Measuring performance | |
| Facilities | |
| Competitive Programme | *Tables of V.L. Performers (landscape) |
| Notable Winners of the Victor Ludorum accolade | to be inserted here |
| | * Stored in a separate folder |
| The Steeplechase | |
| Year by Year Results | |
| Commentary | |
| Poem | |
| Principal Performers | |
| Summary | |

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Chapter 16



Spirit of Adventure

In present day conditions and prevailing attitudes to risk and accountability, almost none of the contents of this Spirit of Adventure Chapter would have been permitted, and it is doubtful if any adult staff or leaders would have consented to be responsible.

This speaks of an era when, admittedly, risks of interpersonal danger were not considered a problem, and when there were fewer constraints on initiative, and even less on being able to recover people from serious distress. Relevant communications were just not what they are today, 2022.

Listed here are some accounts with uncertain dates, not all are signed and it is likely that some individuals active in the various events have gone without mention.

Learning of these stories some 60 - 70 years after their occurrence can only make the reader feel a sense of incredulity that such adventures happened and wonder at the bravery, courage and initiative of those involved.

Is there anything else that might have been included?

| | | Principal contents | |
|------|---|--|------------------------|
| | Price's Spirit of Adventure | | David Goldring |
| 1938 | Schoolboy Explorers | Newfoundland | EJY (6 th) |
| 1940 | Schoolboy Explorers | Newfoundland | Anon |
| 1947 | Initiative Test by CSM Pook & Sgt P.Wigg* | Fareham, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Fareham | Peter Wigg |
| 1948 | Initiative and Endurance Test by CQMS P.Wigg & Sgt Hall* | Fareham, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Tottenham, Exeter, Fareham | Peter Wigg |
| 1950 | Post War Edinburgh Tattoo | Fareham, Guildford, St. Albans, Manchester, Carlisle, Edinburgh, and back. | John Coombes |
| 1953 | An Adventure in North Wales | Snowdonia | Anon |
| 1960 | Fareham Boys to Land's End | | Newspaper article |

| 1961 | Westward Ho! | Land's End Hitch-hiking Race 1 | Barry Shurlock, Geoff |
|------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Further thoughts | | Dimmick |
| 1962 | Land's End Re-visited | Land's End Hitch-hiking Race 2 | Peter J. Vibert |
| | Cymru am Byth | | Peter J. Vibert |
| 1963 | Trip to Land's End | Land's End Hitch-hiking Race 3 | D.R.Black |
| 1964 | Hitch-hike to Land's End | Land's End Hitch-hiking Race 4 | |
| 1966 | Land's End race | Land's End Hitch-hiking Race 5 | |
| | Further thoughts | | Norman Pasley |
| 1967 | Y.A.H.C. "Oxfam" Walk | 17.5mile circuit | |
| | Germany, Austria & a School | | Brian Moxey |
| | Cap reaches new heights | | |
| 1968 | Unauthorised Land's End | Not written-up | Brian Moxey & Bryan |
| ? | challenge | | Gamlin |
| 1968 | Y.A.H.C. "Shelter" Walk | 25 mile circuit | A.N.Roberts |
| 1960 | Adventures in France | | N.A.Davies |
| | A Month on Exercise with the | | N.P.French |
| | Royal Green Jackets Regiment. | | |
| | Expedition to the Lake District | | David Howard-Jones |
| 1978 | Camp Granada | Pennsylvania, U.S.A. | Charles Alford |

^{*}No. 2 Coy., 14^{th} Battn., Royal Hampshire Regiment. This was Price's Cadet Corps designation within its "parent" Regiment.



Academic Performance



Right from the start, Pupils were entered for the "Oxford Local Examinations". The results of these did not attract the obsessive interest that examination results do in modern times. They were quite underplayed, and merited no comment in the Lion magazine for several years.

The in-School, annual examinations for all, brought about a major upheaval in School organization that all will recall. Teachers of the Price's era, and pupils will be amazed at the enterprise that has grown in Schools to deliver. Few teachers are directly involved in a process now, that makes full use of modern technology, and which takes a hold on the public media, pupils and parents alike at results publication times.

This section seeks to draw comparisons in relative achievement over the years through the work of Charles Evans and, temptingly, evokes the "spirit of William Price, to revisit the School for a perspective on its performance, given the initial brief he left in his Will.

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Lion Pride

The Lion Magazine and other publications



A School, and later a College magazine, has turned out to be the principal archive resource available to us in the compilation of the WP300 document "Lion Pride". The Lion Pride is the outcome of what aspired to be the ultimate archive resource related to the later life of the William Price legacy, bringing the 1971 History of Price's School by F.E.C. Gregory to a consclusion.

In parallel with its naissance and evolution, there has emerged two other publication projects. The Gazetteer, Part 1 is proposed to be a brief, but extensive and inclusive "Who's Who" of the many Priceans and Staff whose lives and activities enriched the School and College experience. Gazetteer, Part 2 will deal with those with a longer story that has diversity and interest and, like the Lion Pride, is proposed to be a published as an E-book, and also, on demand, a Printed book. Part 1 is mooted as an on-line, open access resource.

So, Lion Pride, dealing with events, activities and organisations - Clubs and Teams - and the Gazetteers - dealing with people, will be the ultimate publications to round off the life of the WP educational legacy, drawing-on and embellishing all that other publications have been a part-of.

The Lion underwent many shifts, development and changes and this Chapter acknowledges those and records also some of the struggles that beset all such Magazines, their toils and tribulations.

The first Editor made this claim: "To our way of thinking a School Magazine is absolutely necessary if the interest in the doings of the School is to be kept at "boiling point." It ought to be a great day for a School when it emerges from its shell and like a butterfly carries on its wings the news of its doings far and wide, thereby causing the prowess of its members to be recognized by other Schools." That, the magazine

has done with acclaim, alongside endeavouring to encourage and laud other trends in the life of Price's School.

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Price's Creators



Approximately 65 Priceans feature in this Chapter, which relates a great variety of creativity and Scholarship in their work, from humble technical / scientific publications, to graduate level texts. Musicians are not in short supply, and there are very successful novelists and other authors. The spectrum of topics is wide and I am sure that all fellow-school boys and their teachers would have felt at least pleased to learn of their achievements and in some cases, proud to have known them.

Some of these Creators will show close links as an extension of things they were good at in School and, in other cases, there will be some surprises. In a few cases, their products represent achievement at the highest level, and all who have been a part of the Price's story should understand how these folk and lots of others too, have contributed to the rich fabric of the School's life and its story.

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Table of Price's Alumni who have become Technical or Creative Writers, or very successful workers in their own right

Alphabetical, illustrated List of the Price's Creators.

Price's School Creative Alumni

Musicians or singers or actors of a semi-professional standard or above, painters, sculptors, glassworkers, potters, needleworkers, writers of novels, or text books, of travelogues, technical publications etc.

Look at the list below, which consists of those we are aware of who have been creative people in their lives. Make contact to let us know your achievements, especially if at a living-earning level.

Acknowledging your successes is as important to us as those who are sportsmen, etc.

Price's Own Creative Writers and Performers

| Alderson | A .D. | Turkish Culture |
|-----------|--------------|--|
| Armstrong | Nicholas | Classical Music conductor |
| Astley | Neil | Literature |
| Bailey | Anthony | Literature |
| Bayliss | Tom | Music |
| Bayliss | Mike | Music |
| Bundell | lvor | Music & Literature |
| Bundell | Kevan | Music |
| Carpenter | Peter | Engineering |
| Cawte | Chris | Musician |
| Chaffey | John B. | Geography |
| Chignell | Guy | Chemistry |
| Crossley | Steven | Actor, Narrator |
| Daysh | Mike | Music |
| Dennis | Roy | Conservation |
| Devlin | Keith | High Court Judge |
| Doggett | Peter | Music Journalist |
| Duffy | Mike | History |
| Edney | Spike | Music |
| Escolme | Jacqueline | Life Coach |
| Evans | Charles W. | Mathematics |
| Fuge | Richard | Artist |
| Gateshill | Paul | Music |
| Gaulter | Brian | Maths Textbooks author |
| Gifford | Derek | Radiology |
| Goddard | Robert | Literature |
| Goldring | David | Biology |
| Grace | Sally | Photographer |
| Grace | Nick | Entertainments promoter |
| Grace | Paul | Birmingham Royal Ballet Technical Director |
| Gregory | Francis E.C. | Economics, Author |
| Grimble | George K. | Childhood Nutrition |

| Harley | Trevor | Psychology |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Head | Anthony | Writer |
| Hoddinott | John Charles | Chief Constable, Hants. Constabulary. |
| Jacobs | Valerie | Music teacher at the College |
| Khan | Nick | Music |
| Malone | Peter | Art |
| Manley | Ray | Photographer |
| Manley | Nick | Music |
| Meadows | Phillipe & Constance | Poetry & Prose |
| Nash | Chris | Music |
| Naylor | Rod | Antique Wood Restorer |
| Neville | John Oliver | Drama |
| Nobes | Patrick | Literature & Poetry |
| Norbury | Sarah | Writer |
| Owen | Alison | Writer |
| Ozzard-Low | Patrick | Music Composer |
| Pechal | Katrina | Ceramic Artist |
| Pepper | Duncan PhD | Photography |
| Poyner | Eric | Literature |
| Raby | Ken | Author |
| Raby | Fiona | Product / Industrial Designer; |
| Reading | Steve | Music |
| Shurlock | Barry | Local Studies Author |
| Simpson | Michael | Literature |
| Smith | Alan | Science |
| Stapley | Ronald | History |
| Starr | Christopher | Astronomy |
| Tappenden | Bruce | Local History writer |
| Thomas | Derek | Music |
| Tomkins | Cyril | Corporate Financial Management |
| Vores | Andy | Music |
| Watkins | Peter | Literature |
| Watts | David George | Local History |
| Woolfrey | Celia | Writer |
| Woods | Terence | Military Insignia |
| Young (Smyth) | Joyce | Creative Business Management |

This is likely not to be complete in terms of those known to warrant inclusion here, aand so, apologies to any who have not been included. It is simply a matter of those we knew of.

Apologies for any omissions: if that is so, it is a consequence of names not arising in any of the printed resources available to us. Please advise us if you have details.

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Price's Old Boys



The idea for an annual or occasional gathering of Price's Old Boys started quite early on, really before any of the former pupils could be imagined as "old"! But nonetheless things got moving and there was formality about the organisation that stood the Association in good stead. O.P.s in the Bradly Headmaster era developed a strong bond with the School, manifest in the almost parental-like figures of Mr Bradley (aka "Pop"!), and his wife. Active service in the Armed Forces in WW1 tested that relationship and it is clear from correspondence that it was of major importance on both sides. The emergence of well-organised School teams saw to it that there was purpose and structure about life in the School, for boarders or not.

The Ashton headship years continued that relationship, as it was forced to embrace greater demands on management time and pupil-productivity. A growing School roll, of pupils and teachers, with building developments too, was testimony to the increasing demand for good education. But sociological changes were underfoot near to the end of George's time that were to see the School leadership and governance wrestling with political requirements on Schools.

Into the Poyner era and the "tick box" measure of performance was in its naissance. Increasing costs of education begat higher measures of indicating successes and saw attention wane from the Old Pupils concept and onto those in the School at the time. Legislation on care and safeguarding popped-up also, with well-being added in more modern times. Perhaps the biggest influence on the viability of Old Boys' organisations was the cessation of Past v Present matches, and especially in the contact sports arena. That was almost equivalent to culling the social structure of the relationship between alumni and their early-life nurturing environment. The termly gatherings around a School vs Old Boys' match ended, and there were no longer any after-match teas etc.

Had the School and its activity still existed today (2022), there would have been even further change as the consequence of the modern "smart phone" technology.

One thing is for sure, a new school with the same pupils and teachers set in the modern era, would have settled with a quite different profile and types of productivity. Old Boys returning to the School site will doubtless lament the obliteration of the physical edifice, but only with the benefit of this "Lion Pride" publication, might they realise what they had and what a loss it has all been.

There is further content relating to the working of the School in the War Years in the Lion Pride Chapter "Boarding and up to 1949".

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The Family Price: Imaginative research!



A search for a W.P. portrait has defeated the most recent and vigorous of endeavours. So, it has to be accepted that there isn't one. A pity. The image here is of a man of W.P.'s time and this will have to do, in spite of all else we might uncover for the man.

Of his times he was thoughtful and considerate, willing and able to use his accruing work proceeds in a cause that was popular then - creating a charitable benefit for poorer people.

The present day (2021) equivalent of, say £250 of W.P.'s money would be £57,271. More of his family and life, in the William Price Chapter.

The essence of Schooling from 1725, when the benefit of his Will was enacted, was that it changed little, over long periods of time, in contrast with current educational management, where there seems to be something new everytime the Secretary of State for Education wakes up

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Religion in the Life of the School



A strong element in the founding years of the Charity School, but one that came to be eroded under pressure to broaden the curriculum with more, obviously useful content. William Price's intent was always going to face challenges as other types of Schooling emerged, but it was the ultimate closure in 1901 of the Charity School and its later reopening in 1908 that resulted in the greatest changes as gradually, the School's performance was linked to published external examination results and, with a boarding element and the fielding of competitive games, its standing was subject to public comment and a need to attract fee-paying pupils to sustain itself. Oh Yes! The religion!? Formalities and oversight management continued to be within the established rites of the Church of England, but the prominence of religion in the routine life of the School was in a state of inexorable decline. It had it's days as an examination subject, and there was a creditable story for the mostly pupil-led Christian Union. There have been several Old Priceans whose vocation was found in Holy Orders ..

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In the Beginning

Priceans who have taken Holy Orders, and Teachers of R.E.

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A broader perspective: doing the right thing.



The Tercentenary Celebrations



Plans for this event started long before the actual day of action, that being delayed because of the Covid 19 Lockdown regulations impeded much progress. It was a good, in good weather and those who attended enjoyed the weekend package. The Solent Hotel was a good venue.

Participation level was; less than initially hoped-for, though that didn't impede the care imparted to the weekend's occasions. History will advise on precisely how widespread was the pandemic in its effects in society, but beyond the year's delay, it also impeded out two principal guests / speakers making their "return -to- home-territory" journeys f respectively from Argentina and the U.S.A. The speeches they would have delivered, nonetheless, are included in this Chapter.

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Chapter 24

Closing Thoughts 300 years







The History of the Price's School, and later its College, and the changing incarnations of the past pupils' organisations has shown that worrying variations in membership size and activity are not new. The Old Boys' organisations have come perilously close to closure and, not surprisingly, the various, local offshoots each closed down. in due course.

It has always taken a leap of faith to imagine there might be a new, maybe different kind of future for the Old Priceans, though that has always been a real challenge once the era of past v present matches came to an end. The later emergence of electronic communications of various kinds has given a different set of opportunities for former classmates to keep in touch, in much less formal ways, thus benefitting from and perhaps even hastening the demise of formal organisational rituals.

So, with the 40th Anniversary of the Society of Old Priceans approaching in 2023, it is maybe time for a refreshing take on this worthy organisation to find yet different ways of sustaining it's active life into the foreseeable future.

Ultimately, the Association will run out of Members who once were pupils or students in the Price's School or College. But in the meantime there are lots of past Priceans, who are not Members who might be

ready to join in a club that sets it's ambitions in activities appropriate to the interests of their generations.

Whether or not that happens, in the archives and publications that are left behind - probably quite a lot in terms of website and other stored resources - there will be evidence of a curious grouping that evidently, was reasonably popular in its time, and sought to pay homage to a charitable founder through the medium of a variety of sporting and social activities, and in those ways, pay tribute also to the many past School boys, and College girls who have given of their time and lives for the betterment of others in the Price's community and in the wider world as well.

The archive stores in the Hampshire Records Office, the Hampshire Cultural Trust and the Society's own, locally-managed resources collectively will provide a means of putting some flesh on the basic structure of the S.O.P.