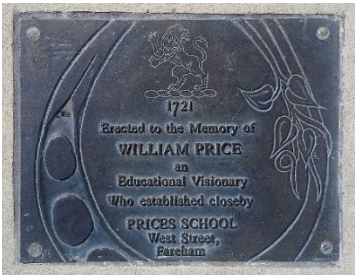



Lion Pride



Prices School & Headquarters House of West Street.



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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 "smartphone" 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 Old Priceans

What is it?

To the casual observer of the social life of modern day Fareham, the answer to this question might be “Dunno. Well, not a lot, really! Tell me something of it”

The date of writing this piece (30/06/20) might give a hint. Price’s School closed in 1974. Its successor Price’s College closed in 1984 to be followed by the Fareham College, a Tertiary level College with a strong bias to vocational courses, and thus not for the mainly academically inclined. There being no selective education in Town now, nor for some long time past, and therefore none of the family angst that used to surround the publication of “selected / not so” lists. Under 16s now have to go elsewhere for “A” level courses. Thus the Price’s heritage ended with the closure of the Price’s Sixth Form College in 1984, the subsequent demolition of the Park Lane site and its replacement by a housing development.

The last “Priceans” were thus admitted in 1973 and completed GCSE courses in 1978, leaving for further education elsewhere in that same year, or employment. In the years after 1974 there were respectively 4, 3, 2 and then one intake cohorts of pupils. In the College Sixth Form there were large numbers of girls, and also some boys whose 11 – 16 education was at Schools other than Price’s.

And now (04/22), 48 years after the closure of Price’s College, people eligible to be members of the Society are becoming fewer in number. An inevitable consequence of this is that as the eldest Members die, they leave behind a diminishing group of potentially active people to join the Society, attend its functions and take on leadership roles.

This **WP300 Celebration Day** was planned for 2021 was therefore, probably the last big occasion to be foreseen and, in preparation for which a variety of events were scheduled for late May 2021. That is the time each year when the birthday of William Price is commemorated with a brief gathering at his tomb in the cemetery of the church of Sts. Peter and Paul. The Covid 19 pandemic put paid to that and, after consultation, the planned-for date was abandoned and rescheduled to 2022.

The focal WPO300 day was a Sunday, on which there was a Service of Commemoration at the Parish Church, followed by Lunch at the Solent Hotel in nearby Whiteley. Earlier aspirations to publish a sequel to the 1971 edition of the History of Price’s School by Francis Gregory were set aside after its initiator, David Williams, died, with the result that work on the book had to begin all over again. But a book there will be – here it is! The sequel to the 1971 published “History of Price’s School” by Francis Gregory is this, the “**Lion Pride**”.

Additionally there will be a **Gazetteer** (or “Who’s Who!”) in 2 parts. Part 1 will be an on-line list of all Priceans encountered in this project, with brief details of their School and adult lives. Those with longer and interestingly diverse stories will also appear in the Gazetteer Part 2 which will be a published book*. It is proposed that the printed products will contribute to local archives. * More recent developments have shown the possibilities of publication in an E-book format.

Looking back over its more active years, it is acknowledged that it was the London branch (L.S.O.P) which was always the best supported and had an engaging social calendar. It even had a hockey team in a League and attended the big Bournemouth Festival. There were gatherings most months, occasional outings, a couple of Lunches and the high point were the termly Old Boys’ fixture against the School for which in some years two and even three teams could be mustered. Legislation related

to duty of care, and sports contact between adults and pupils put an end to those kinds of fixtures and doubtless that made the social calendar a bit less interesting, contributing to the reduction in contact between former pupils and the School.

At various times the very existence of the O.P.A. / S.O.P. has been threatened and it is to the credit of those in leadership roles that effort was imparted that enabled the organisation to survive.

The present annual calendar includes:

- The William Price Tomb wreath-laying, and Summer Lunch at Lysses Hotel, in May.
- The A.G.M. and Lunch with an invited Guest at Fareham College, in October
- Remembrance Day declamations in Fareham
- A Christmas Lunch function with a Speaker, at the RAF Club in Picadilly, London.

So, when did the “Old Boys” form?

The **Society** of Old Priceans was formed in 1983, taking the place of the Old Priceans’ Association. The new Society incorporated the former L.S.O.P. and was carried forward on the shoulders of the London Society of Old Priceans with “Dumps” D.C. **Humphries** (1921-1930) continuing as President. Humphries died in 1985, and **Maurice W. Gardner** (1919-1927) succeeded him as President. **Martin C. Privett** (1930-1936) retained his role as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. The Society continued to have two meetings each year in London, as well as the AGM and Christmas dinners.

In July **1988**, to mark the 80th anniversary of the re-founding of the School, Patrick B.A. Ridett (1946-1953), believing that the future of the society must depend on its resurrection in Fareham, organised a Price’s School Reunion and Luncheon at Park Lane, and David C. Williams (1947-1951) publicised this locally. Seventy Old Priceans and a number of their wives attended. Guests were Eric and Mrs Poyner, Tom and Mrs Hilton, Ron Garton and the Revd E.M.Royds-Jones. Since then, summer luncheons have been held in Fareham.

In December **1989 P.B.A.Ridett** succeeded Maurice Gardner as L.S.O.P (and in reality S.O.P.) President, and Martin Privett continued as Secretary, completing 25 years of service to the Society.

At the **1993** AGM a new constitution was agreed, and an eight-member committee was formed. Gary Meek became Membership Secretary, and Adrian Elvin became Hampshire Area Secretary. The 1994 February meeting would be at the Red Lion, Fareham, and for some years all meetings, including the AGM, were held there.

In **1995** Martin Privett resigned owing to his ill-health, and the AGM elected **Michael Peagram** as Hon. Secretary to succeed him, with Michael Croad-Brangwyn (1950-1954) becoming Hon Treasurer. **Eric Poyner** became President, and **Patrick Ridett** became Chairman. It was he who saved both the Old Priceans’ Association and the L.S.O.P.

1996 saw the publication of Volume 1 Number 1 of an A4 size *Lion*, containing articles about the school including a photocopy of a newspaper article recounting the arrest of Martin Privett and Mr Johnston as they strayed across the Italian border. This proved to be a one-off publication.

1998 in March a 90th anniversary *Lion* edited by P.B.A. Ridett and printed by Gary Meek is published. This was another one-off event. **Derek Marlow** succeeded Patrick Ridett as Chairman. **Roger Starkey** became the Society’s first Archivist. A new constitution was adopted at the 1998 AGM. The idea of

an exhibition at Westbury Manor Museum, as part of the centenary celebrations in 2008, was first mooted. As part of Fareham Borough Council's millennium project to redevelop "Market Quay" the Society took the opportunity to recognise William Price's contribution to the education of the town by providing a drinking fountain and plaque marking the position of the original school.

In **1999 C.P.Nobes** (1942-1951) was chosen to succeed Eric Poyner as President. Michael Peagram began the task of developing the Society's website.

The Society was given a share in naming the estate roads being constructed off Park Lane on the last site of the school. Christmas dinners were all based in London, and organised mainly by Ridett. They settled eventually in the R.A.F Club, by the good offices of a member of that Club, Paul Lewis, until his death in 2016. Ian Virgo, another member, took over after Lewis.

The summer lunch of the Society is, and has been for some years, held on the Sunday nearest to May 31st, the date of William Price's death. Before the lunch, there is a service at his tomb, on which a wreath is laid to honour him. The AGM is held on the first Friday in October, and for some years the lunch has been held at Fareham College, where Price's found a friend in the Principal.



In **2004** Roger Starkey gave up being Archivist, and **Richard Brent** became his successor.

In **2010** Derek Marlow retired from the chairmanship while continuing with his vital organisation of the Society's Fareham lunches. The Society made him Vice-President. **Charles Evans** was elected Chairman.

In **2015** Phillip Reynolds became Chairman, succeeding Charles Evans, who retired through ill-health and was made Vice-President. The Society lost another invaluable servant, M. Croad-Brangwyn, when he died suddenly in 2016, before he could receive the honour that the Society was about to bestow on him. He remembered the Society generously in his will. His successor, **Michael Peagram**, was made the first Fellow of the Society, in recognition of his long and continuing labours as web-master and secretary.

C Patrick Nobes

Throughout its prior history, and in the years following the War, the O.P. had access to the back pages of the Lion magazine, with reports of meetings, activities and sports fixtures that were quite extensive.

The first Lion was published in 1915, and the Old Priceans' Association was formed in 1921. A first mention of a London branch was in 1926. A Southampton branch emerged in 1930, and a Fareham branch in 1938. The latter closed in 1962 only to be re-opened the next year. Growing numbers of students at Cambridge led to a branch opening there. It was the London branch of the Society which was by far the most active and imaginative, with a regular Hockey team for some years, and

participation in the Bournemouth Festival, and occasional outings interspersed amongst the routine of Dinners. From amongst these subgroups of the Association emerged the few “giants” of the O.P. network, who have done much to keep the organisation afloat.

But, as within society at large, an interest in active leadership, and in general, membership of such organisations has waned. The voluntary sector has become diminished by the unwillingness of people to step-forward and lead. The population has at its disposal in later years a great variety of entertainment options, much better transport availability and a growth of large scale, professional attractions for public access or to view on screens. This evolution has seen much community-centred voluntary activity shrink or disappear. The weight of accountable responsibility – policies, safeguarding, insurances and risk assessments forced upon leadership has done much damage, and people shy away from that level of risk-taking.

And What did the Old Boys’ Association or Society do for the School?

Financial Support for the School

Like a P.T.A., the Society had a dual role, the secondary one being able to proffer some occasional, modest financial support when needed. The first, tangible example of this would have been in the funding of the printing and distribution costs of the Lion magazine. Very little of this situation has been committed to print, but the matter had been raised. The O.P.A. news had its place at the back of the Lion, where there could be several pages of meeting reports, balance sheets, and not a little comment on the Sports matches against the School.

There were times when School-sourced copy for the Lion magazine was in short supply, and others when the O.P.A. had a lot of space available to it. During the War Years, the O.P.A. was not reported on at all: the Association did not function.

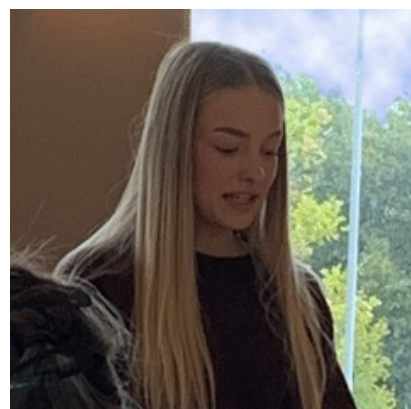
Sport has always been a dominating influence in the School, so it is not surprising that in Athletics reporting, there emerged by 1925 an Old Boys’ Cup, later known as the *Victor Ludorum*. From 1956, there appeared at Speech Day “The Johnson Stick” which is recorded as having been awarded for 13 years, and also an Old Boys’ Bat / aka The Shaw Trophy which was listed as having been given on 20 occasions.

A number of past Priceans and some staff, have donated Cups or Trophies over the years to mark their successes in the School. Some of these were awarded at the actual events, others, at the end of the term and a few at Speech night.

Speech Night

Prizes were another means for an Individual or Parents of Old Boys to leave a trail of their family in School, or to express appreciation. These often meant a Book award which might explain why some of them were short-lived, fading once the child in question had left the School, and whence Parents might have been expected to provide some (more) personal funding. Sometimes the Society would advance a sum of money for the school to decide how to use it

The young lady shown here was giving a Report back to an AGM on the time spent in an African Country, having received the benefit of an SOP grant.



Long before the WW1 There was an Old Boys' Cup for the overall best athlete on Sports Day. Eventually, this became the Victor Ludorum trophy, one in each age group for the boy scoring most points on Sports Day, and presented on that day – that new practise started in 1962.

The Society funded in most years, a Cricket bat, and a Hockey stick for award at Speech Night. Around these prime awards a variety of other awards appeared in the names of various donors.

Library

Donations were not uncommon, either by departing boys, or their Parents or even neighbours of the School. Some of the donations would have been very useful but others, perhaps reflecting a high level of Parental achievement might have occupied more shelf space than they were worth i.e. they were too exotic, in excess of or irrelevant to "A" level courses. Noble gestures sometimes have an impact different from that intended!

Nonetheless, I am sure that, over the years, appreciation for the cumulative value of such items was not neglected. They were more likely to have been in the name of the donor than the O.P.A.

Ed: There is a fuller account of the Library in the Lion Pride Chapter of that name.

Careers Advice

The business of offering pupils advice on their preparation for a post-education Career is an established part of the work of modern schools and has been so for a long time. In my days at Price's (1955-62) there was none. Potential Oxbridge candidates might be given the nod on that as a worthwhile route into work, and that will have saved them some time in which to forget that work need. "A" levels, Oxbridge (there were others!) application, Degree and possibly a post-graduate training course of some kind, or a selection process for the Civil Service or Military Commission or, for the extra-special clever types, another 3 years of student penury in pursuit of a PhD, and then another "post-doc" / research type year – all of that might get you to about 26 years of age, but there was no discernible policy, or service regularly deployed..

In my case, it was University application. No UCAS in those days – a D.I.Y. job! Apply direct to the Universities of choice. And then the rest - Universities usually had their own Careers Dept. and 3rd Year students were encouraged to pay them a visit. But at Price's, apart from a Fifth Year Parents' evening when my Dad was told I ought to go to University, nothing more was said. Returning home after that Parents' Evening, my Dad asked me what Universities were! There had been no prior records of such further education in my family.

My "A" level results were quite good, dumb-founding the many who thought I would fail miserably. It was only when I went into school in the September that Tom Hilton enquired "*Do you think you are doing the right thing?*" I knew than what he was after – another Oxbridge applicant to boost School appeal. I didn't want that, so said "Yes", and that was end of any Careers advice! **Ed.**

School careers advice developed into appointed Teachers dispensing wisdom. They might have had a qualification from an INSET course. Careers-guidance gained in momentum and along came Local Authority-employed specialists, reference to recruitment offices for the Armed Forces etc. and, too, there was work experience. The Fourth year was the main time for all that energy – and energy is what it all consumed, with many hours of professional work get all of those ducks lined up. Good system, working well, then came along change, with the reduction in employed staff involvement and a recourse to big, set-piece Careers conventions, commonly organised on an Authority wide or regional basis.

1932 Lion: “A subcommittee was formed to give pupils careers advice.” In the records of the Old Priceans’ Association for the years 1932 and 1933 appear announcements in the back section of the Lion magazines regarding the setting-up of a Careers Advice Bureau, a service offered from within the O.P.A. to any Pricean seeking to consider further, an entry into one of the Professions, or to any kind of work that subsequent offers made available under the heading of: “Behind the Scenes” ... There followed a series of termly Papers on work opportunities such as: *Tailoring, Banking, Chemistry, Cable & Wireless Telegraphy, County Courts, Starting Life as a Police Constable, Chemistry of Food manufacture, Patent Agency, A Deck Officer in the Merchant Navy, Mechanical engineering, Accountancy, and A Working Day on the Beat.*



How the details within those Papers, and advice proffered, might have stood the test of time, who knows, but that series covered 3 years, and was written by O.P.s within the respective employment, then in a position probably to make arrangements as if needed, to foster Pupils’ interests. It would be interesting to learn of the uptake on these offers. This was a very significant gesture, well before its time in Schools generally, and reflects well on the O.P.A.

The Society shut down its meetings and sports fixtures during the War, biding its time until a resumption of peace made it possible to embark once again on a programme of activities similar to those before the War.

News of Old Priceans.

The back pages of the Lion magazines used to include long lists of correspondence and other details of where the O.P.s found themselves in their post-education employment.

Their worlds were very different then – a change from the imperial and colonial empire days at their height and the, well, quite opposite now. Relative maturity was different then and ability to cope with months or years apart from family were different, too. Stoicism was of the essence.

Communication was as slow as the next boat home, and difficult to imagine now, for generations weaned into a world of high-tech, electronic devices that renders almost everything instant in a “Have it now, pay for it later” era.

The workings of Schools reflected the social mores of their times, and have been ever limited by financial constraints. There has been a strong tendency to regard Schools as kind of Museums of how things used to be done, in which behaviours should be fossilised in some stereotypic way, yet at the same time the schools be required to imbue their inmates with the capacity to move easily into the latest technological trends. What is ignored in this paradoxical state is that the challenge to established *quid pro quo* - that inquisitiveness which drives the new thinking that opens new vistas comes at a price of some instability to the familiar patterns that brought certainty, as we move hesitantly into uncharted times.

The Old Boys’ News features the life of their times. In present times (early 2020s) - somewhat turbulent times (Ukraine War in 2022!), where there is so much challenge and so much rapid and ephemeral novelty, some of the past stasis might seem an attractive refuge. What is conveyed here, unedited, in the final section of this Chapter, is a selection of O.P. contacts that are a “for-the-record” benefit and do not impute any endorsement by the Society. A personal journey by readers through all of the past Lion magazines up to about 1950 would better inform the readers’ inquisitiveness.

And, what of the present, (2020)?

A small Society of Old Priceans remains, based in Fareham. The various branches no longer function. The 1983 naissance of the current *Society* struggles on, endeavouring worthily to make a decent job of an annual programme that is built around three fixed dates: The AGM is held at Lysses Hotel in Fareham, there is a Christmas Lunch in the RAF Club in Picadilly and a Summer Lunch that follows a wreath-laying at the tomb of the School's Founder, William Price, in May. *The President's Cricket day was included for a number of years, but was supported almost exclusively by members who would have been present at the match in any case. Equally well-supported was the "Day at the Races" outing!*

There hasn't been much else on offer, in recent years, or sought-for from past O.P.s and a change for the future benefit of O.P.s is perhaps the only *raison d'être* for any ongoing Society activity.

William Price Remembrance Day



There is a brief service at the tomb of William Price, where a wreath is laid, often by the Guest Speaker at the Lunch that follows. For some years latterly this has been held Lysses Hotel. The details were developed by Charles Evans, and using prayers known to all from their use in morning assemblies .



Following the brief homage at the W.P. tomb, Members present mingle, and transfer to the Lysses Hotel for the Lunch.

So, what is there of it all now?

Not much*, compared to the Society at its height. It is very difficult to isolate specific trends and influences from the mix that is modern society, but like threads in a complex weave, their influences are there. An early and limiting impact was the cessation of Pupils vs Staff matches, usually at the end of a term. The main effect here was in the contact sports such Soccer, Hockey and Cricket. Too much Pupil damage was the risk – none has been recorded! Teachers failing in their duty of care for Pupils and so on was the litigious consequence that had its impact across the country. Pupils vs Old Boys' matches suffered in consequence too, and that would have been quite limiting in its effect at Price's, from the halcyon days when the Old Priceans could turn out 3 teams against the School, with

social benefits that ensued, then followed by a meeting, Tea or a Dinner. The Teachers' Industrial action of the 1980s would have added impetus to the closing down of such fixtures, and by then, long-since gone were the days when routine School matches on a Saturday would attract an audience.

*The "Not Much", *now*, illustrates the fundamental differences in attitudes of Pupils to their School, in a "then and now" situation. It is clearly evident amongst the correspondences of Old Boys away from home and school when writing to the Headmaster, as commonly they did. To be torn away from the succour of those potent embracing forces, living for months or years on a contract that tied them to far distant places of work with recourse only to means that took months to deliver, would be heart-wrenching emotionally. The memory, the imagination, recalls many occasions and doubtless embroiders them at times. I have written elsewhere of the tendency to visit their *Alma Mater* on return, or to scribe long letters. This occupied time and gave some solace, no doubt.

And there is a stark contrast with the experiences of the youth of today, with access to the amazing technology of the modern era that has turned so many into people unable to cope without their smartphones for minute-by-minute contacts with whomsoever they choose. A much softer generation, the present day youth would not cope, for they are never out of contact, and that is a substantial reason for the differences in younger O.P.s to their school. The more modern cohorts are much more adept at travel etc. but don't have the emotional contact with their School or College, They are surrounded by entertainment, and attractions. Their needs are for the spectacular, the instant, and to have to tell everyone else about it.

They are different and do not hold the fascination or devotion with the organisations of yesteryear and their routines that appear stuffy and irrelevant. They are happy to belong, but for rather shorter-term benefits, and with rather less commitment.

Inevitably, it seems to me, there was a drift away from the School of the 1930s and earlier, away in the sense that there was not the strength of attachment, 1934 saw the departure as Headmaster of Mr. Bradley and naturally, organisations undergo change, sometimes not consciously but inevitably. Mr. Ashton adopted many of the principles of the Bradley era, but he was different, as were the incoming new pupils. Society underwent change, too, exacerbated by the War. Looking back to my impressions of the School in 1955 onwards, I can see their origins in the late 1940s.

No doubt that the School engendered a great respect and affection amongst those Bradley and early Ashton pupils. The later Ashton years saw a different breed of pupil and that continued into the Poyner times. The School was no longer the family that once it was. It wasn't worse, or better. It was just different. It was operating in the early time of accountability, and of the tick-box culture. The traditions of yesteryear were not lasting, nor were they justified. New quests, individuality, was afoot.

The 1970s saw great tumult in the life of the School, with its formal closure as a boys' grammar school, and the opening on the same site, of the Price's (co-educational), Sixth Form College in 1974. With no new intakes from 1974, and an annual, diminution in the numbers of Price's boys, the end was nigh.

"It's Life (Jim), but not as we know it!"

[Spock, Star Trek – No! In "Star Trekkin", a 1987 song by "The Firm"]

But actually preceded in the previous line by:

"Clings on the Starboard Bow"

The "Clings" would have been the unwelcomed (by some), impending invasion by ...

Girls! Loads of them, Oh Dear!

Or so might many of the older Old Priceans have imagined the previously unimaginable.

But was it really that bad? (Continued in the "Transition Years" section of the Price's Sixth Form College Years" Chapter.) In short, No!

Annual Remembrance (Poppy) Day



For several years, the Society has remembered the Old Boys lost in the two world wars and in the Falklands Campaign, at the Fareham Cenotaph Parade. The gathering above, in 2005, included Old Pricean President, Patrick Nobes, and Chairman, Derek Marlow, and Chairman-to-be Dr. Charles Evans. They were amongst those present at the Remembrance Day parade and service at the War Memorial outside Holy Trinity Church, Fareham.

The Old Priceans' wreath was laid by Rear Admiral Roger Dimmock, who was a pupil at the School from 1943-1953, and whose distinguished career started with his being a pilot of carrier-borne fighters, and eventually took him, via such posts as commanding the aircraft carrier HMS Hermes, to the position of Flag Officer Naval Air Command. Roger Dimmock is accompanied by Mrs Lesley Dimmock, and Dr Charles Evans by Mrs Jean Evans.

Rear Admiral Roger Dimmock was the highest-ranked Officer emanating from Price's School.

Declamations

Along with the renaissance in the public understanding of the importance of the Act of Remembrance on Armistice Day, the names of all known Fareham dead in armed conflict have been read aloud prior to the Public. The Society of Old Priceans persuaded the Borough Council, via its leader, that the names of the War Dead should be "ever remembered" by being read aloud. The idea was adapted and the names were read aloud by the Old Priceans until 2021. Concerns over the availability of enough readers from the SOP led to that act of homage being shared with Fareham Borough Councillors and staff. The shared reading takes approximately an hour to complete.

The S.O.P. contribution to the 11th Nov (or Remembrance Sunday) service etc. in Fareham, i.e. our reading of the hundreds of Fareham names, was Patrick Nobes' idea.

This is the poem which Patrick wrote about this occasion.

"THEIR NAMES LIVETH FOR EVERMORE"

My name was on the bullet
(As those old soldiers said);
My name was on the telegram
That told them I was dead.

Next on my grave they carved it
And then, with all my friends',
Upon the war memorials
Stone dead until time ends

But now you bring us back to life -
You read our names aloud.
Instead of lifeless marble
A cenotaph of sound
Restores us from our graveyards
And cold death underground.

Patrick Nobes © 2018

What began as a School-focussed act of remembrance and homage, roles such as the War Memorial Plaque-unveiling in 1953, later defaulted to the conscience of the Old Boys' association to sustain, and this Programme is testimony to the beginning of that commitment.

Dedication of the Memorial Plaque

by

THE ARCHDEACON OF PORTSMOUTH
The Ven. E. J. K. ROBERTS, M.A.

READING OF THE ROLL OF HONOUR
BY THE HEADMASTER
Mr. G. A. ASHTON, M.A.

PRAYERS:

The Rev. A. H. WATKINS, M.A.
Vicar of Fareham

HYMN OF ST. GEORGE

Lawrence Housman

Lord God of Hosts, within whose hand
Dominion rests on sea and land,
Before whose word of life or death
The strength of nations is but breath;
O King, enthroned all thrones above,
Give strength unto the land we love.

Thou Breath of Life since time began,
Breathing upon the lips of man,
Hast taught each kindred race to raise
United word to sound thy praise:
So, in this land, join, we beseech,
All hearts and lips in single speech.

To George our Saint thou gavest grace
Without one fear all foes to face,
And to confess by faithful death
That Word of Life which was his breath.
O help us, Helper of Saint George,
To fear no bonds that man can forge.

Arm us like him, who in thy trust
Beat down the dragon to the dust;
So that we too may tread down sin
And with thy Saints a crown may win.
Help us, O God, that we may be
A land acceptable to thee.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM:

THE BLESSING:

THE ARCHDEACON OF PORTSMOUTH

PRICE'S SCHOOL

FAREHAM

UNVEILING OF THE

War Memorial Plaque

SATURDAY, 7th NOVEMBER, 1953

at 5.30 p.m.

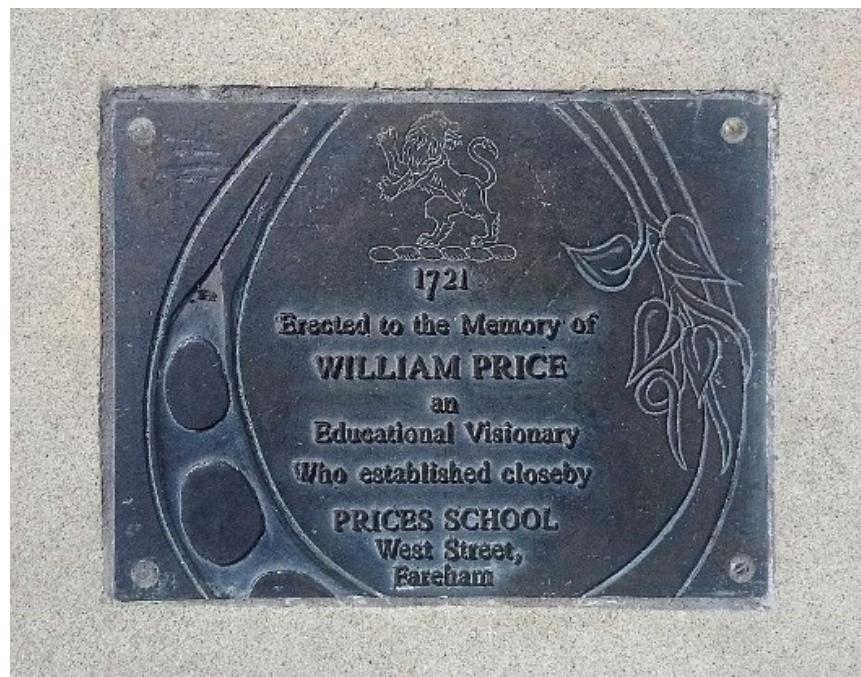
Order of Service

Water Fountain

Finding ways of making a publicly evident, relevant gesture to the community has not been easy. Price's School since 1974 and then Price's College in 1984, have been out of the public consciousness for a long time – 48+ and 38+ years respectively at the time of writing this. No School buildings remain, a diminishing number of past Pupils, and a consequent reducing Society membership is the present reality.

But those who remain, with their immediately descendant families, do have past memories, friendships, and education and other opportunities to recall those lost, and to want to place their names on the record for future interest. It is clear from the research for this WP300 Project that, for a large number of people, Price's was a treasured part of their formative years. The importance that is valued is in the preparedness that derived from all that the School had to offer, in its heritage and then its routine work. And that is one good reason for this particular WP300 Anniversary to happen, and the drive to create an archival record of its life and times.

We acknowledge and celebrate all of those from the past whose time has been spent in good productive lives. We share disappointment for those who have struggled in their life and we applaud all who have done their best for local and national public good.



The Society funded the design and installation of a water fountain in the Precinct area of West St. as a part of the remodelling of the Quayside area of Fareham. A design was commissioned. The image on the left shows the installation in its original location by the location of William Price's original School house. Sadly, this was not a successful contribution to community life in the sense that it was little used, but was abused, littered and not cared-for or maintained.

It was relocated to the Westbury Manor Museum garden where it will be used as a bird bath – not quite as imagined at the start. The commemorative plaque has been reset into the paving at its original location.

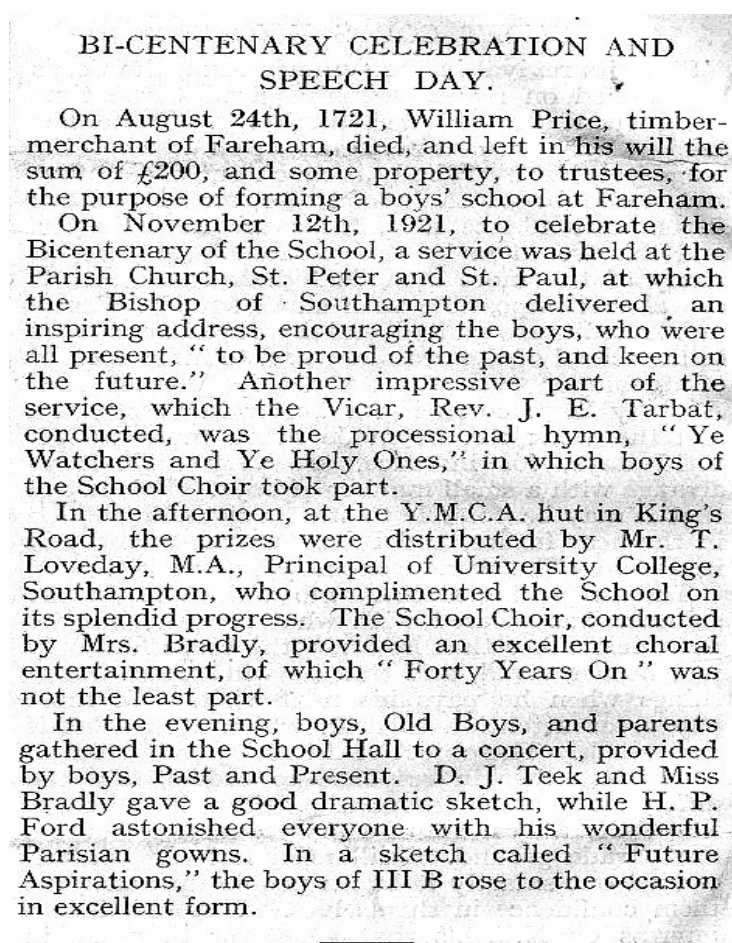
Four Anniversaries.

Notable dates in the past have been recognised with celebratory events. In 1921 and 1971, these landmark occasions were organised from within the School, but latterly, it has fallen to the Society to put together suitable celebrations. Here, for the record, is what has happened:

1 Bi-Centenary Anniversary: 12th November, 1921

In a School that was then a mere 13 years old, the appropriateness of acknowledging the **200th Anniversary in 1921** of the William Price Legacy was not overlooked. The Report included here, is from the March 1922 Lion magazine.

That occasion, although on a smaller scale than the others in this series, included the annual Speech Day and other features to add variety and enjoyment to the occasion. It would have been interesting to learn of the “future aspirations” that the III B boys had in mind, this of course, being in the shadow of the end of World War 1



2 250th Anniversary Celebrations – 10th July 1971

There is plenty in the Lion magazines to report on what was a good weekend's celebration for this occasion.

This was a weekend with a difference, the reason for the contrasts with what is possible to celebrate the 300th Anniversary on 23rd May 2021, being the closure of the Price's School / College, and the sale of the Park Lane site for a housing development.

The Fareham Tertiary College is on a different site, in Bishopsfield Rd., on the west side of Fareham and its opening was to provide different opportunities for different kinds of Secondary and post-16 age children and young adults. In that role, it has proved successful, as judged by OFSTED Inspections, but to the detriment of local, Fareham area youngsters wanting a traditional type "A" level curriculum to fit them for further education that might admit them to possible "professional" careers. These students now need to travel either east towards Portsmouth or west towards Southampton for Sixth Form Education.

That leaves the mainstream of Secondary education to be accommodated in a group of Secondary Schools in and around Fareham itself, but with what output, who knows? Let us hope it matches the successes of the Price's School years and also of the Fareham Girls' Grammar School, which was also a part of the Secondary Education reorganisation and which, for a few years, became a sharing inheritor of the William Price "project".

Thus, without the Sixth Form education that previously coexisted in the two separate single-sex Grammar Schools, there is a deficit in "A" level type education that would be recognised. The tranche of selected pupils that would have entered into the lower School classes of the two now-defunct Grammar Schools would, in principle, be shared out amongst the newly-constituted, co-educational Secondary Schools where their potentials would have enriched the general spread of abilities with the impact of raising academic performance. Hmm!

So, with no functioning Price's School nor sight of its former buildings – all raised to the ground, there is no capacity to hold any proposed function there, nor any School activity to display. There is no presence of any teaching or administrative staff to propel any kind of Exhibition and to generate any enthusiasm amongst other colleagues or pupils. Add into that mix of limiting factors a diminishing population of former pupils as members of the Society of Old Priceans, and I hope readers will understand why the 2021 event will be on a smaller and less ambitious scale.

Sadly also, there has been a major loss of artefacts of the kind that past pupils / S.O.P. members would have enjoyed seeing. It is a characteristic of schools undergoing such gross organisational changes, to fail to look to the preservation of identity through caring for appropriate artefacts. Staff who are leaving commonly don't care, or else might be leaving to move away. Some may have lost their jobs in the scramble for positions in a new teaching team and in any event, there will have been such a rush that looking to save such treasures might just have been impossible.

A number of components to the celebration were organised:

- For much of the week beforehand, the School was effectively on an "Open House" setting
- On the Saturday afternoon there was a Garden party and,
- In the evening was a Buffet Ball

And the weather was good all week, too!

An 11am start to the Saturday's all-day Cricket Match between Past and Present was watched by many. Approximately 500 attended the Garden Party, also contributing to the cricket-watching crowd. This was a truly wholly enjoyable event.

The weekdays were the chance to see an Exhibition of "Priceana" in the Hall-cum-Library. Librarian at the time, Mr. Gros, also a major contributor to the life of the School, was responsible for that Exhibition.

"If Price's is still in existence in 2021, doubtless there will be celebrations of the tercentenary. At that event, there will be a number of people who could claim to have been at the 250th anniversary celebrations and to have met men who attended Price's 50 years before! Thus is history abridged. We hope the social events would be as memorable as this year (1971). They could not be more so."

Roy E . Daysh

It is interesting to read this quotation, and to note that Roy, a former pupil and later teacher at the School should, by virtue of the accumulation of such a mass of archives, still be of service to the School's community through the willing work of his son Michael, whose contributions pepper many of the items in this overall project report, the Lion Pride.

3 100th Anniversary of the new School site at Park Lane

This was another three-part occasion. The Exhibition was held in the Westbury Manor Museum, with the willing support of the curator Tom Yeo and staff. Artefacts were not in good supply and so there was much preparatory work involved. The space available for the Exhibition was just right and it remained open for public access for some days. On break-down the artefacts were consigned to the SOP archive stores.



David Williams' major and final contribution to the SOP calendar was the



David Williams

organisation of the very successful 2008 Exhibition to celebrate the centenary of the re-opening of the School, some seven years after its closure.

David Williams had been a tireless worker and brought-in help from a variety of quarters. In the style of good organisers, his vision was not limited to that Exhibition, for he could see over the horizon towards a further opportunity to publicise the William Price legacy to the WP300 opportunity in 2001, towards which he had started his next phase of work when sadly for us all, he died.

On the same day, there was a Service of Commemoration at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, and that was followed by a Grand Lunch in the Ferneham Civic Hall – this being documented in a separate, professionally-produced album of photos.

4 The 300th Anniversary on 23rd May, 2021

Plans for this event were underway about 2 years in advance. The first tangible sign of something in the offing was the design of a new letterhead, as shown here.



The Fareham (Tertiary) College has been the location for most Committee meetings of late, and for some Summer Lunches in the catering facility, prepared and served by Fareham College Students.

Using the College as a location for what could have been a large gathering soon proved unachievable and so we had to switch the venue to the Solent Hotel, in Whiteley, near Fareham. A lack of volunteer support to mount an Exhibition at the Westbury Manor site of the 2008 Exhibition, meant it was necessary to curtail plans for another exhibition, although in reality, there is not much of a suitable archive base to have made anything distinctive and different from the previous one. So, that plan was culled. Other possible, optional extras for the weekend were also withdrawn, for the same - reason - lack of volunteers.

Plans to produce an extension of the 1971 publication of the “History of Price’s School” *in time for* the WP300 celebration in 2021 have proved impossible, with the death of SOP member and project leader David Williams. The paper trail of his work died with him and so it has been necessary to start again.

The publication project will conclude as proposed, but not in time for May 2021 It will involve contributions from a variety of Old Priceans and past teachers, and will not focus on the religious and socio-economic wrangles that were dealt with in the Gregory book. It might even break into two or more volumes and will have as its base the activities of the 1908 – 1974 School and the 1984 – 1994 Sixth Form College under the Price name.

The printed output considered however, is likely to be much bigger. Not only might the School History “Extension” (original working title, later to become “Lion Pride”) of the Gregory, 1971 History be a larger product, maybe warranting two volumes, but there will be other parallel products - the Gazetteer, Part 2 (now displaced in favour of “Price’s Who’s Who, Part 2) will be a “Who’s Who?” of O.P.s with interesting life stories – there are about 300 of them at present (12/21), but also, there will be an on-line, open-access, open-ended Gazetteer, Part 1, with a listing of all “names” encountered within the WP300 project, and the essence of their lives. Each printed product will be coloured and highly illustrated. Ultimate formats of these WP300 products remain under discussion, with a possibility of an E-book format under consideration.



The Park Lane site in 1924

At the time of final editing (Jan / Feb 2023), it looks as if the end product will be an SOP Website sourced set of 24 Chapters, in effect different books, that can be down-loaded, on demand, at no cost. Some printed versions of the Lion Pride and Gazetteer, part 2 / "Who's Who" might be available, at cost, via Amazon, which has been the publication route for Paul Gover's 2nd Edition of the 1971 Gregory "History of Price's School", and for his masterly treatise on the Price family, in the form of "A Good Price for Fareham".

Other groupings:

Operating in a more exclusive manner, and in the aftermath of the SOP's WP300 functions, there was also organised a reunion function for a "Class of 72" group which was promoted via the SOP website yet denied access by the SOP to its mailing address. There was a gathering of 40-50 OPs on the Monday after the SOP function but beyond that, there has been no further communication. An immediate and regrettable aspect of that has been a lack of information flow that would have welcomed those "72" OPs access to other SOP functions. The "Price's Who's Who" publication therefore has little to record of the highlights of the lives of that group.

In stark contrast, a more recent "Form 1A of the 73-78" group has held and publicised a highly enjoyable *weekend* function for 32 of its affiliates, including wives. The outcome of that event has been a move for a repeat, widening to the other 1B and 1C Forms, in 2024. Those of the 1A Form who chose to do so, now have their entries into the "Price's Who's Who" publication, which will continue to accept copy in readiness for a follow-up edition in 2024 or 2025.

I am aware also, that there is another grouping considering an event within the next few months!

A vision of fully unified Past Pupils' / Old Priceans' organisation would be in a strong position to carry forward a memory of the bequest of the William Price foundation, and its impact in Fareham.

Social functions

Presently, in 2021, we are at the point of a longed-for departure from the strictures in place to combat the Covid-19 Virus Pandemic. So there has been a lull in activities since Summer2019. This will give a good chance to refresh activities, in looking forward to the next decade.

The recent pattern, however has included:

- i Wreath-laying at the Tomb of William Price and Summer Lunch at Lysses Hotel – last Saturday in May
- ii AGM and lunch at Fareham College, in October
- iii Christmas Lunch, at the RAF Club in Picadilly, London – first Friday in December



The 2003 Dinner: President Patrick Nobes, left, and His Honour Judge Keith Devlin, right



Damien Lewis with President Patrick Nobes

The last two Christmas Lunches have included talks by Damien Lewis, author of WW2 books. The S.O.P. function at the RAF Club has been courtesy of the late Paul Lewis, and of Ian Virgo, with great thanks.





Old Priceans through Time

(At the moment, copies of *The Lion* are available from 1922 onwards though the magazine existed at least from 1915. (See notes on 1950). *(Ed.: Since this Project started, a set of the pre-1922 Lions has been found amongst the archives of Roy Daysh and made available by his son Michael.)* Some of the earlier history of the Old Priceans can be inferred from these editions. The last of the *School Lions* is for 1974.

Did the College have an equivalent magazine? *(Ed.: Some magazines were produced at the College, but not under the Lion banner.)* If so, did they contain notes submitted by the Old Priceans Association? If not, the only source of O.P.A. history will be minutes of its meetings, which I have asked the SOP Secretary to find, if he can.) *(Ed.: Not made available.)*

In **1908** the newly reconstituted Price's School opened with 18 boys. Most of them spent five years in the school, leaving in the year before the First World War began. Had it not been for the war's interruption of normality, the formation of a formal body for old boys of the school would no doubt have come about earlier than it did. However, an Old Boys' Club was apparently formed in 1921 by some of the first members of the school, for the July 1930 *Lion* noted that the following summer's reunion (i.e. in 1931) would mark the tenth anniversary of the founding of what was by then called Old Priceans' Association.

Before the report of the foundation of this "club" the magazines carried very long lists of "Old Boys' News." These long lists continued to be a regular feature of the magazine for many years. They were far more detailed, and gave news of far more ex-pupils than later magazines; the leavers' contact with the school was obviously very close indeed. *(Ed.: Indeed that was the case. "Old Boys' News" forms a separate Chapter, to follow.)*

1917 We print the following letter from **Mr. Shaddock**:—

Att. 1/4th Hampshire Regt.,
c/o Cox and Co., Bombay, 14-5-1917.

Views from the Front.

(WITH THE MESOPOTAMIA EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.)

Dear Mr. Bradly,

You'll be glad to hear that the Hampshires have done splendidly every time, and are getting quite well known. I missed the first two shows, having been sent down river with conjunctivitis, and I rejoined the battalion in the Hai trenches on February 6th. There we had a fairly quiet time, being in support on several shows, in which the luck was so good that we weren't required. We did a fair amount of digging, and came under fire from snipers and artillery pretty regularly. Then came the great day when the Turk was boosted out of the Dahra bend, and the greater number of them not being able to cross, were taken prisoners. We were given a good view that day, being in support the whole day, and then in the afternoon rushed up at furious speed, to the accompaniment of a terrific bombardment, so that we all thought we were in for a show. We suddenly came to the end of our trenches, and strolled on across the open, and by this time we could see what was on. The Turks had been driven out of their one line of trenches and redoubts (all they'd had time to make), and were in the open between that and the river, and it seemed as if every gun in Mesopotamia was letting loose at them. The whole of the bend was nothing but the smoke of bursting shell, in a line right across the bend, and it was slowly moving nearer and nearer the river, and narrowing in the habitable space. The Turks were utterly demoralised, and we could see bodies of them running about in the smoke, dodging like a frightened hare, each mass of them seeming to act together. It was a perfectly fiendish show. Behind the barrage was a line of our own troops advancing, but all they had to do was to round up the prisoners into batches and send them back. When it was evident that we were not needed, we got the surprise of our lives in being ordered back to camp. When we got there we were told to stand by and rumour has it, and I think rightly, that the crossing of the Tigris was intended that night or early next morning. It rained heavily, though, and we had a rest instead. During the following week nothing much happened but rain. Then we were asked for a number of men to row pontoons, and we supplied 230. These practised on the Shatt el Hai for two or three days, and one day the rest of the battalion also was ordered to practise. Of course, this set us guessing, but it wasn't till the 22nd that we were told anything. Then we got our orders for the 23rd.

The idea was to cross the river on to the Shumran Peninsula, by pontoons. Each pontoon had ten passengers and a crew of five (including cox.). There were three ferries. At No. 1 the Norfolks went over, doing their own ferrying. At Nos. 2 and 3 two battalions of Gurkhas were to go over, ferried by our party. This commenced at 5.30 a.m. on the 23rd. The remainder of the battalion was to move out of camp at 7.30 a.m., and to go to a rendezvous and await orders. The Engineers were to begin building the bridge as soon as it was safe to do so. The crossing wasn't a pleasant task, for the stream is 600 yards wide, and had at that time a current of quite six miles an hour, and pontoons aren't built primarily for rowing. However, what actually happened was that the Norfolks at No.1 ferry were lucky enough to surprise the Turks and capture the machine gun which commanded that bit of river, and they were able to cross fairly steadily, getting a fair amount of shellfire, but not sufficient to stop them. **The Gurkhas were not so lucky**, and the two ferries came under such a hail of fire as to eventually be compelled to stop. Our men naturally suffered most, as of course the Gurkhas, once across, stayed there, while our lads had to keep on

going backwards and forwards, and from what I've heard since I think they accomplished one *of the finest feats in the campaign, if not in the war. Often the whole crew were shot, and the boat went down river. After the two lower ferries stopped working the remainder of the Gurkhas were taken across on No. 1 ferry, and they and the Norfolks' pushed on up the peninsula. The bridge building was very lucky. The Turks planted H.E. with monotonous regularity on the river just about 150 yards below the bridge during the whole day. I think the bridge was finished by about 3.30 p.m. We advanced about 4.30, and were shelled by the Turks as we came up towards the river, but being in artillery formation no damage was done. You see, the artillery formation leaves such a lot of empty space for the shells to drop in. We crossed the bridge a platoon at a time, and lay out in a rough line about five hundred yards from the bridge, the Turks favouring us with a little shrapnel. There we stayed till about 10 p.m., when we were told to go up to the front line and take over from the Gurkhas. By the time we had taken over it was nearly midnight. The line was a very poor one at the time, being made up of nullahs of varying depths, and a few old gun pits, so we had to make a trench of it. I myself was sent on an even more unpleasant job. I had 20 men left in my platoon, and I was told to take these, and two Lewis guns with their sections, and establish myself in front of my company as a piquet. The orders I got were some-thing like this: "The Gurkha people say there's a ridge about 250 yards out, along the whole of the front, and each company is putting a piquet on that ridge, 'B' Company on your right, 'D' on your left. When you get out to the ridge send out a patrol to your right and get in touch with 'B' Co. piquet before you commence to dig. As soon as that is done, start to dig in. Patrols must be sent out to your front and to the piquet on your right continuously through the night. You may have to stay out all day to-morrow, so dig a good trench. If the Turks attack, use your discretion as to what to do."

I ventured to enquire on a point I thought it might be useful to know about, namely, how far the Turks were from us and was told that nobody knew. Well, it seemed to me that if the ridge ran so conveniently it was at least within the bounds of possibility that the Turk was occupying it, with piquets at least, if not with his main force, so it behoved me to be careful. Also I knew that I should not have too much time for the trench digging if we were*to get a safe place before dawn. Out I went, and walked on with my piquet, looking for the ridge. I got out quite 500 yards, and found no ridge, and thought it was too risky to go further. Then I remembered that about 150 yards out the ground had risen about a yard on a bit of a slope, and then gone on level again. I thought this must be the thing intended, and that they had over-estimated the distance, so I went back to it, and events proved that I was right. Then I sent my patrol out to find the next piquet, and after a deuce of a time they returned unsuccessful, and I had to send another, with orders to go further out if necessary. They found the piquet all right; it had evidently not come out by the time the first patrol got there. Then we had the digging to-do. Sighting a trench by night isn't the easiest thing in the world, and I was afraid lest morning should find me dug in with about two inches for a field of fire.

I stuck the Lewis guns on the flanks of my position, and had their men standing by ready to open fire at once, if necessary, and I sent my patrol out forward, and started away on the digging, the Lewis gun people acting as sentries. Beyond the digging and the sending out of patrols nothing happened till about 3 a.m., when my Company Commander came out and said, "You needn't dig any more, we are going to attack just after dawn." He told me that just before dawn he would send out to me another platoon, so that I'd have half the Company. He himself would follow at 100 yards distance with the other half. Other companies doing the same thing. Bombardment, 6.10 a.m., advance 6.15. He gave me the cheerful intelligence that our objective was the Dahra Ridge, estimated distance 3,200 yards. Pretty useful, wasn't it. The rest of the night I arranged to let the men sleep as much as possible, but I didn't get any myself. About 4 a.m. a violent burst of rapid fire opened on my left, and I didn't know what was happening. It kept on at intervals for about three-quarters of an hour, and then died away, and there was peace till 5.30,

when we “stood to.” I was pretty busy from them till it was time to start. The bombardment was short and sweet, and as nobody knew the Turks’ position it probably didn’t do them much harm. Then we started away, just a walk in extended order, with fixed bayonets, that’s all there was to do. The sectional rush business doesn’t seem to be popular, we simply walk on, no matter how far, and charge the last 100 yards or so. The Turk soon let us know where he was, and opened fire on us from a trench about 1,000 yards away. Our guns had not then crossed the river, and had no communication with the firing line at all, so they couldn’t fire other than blindly, and wisely refrained most of the time. Of course that made it pretty bad for us, for the Turks simply stood up and blazed away all they had, rifles, machine guns and artillery, and not a solitary thing was firing at them. We jogged on steadily enough, and I feel proud to have been with such men, they walked on as if here was nothing on earth to worry about, but keeping a decent line, and all the while the fire was as hot as it could well be. The Turk enfiladed us for a time with a machine gun, which added to the pleasure of our walk, but at last we got within charging distance of the first trench, or at least some of us did, and we went for them. About 30 yards away from the trench I felt an awful smack in the thigh, and down I went, and there I lay for the next five hours, exposed to most unpleasant attention in the way of shrapnel, which, for some unknown reason the Turk kept sending over that particular spot all the morning. I wonder I was not hit again, for I heard the stuff spattering on the ground round me time after time. However, my luck was in, and after about two and a half hours two men carried me into the trench we had been going for, so I was a bit safer during the rest of my waiting period. I managed to get out my cigarette case from the side pocket of my tunic, but found to my intense disgust that the bullet had ploughed through it, and smashed up the few cigarettes I had left, and had done ditto to my matches. I think I was more annoyed about that than about my leg, though that was making me groan a bit at times. It was a rather bad wound, which might have been heaps worse. It is very high up on the thigh, as you can tell from its having gone through my tunic pocket, and in coming out it tore away a lot of flesh, leaving a hole as long as the palm of my hand, and about half as wide. I don’t know how near it was to the femoral artery, it was so near that the doctors didn’t risk putting a probe in, but if it had hit it so high as that I’d have just faded away. It leaves me an unpleasant souvenir in the shape of a damaged nerve, which strafes pretty regularly, and is quite likely to do so permanently, but otherwise it is healed up, though the lost flesh is only partly replaced as yet. I was discharged from hospital on Saturday, and am now on sick leave at a convalescent place in the Western Ghats, about 120 miles from Bombay. It’s very quiet, but I feel that’s the sort of thing I want, for I’m still very weak.

Well, I’m afraid this is a frightfully long and very egotistical letter, but I thought the details of the show might interest you.

I don’t think the Censor would object to anything I’ve written, it’s all past history now.

Yours sincerely,

J. SHADDOCK.

In *The Lion* of **April 1923** we read that “The Association (sic) grows” and now has 73 members. This is a large proportion, perhaps one third, of the boys who have left the school. In the July 1924 edition there is the first piece actually headed “The Old Priceans’ Association”. It is very brief, and merely tells its readers that an account of “the Club” is to be held over to the next issue, and appears over the name of the Secretary of the Club, **H.L. Marriott**. (1914-1919)

(Unfortunately at this point there appears to be at least one Lion missing from our collection. There is no April 1925 edition, which would have been “the next issue” referred to above if the pattern of three Lions a year, in April, July and December, was being followed. July 1925 is the next edition we have, followed by all three Lions for 1926.[Ed.: There was no Lion for March 1923, as confirmed in the Editorial for April 1926: “No hockey – poor weather wrecked the season not much to report. No Lion – a dual calamity.)

In the **December edition of 1926** there is the first mention of a “London Section”, and 16 people sat down at the Christmas dinner, “the event of the year” at the Soho Restaurant, Soho Street. The meal cost 2/6d. This entry in *The Lion* appears over the name of Guy Chignell. The lost *Lions* referred to above presumably included the information that **Guy Chignell** (“Chiggy” as he was universally known) (1910-1918) was a founder member and first **President** of the Association, and that **H.L.Marriott**, (1914-1919) another founder member was the first Secretary. Presumably these two were the officers both of the Association and of the London Section.

In April 1927 the piece about “The Old Pricean’s Association” immediately follows the Editorial. The joining subscription of 5/- covers the first year of membership and is payable at the end of that year. Thereafter the subscription is 2/6d p.a. The London Section now numbers 25, and there is a report of its Christmas dinner, including the menu in full. 15 of its members attended a performance at London Colosseum in March.

By **December 1927** the London section has grown to 30. There is no subscription to belong. The section meets every other Tuesday at Bassi’s hotel-restaurant in Soho St. In the July 1927 *Lion* the initials L.S.O.P appear for the first time - the S standing for Section, presumably. The main body is still referred to from time to time as The Old Boys’ Club, but has the official title of Old Priceans’ Association.

Throughout **1928** the usual very long list of names and details under “Old Boys’ Notes” appear in *The Lion*, but no article about the Association. However, in the April 1929 magazine it is reported that the London branch has officially declared itself “The London Society of Old Priceans”. **Dudley Masterman** (1912-1915) takes over from Marriott as Secretary of L.S.O.P. and of the “parent club”. Guy Chignell continues as President, presumably of both parent Association and London branch.

In **1929** the subscription for membership was increased from 2/6d p.a. to 3/6d. *The Lion* contained a full list of the members, together with a long entry of new of O.P.s. including a letter from D.E Gregory, one of the founder members, in Palestine.

order will meet the case, which is not so bad as I had anticipated.

I received your letter when we returned to Malta after our last cruise, round Greece. Owing to the trouble in Palestine, we only stayed in harbour long enough to re-fuel and re-store ship, and then did a record trip to Jaffa, averaging 28 knots on the trip; leaving Malta at 13.30 on a Saturday, we arrived at Jaffa at 06.00 the following Monday. This ship was told off for that job as we are the fastest ship on the station. Naturally, once on that spasm, all thoughts of anything else had to be dropped.

I was a member of Headquarters Staff as Transport Officer, and had a wonderful time commandeering cars and buses and supervising the arrangements for transporting the troops and all their baggage, etc. Naturally, we were all armed, but unfortunately had no, or only a few, occasions to use them. The total "bag" of the landing party was two dogs, one cat, and one donkey, shot during some of the night raids on outlying villages.

The appended letter from D. E. Gregory may be of interest:—

H.M.S. "Sussex,"
At Taranto,
October, 1929.

Dear Chignell,

Heaven, we are told, is paved with good intentions. That being so, I must have supplied the paving for a good many streets. Knowing that I am considerably in debt to the O.P.A., I had intended to write and enquire the amount of my liability, and to enclose a blank cheque; but since receiving your letter I find that a postal

We spent 16 days ashore, 16 of the hottest days I have endured, temperature between 97 and 105 degrees. Life for the first few days was rather hectic. Landing in a rush as we did, we had no time to take even a shift of uniform. Meals and sleep had to be taken where and when one could. After a few days the district became quiet, and more or less settled, and we were able to land a few stewards, commandeer a hotel, and get an officers' mess going in quite good style. Life then became more or less bearable.

I visited several Arab villages while on patrol, and found the natives fairly peaceful. We partook of black coffee with them, and made attempts at conversation, through interpreters. I saw no signs of any arms, but their flowing cloak and baggy trousers could have hidden a complete armourey. Most of the Arabs we captured during night raids carried murderous curved knives.

We left Jaffa to join up with the Fleet, visiting Italian ports in the Adriatic, Zara, Brioni, and Pola; then coming South to Taranto. We leave here next Tuesday for Corfu. Ten days there, and then back to Malta for Christmas.

You may be surprised to hear that I have been married for over two years. Unfortunately, I am in Italy and my wife in England, but she is coming out to Malta shortly, as the ships of the Mediterranean Fleet spend quite a long time at Malta during the winter months.

I have not the faintest idea when I shall be able to put in an appearance at an Old Boys' match. I have not been home or to Portsmouth since the beginning of 1927, and I have still two more years to do on the Mediterranean station.

I hope I am only one of a goodly number of O.P.'s to whom your letter brought the realisation of the need of funds for the O.P.A. Good luck to it; may it long flourish.

Yours sincerely,
D. E. GREGORY.



Heavy cruiser HMS SUSSEX

See also R.H.Scott's letter in Gazetteer, Part 2, ref: Chitral. Interesting in its own right, it is an excellent example of how the O.P.s of that time, kept contact with the School.

April 1930 saw the membership of the Old Priceans at 150, with 6 life members. The subscription to become a life member was 2 guineas. O.P. ties cost 3/6d from Messrs Dunn in West Street. A Southampton Section had been started. The OPA was extremely active on the sports field. On March 22nd, 43 Old Boys attended the hockey matches. The O.P.s won the 1st XI match, and lost the 2nd. On June 1st the OP 1st XI play an all-day cricket fixture, starting at 11.00, against the school, and a 2nd XI match starting at 2.00 p.m. The matches were followed by a general meeting of the association, and at 8p.m. the "first annual, OPA dinner." On 22nd June there was tennis and bathing at Stokes Bay, and after the next Past v Present soccer match there would be a concert.

The LSOP next dinner would be on April 14th at the Valu Restaurant, 5 Soho St. (It is interesting to note that these London dinners moved from restaurant to restaurant, before settling in 1957 at Bertorelli's until 1975, at least. (One wonders how many, if any, of these restaurants still exist, apart from Bertorelli's.)

21st June 1930 was the date of the O.P.A AGM for that year, and it was followed by the first annual dinner of the association. 27 members and 5 members of staff joined the President, Guy Chignell, at the Red Lion in Fareham for the meal. This gathering also celebrated the 9th anniversary of the founding of the Old Priceans' Association.

The diners at the second annual dinner, in **1931**, included three of the original 18 boys of the 1908 school, and was "a great success." The O.P.A now numbered 174. In November the Association placed a wreath for the first time, with the intention of doing so in perpetuity, on the school's 1914-1918 War Memorial. An Old Priceans' hockey club was formed, and played its first game against the Exiles 2nd XI at Orleans Park, Twickenham. The Portsmouth Evening News had referred to the school as "the nursery Hampshire hockey." F.E. Nugent had won the first of his six England caps.* See the Nugent entry in the "Price's Who's Who" publication on this matter.

By **April 1932** the O.P.A had grown to 182 members, 50 of whom were present at the hockey match against the school, 78 of them were at the cricket matches for which they fielded three XIs. A written constitution was adopted at the A.G.M., article vii of which declared: "The Headmaster of the school shall *ipso facto* be President of the Association". The association's officers were - Hon Sec: **G. Chignell**; Hon Treasurer: **M.W. Gardner**; and the Committee: H.L.Marriott, D.R. Masterman, J.B.Smith; R.A. Lewry, F.G.Wagstaff, D.C.T. Humphries. These were giants of the association then, and most of them were known by the oldest of the present (2020) Old Priceans. A subcommittee was formed to give pupils careers advice. Sir Thomas Inskip, K.C., M.P., Attorney General and M.P. for Fareham; and Rev'd A. Cory, Vicar of Fareham, and chairman of governors, both accepted invitations to become Vice-Presidents of the O.P.A. F.E.Nugent (England) and F.M. Wellbourne (New Zealand) played for their national teams, and various others for their counties. The "magic on the hockey field" of Mr R.O.Johnston, their teacher and coach, been referred to in a previous *Lion*.

At the dinner following this meeting there started the tradition of toasting "Absent friends" at exactly 9.30 p.m. For many years these meals were followed by a "sing-song". Everyone joined enthusiastically in the school song "Forty Years On" (borrowed from Harrow; one wonders whether Mr Bradley was an Old

Harrovian?) and various members of staff (Mr J. Shaddock, and Mrs Bradley for example}, were frequent soloists, duettists, or reciters of verse. Pipes and cigarettes were enjoyed at these “smoking concerts.” On the Sunday morning, 27 O.P.s attended church with the boarders at St Peter and St Paul. The notes on these meetings for the matches and the evenings that followed them are characterised by the warmth with which the Headmaster and his wife are referred to. There was obviously a very strong family feeling about the reunions in those early days when the school was small and a significant proportion of the pupils were boarders

1933 again saw three cricket XIs playing against the school, and it was noted that M.R. Coghlan 1909-1914), who left in that year, was the only boy in the school’s history to make 1,000 runs in a season. This record probably still stands. On the day after the matches there was a car treasure hunt ending at Midhurst.

The L.S.O.P was meeting for lunch on the first Tuesday of every month, first at the Brasserie restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, and then at Maison Bonnard Café, 17 Gillingham Road, Victoria, (lunch 1/6d) where their Xmas dinner (3/-) was also held. Several O.P.s, finding themselves at the Buck’s Head, Droxford, called on fellow O.P., R.L. Higgins (1909-1914). For the following hockey season, D.C.T.Humphries has organised a fixture list for an L.S.O.P team.

1934 was the year of Mr Bradley’s retirement, and tributes were paid to him and his wife at the farewell dinner. There were 100 O.P.s at the reunion, and 80 attended the A.G.M. Mr. G.A. Ashton, the newly appointed headmaster, was welcomed at the dinner. G.Chignell gave up the O.P. Secretaryship, which was taken up by **B.R. Ross**. (1917-23), Mr Bradley became Vice-President of the O.P.A. Mr Norton Palmer (handicraft) also retired at the end of the year. He had made the Beauchamp memorial, as well as the 1914 -18 war memorial tablet. The O.P. Hockey team played successfully at the Bournemouth festival.

1935 The AGM confirmed **D.C.T Humphries** as Hon Sec.; Treasurer M.W.Gardner. Assistant Secretary H.E. Dean Cooper (1916-1922), Mr.Gale, who retires at the end of the academic year and is replaced by Mr. T. Hilton, is made Vice President.



The sixth reunion dinner was held at the Red Lion, Fareham. 40 sat down, including 7 staff. The first mention of Mr. T. Foster.

The L.S.O.P. notes are headed for the first time by the bridge (Tower Bridge?) motif. Described as “the most lively portion of the Association,” the L.S.O.P. hired a char-a-banc for the day for its hockey team and supporters for their match against Clifton Hockey Club. “Dumps” Humphries has arranged fixtures for almost every Saturday of the season.

1936 (There is some mystery* about who pays for *The Lion*. On one occasion in earlier years there is a mention of Mr Bradley’s kindness in paying for a whole year’s *Lions*.) At the AGM the Association discusses the difficulty of paying £13 p.p. for the magazine, and the secretary is asked to negotiate with the school to reduce this to £8 p.p. The secretary reports that he has had several requests for something to be done to produce an O.P. blazer.

1937 Membership 250. 40 at 8th annual dinner at Red Lion. Sir Thomas Inskip speaker.

AGM: Members to pay 5d instead of £8 for *The Lion*. *(**Ed**: Very strange! Possibly £5, as in 5 Livres (French for Pound)?)

1938 9th Annual dinner at Pyle's restaurant. Seven staff attend, including Mr R.Garton - first mention. A Fareham branch is started, with 30 members and monthly social meetings at the school or in the parish hall in West Street. The branch holds two very popular "carnival dances".

L.S.O.P. Dudley Masterman retires from secretaryship. **B.G. Buckley** takes over.

The continuation of the general listing in chronological sequence, of dated entries follows-on after this insertion of a long, handwritten piece by Roy Daysh, included as such in tribute to his role as a pupil, teacher and hoarder of artefacts!



Roy Daysh

Before I Forget

"BEFORE I FORGET ..."

An article about Price's School before
the Second World War.

On first consideration, one tends to think there must have been thousands of boys who went to Price's School before 1939 but in fact there were only 1337, and of this time has taken its toll, as have two world wars. Now that both Price's School and Price's College have passed into history it is tempting to write about their demise but that is best left to later historians. This article is about Price's School before the second war - a time of great stability in the school's history. It had been in existence more than 200 years and it seemed it would last for at least another 200 years. It is intended to talk about some of the people who were at the School, and about life and customs there.

The admission registers are very interesting volumes, not least because they allot an admission number to every boy. This enables a researcher today to determine the order of seniority of all the boys who ever attended Price's School.

The number 1 belonged to H.V. BONE (1908-10) and he attended on the first day the School opened in Park Lane. However, even he had to admit that C.W. (Bill) HAMMOND
/w/a

was senior to him, he having attended Price's School in West Street. Gill was the senior "Old Boy" to attend the 1971 250th Anniversary Celebrations, when he was well into his eighties. There were 500 there on that July day in 1971 - a magnificent occasion. Even as late as that few people present realised that the days of Price's School were numbered.

C.R. COGHLAN (1908-11) and his cousin, M.R. COGHLAN (1909-14), also attended the 250th Anniversary Celebrations and were both well known in Fareham long after they left the school. M.R.'s father, H.R. COGHLAN had been one of the last headmasters in West Street. M.R. himself achieved fame by scoring 1000 runs in the 1914 cricket season.

Only slightly junior to this pair, E.J. BEATIE (1910-12), disappeared almost without trace but, at the age of 86, returned from Ontario, Canada, to visit the old premises in September, 1984.

G. CHIGNELL (1910-1918) was one of the best known of early Pricians and a stalwart of the 'Old Pricians' Association all his life. "Striggy" was No. 83 and No. 84 was F.M. (Jenie) LEE (1911-1918). He won the S.S.O. in North Africa for great gallantry whilst in command of the 2nd Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment. (Now the Royal Hampshire Regiment)

/E.H. DEAN-COOPER

E. H. DEAN-COOPER (1916-22) was the first Prician to take a Classics degree at Oxford. So loyal was he to his old school that he visited it at least once a year until it closed - some 52 years. He was one of the few, at the 250th Anniversary occasion who also attended the 200th Anniversary in '92. In his retirement he lives in Harrocks, Sussex, where, no doubt, (as a regular reader of "Fareham Past and Present") he will read these words with a good deal of nostalgia. He can be assured there are still a few who recall him and others of his vintage with pleasure.

R. A. LEWRY (1921-28) was a native of Godley - and a great footballer, going straight into the First Eleven as a second-former. There he stayed for many years. During the later years of his "reign" his reputation had become so formidable that visiting opponents would enquire anxiously, "Is Lewry still here?" They would have been greatly relieved when at long last they got the answer, "No".

Another of Pricie's greatest footballers was W. J. TUBBS (1933-39) from Swanmore - formidable indeed and daunting in stature. W. H. MARSHALL (1936-42) from Hamble was a worthy successor at both football and cricket. Alas, nothing has been heard from him since he left school.

There is no room to mention many more famous names, but room at least

1/10/71 J. C. DRAPER

for J.C. DRAPER (1929-33). He became known to thousands of Hampshire people as an authority on Fareham Local History, Hampshire Flora and Hampshire (and British) Geology. His untimely death in 1982 continues to be a great loss to Fareham.

There were many Picens who achieved eminence in one sphere or another ~~to~~ but there is no doubt at all that Pice's School owed its fine reputation before the war to its staff. In those days, masters took a post, meaning to stay there, and contribute to the lore and traditions of their school. Both Mr BRASLY, the first headmaster at Park Lane, and MR. ASHTON, who succeeded him in 1934, selected men as much for their personal qualities, as for their academic ones. Both believed that education included physical activity, and that the school's reputation was made partly, at least, on the sports field. Thus, all the staff were expected to take a share in organising games; not just the representative teams, were included; every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon there were organised games for as many as could be accommodated on the available pitches. The house system with the four houses BLACKBROOK, CAMS, WESTBURY and SCHOOL HOUSE was very strong. House matches were very ^{serious} matters. 1. All of this

All of this meant that everyone in the school knew everyone else. This is, of course, part of the strength of a small school, and there were less than 200 boys on the roll in those days. It also meant there were few problems of discipline, and never any in the classrooms. Anyone intending mischief knew precisely what weight of arm would stop him; and that was generally sufficient deterrent. This is not intended to suggest there was a repressive atmosphere; rather, everyone knew their place.

The staff was full of characters, all very different individuals, yet blending together so that, to the boys, there appeared to be unanimity. In that small world at that time the masters were Olympians. They carried Price's School on their shoulders. The resources and facilities were Spartan but one feels quite certain that the staff cared deeply about Price's School and so did the boys.

When Mr. BRADLY and MR. JOHNSTON died in the early 1950s a host of Priceans mourned at their funerals, and it is fitting that they take their rest within a few feet of each other in Fareham Cemetery.

The ritual of the school was very strong, enlivened by the daily assembly. This was not just the religious ceremony it might have appeared, superficially, to be.

It was the time and place where the whole school met together and became an entity.

Now that all this has passed away it might be thought that memories of those days have grown dim. It is not so. 7th June, 1982 was the 50th anniversary of Mr. ASHTON's appointment as headmaster. Mr. P.R. WATKINS, the last Principal of Price's College planned what was to be a modest celebration of the occasion, anticipating 20 or so guests, with limited advertisement. However 'wind' of the intentions got abroad and, in the event, 20 paid homage to Mr. ASHTON, mostly of the pre-war days or the 1940's. Messrs. GARTON, FOSTER and HILTON of the pre-war staff were present and, interestingly five members of the 1938-39 Fifth form (V.J. CLANEY, K.B. POWELL, E.V. TITHERIDGE, T.W. WALTERS, and G.B. SRANT)

The war in 1939 changed many aspects of society, and it changed Price's School, too, but that is another story. There were still more than thirty years, distinguished ones, too, before the end came. The memories of the pre-war period remain strong in the minds of those thirteen hundred men, or of as many of them who survive. Soon, too soon the words of the Palmist will be true: "The wind pannel over it and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more."

no more.

When Mr. JOHNSTON retired in 1949 he wrote in the "Lion" (the school magazine) - in Latin, of course, "It will be pleasant to remember these things". So be it.

1939 The Secretary, Humphries, reports a very poor turnout of only 8 O.P.s for the hockey match against the school, and for the dance that followed. He feels he is now out of touch after five years in office, and **E.G.Dimmer** (1916-1919) takes over as secretary. At the A.G.M it is agreed that all staff shall *ipso facto* be honorary members of the association. A blazer produced by Hyde is adopted as the O.P. blazer. LSOP: **Dudley Masterman** becomes President. The Christmas Dinner is held at the Prince of Wales Restaurant, Drury Lane. The monthly meetings have moved to the Eros Brasserie, Jermyn Street. The last monthly meeting saw only three members attend. They had quick meal and then repaired to a variety club "*to study the faces of the ladies, which were more interesting than each other's.*"

The Fareham and District branch held their AGM in the Parish Hall, (of Holy Trinity, West Street) with Mr J Shaddock in the chair. A carnival ball is planned for October 1940. By September, Messrs Hilton, Hollingsworth, Garrett and Brown have been called into the services. Messrs Royds-Jones, Eslick and Howard Jones have taken their places - for the moment.

1940-1945 The Association, and the LSOP had no notes in *The Lion*, and did not function. (Account continued after this extract from Ken Harrison:)

A Personal view of Price's School by Ken Harrison

(Extract from a longer article that appears in Gazetteer, Part 2.)

... Wartime conditions accelerated our maturation. Many of us suffered "blitzest" at night and disturbance during the day. An appreciable amount of time was spent in the air raid shelters and casualties occurred among the boys' parents and Old Boys. Air raid damaged made attendance difficult and life could be eventful when we got there. For example, I remember the groundsman throwing his tools on the 1st XI cricket pitch and running for his life while being machine-gunned by a German warplane.

A harsh but fair discipline lay at the root of the School's success. This was balanced by Expectation, Example and Responsibility. Those qualities encouraged individual self-discipline and that assurance that comes with ordered knowledge and ability to communicate. Severe penalties for misbehaviour did not inhibit initiative or freedom of speech.

Punishments ranged from hundreds of lines for failing to raise a cap to a passing master, or even worse to a Mistress, to a beating on the behind for singing in class between lessons. (I can testify to the deterrent effect of three cuts of a thin cane hard across the buttocks.) Immediate confession of guilt led to immediate retribution in full measure. The ultimate deterrent was expulsion, but cases were so rare and conducted with such discretion and immediacy that we could only suspect they were happening. The few occasions seemed to arise as much from breaking the unwritten code of behaviour as from the written one. In general, law enforcement of this kind did nothing to quell our spirit; rather, it enhanced our inventiveness, daring, flair and bravado.

The Cadet Corps provided another distinctive feature cementing School with Town. Its remarkably tuneful drum and bugle band could be followed from School as it paraded around Fareham. Headed by a tall Drum Major, resplendent in his leopard skin. We became accustomed to the end of lessons being signalled by a roll on the drum or a bugle call. It is to the credit to the boy NCOs that they operated the Company entirely on their own during a period of wartime staff sickness

and shortage of officers.

I was one of the few dozen boys who elected to have extra lessons instead of Cadet Corps activities. This was not pacifism (I later joined the 60th Rifles), but a marked preference for my own personal freedom. I gained immeasurably from this because the extra tuition was in Political Organisation, which I found utterly boring, and Classical History and English Literature, which were very enjoyable and which coloured my later adult interests.

In such an environment, honesty prevailed completely. I cannot recall any incidents of cheating, either in sport or in School work. Neither did any boys put-on “side”. The Staff were unpretentious and down-to-earth. Any signs of incipient affection were immediately snuffed-out. The School’s strength in sport matched its academic excellence. At least one pupil was a hockey international. There were many County representatives and others who played for Fareham Town teams. Sport was an important link between School and locality. Because not only did the School play against local sides but individual boys became seeded amongst local Clubs.

I recall clearly the marked change that occurred in the Staff Common Room upon the advent of young ladies to fill gaps left by recruitment to the Armed Forces. Whereas it had been silent – with occasional cough and a wisp of tobacco smoke – was suddenly transformed. Our ears were now assailed by vivacious chatter and laughter and our nostrils were seduced by a wondrous aroma of femininity.

It is all so different today. Old Priceans coming back to visit the School are appalled to find it pulled down and no sign of its name to be found publicly. The demise of the School was bought about by puzzling administrative decisions, but more bewildering is the almost complete eradication of the School’s name and the absence of public recognition of the School’s contribution to the community. There seems to be an unpleasant deliberation about the expunging of these things – rather more than an inadequate sense of history. Perhaps Fareham will honour its past in that respect – perhaps not. There is no more for me to say but Price’s – *Valete*.

Ken Harrison (written post 1990)

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”.

1946 33 O.P.s were lost during the war, and 27 honours were won. The Fareham branch hopes to have a reunion soon. A dance is planned for the following January, and the AGM in March. **E.G. Dimmer** continues as the secretary. L.S.O.P Secretary. **B.G. Buckley** reports “a stirring after seven years’ hibernation” and the 130th meeting is held at La Broche restaurant, Jermyn Street, where it is planned to meet on the last Thursday of each month.

1947 In March the first post-war reunion of the O.P.A. is held with between 50 and 60 attending. Mr G.A. Ashton, Headmaster, is President and in the chair. **Dimmer** continues as secretary, and the treasurer is **M. Gardner**. The subscription is 7/6d p.a. The dinner is held at Harrison Road School, and is followed by “Forty Years On” and songs and humorous items.

1948 The O.P. Day in November was “a distinct success”. The dinner was held in the School House, with the food provided by Fairway Restaurant. “The grand old school song sounded better than ever.” The names of all those present are

printed in *The Lion*. The oldest is E.R.J.Hinxman (1909 - 1917), and the latest to leave L.L.Wassell (1943 - 48)

The L.S.O.P Christmas dinner was held at The Essex Head restaurant, Essex Street.

1949 "Little to report." The March reunion cancelled because of lack of support. However, the reunion dinner at the Belgrade Hall on 14th November was "a great success."

1950 The L.S.O.P "now possesses handsome bound copies of *The Lion*. 1922 - 1940". Guy Chignell (1910-1918) has donated the Lions from 1915 to 1921, and there is a list of those missing from these years. (Ed.: NB All Lion copies now accounted-for, Dec. 2021, and in hand.)

1951. E.J Dimmer resigns from Secretaryship. **Maurice Gardner**, who has been treasurer for over 20 years, takes over Secretaryship as well as continuing as treasurer. At the AGM in July only one member from Fareham was present, the others came from "all over England". It was decided to present two oak memorial seats for the school grounds. 62 attended the Old Boys' Day dinner at Pyle's restaurant, Fareham. The absence of "*beloved Mr Bradly*", who had suffered a car accident, was regretted.

1952 The dinner after the AGM was at Pyle's restaurant. Mr Bradley attended. **P.B.A. Ridett**, Head Boy, responded to the toast "The School". The custom of inviting the Head Boy continued after this.

L.S.O.P. Christmas dinner was at The Red Lion in Fleet Street. 14 present.

E.Grogan becomes co-secretary with **Buckley**.

1953 95 attended the tea at the Old Boys' summer reunion. The Johnston hockey stick, in memory of R.O.J., who had died the previous December having joined the school in 1908, was presented for the first time. The War Memorial tablet was unveiled in November, with a service at 5.30. The largest number of O.P.s we have ever brought together attended the service, and 81 were present for the Dinner at Pyle's restaurant, including 13 masters. LSOP. **P.J.C. Keemer** (1942-1950) replaced Buckley, who had held the post for 15 years, as Secretary. There is a full list in the *Lion* of those present at the Red Lion, Fleet Street on 17th June.

1954 216 members of OPA. The names of those on the '39 - 45 Memorial Board are listed. L.S.O.P. go to "*Guy and Dolls*", and a Ladies' Night is planned.

1955 The reunion on 17th March declared "the best for years." **P.J. Ellis** (1941-1949) is appointed Sports Secretary in the hope of reviving the O.P. teams against the school. The O.P. blazer badge is reviewed and the new version will have the Lion and date but the shield outline is to be omitted. The Shaw Bat is to be awarded, and 25/- p.a. set aside for this, but until B.R.S retires it will be known as O.P. Trophy. John Cole (1939-1946) joins the staff.

1956 .Death of Mr S.R.N. Badly are. 84. Ellis raises two soccer teams v the school, and the OP XI beats the school at hockey. 43 attend the May dinner at Pyle's. 18 attend the L.S.O.P Christmas dinner, the second-largest number since the war, and all years from 1918 are represented. After a long absence, the "News of Old Boys" reappears in *The Lion*. **Lt Colonel Guy Chignell**, a founder-member of the OPA is made Vice President. Another founder-member,

Major W.J.Henry who left the school in 1918, and played hockey for Middlesex, dies. L.S.O.P outing to High Wycombe.

1957 On his appointment, Mr G.A. Ashton had launched an appeal for a new pavilion, to which the O.P.s were contributing. The war had interrupted the plans, but the appeal is launched again with intention of building "*The S.R.N. Badly Memorial Pavilion.*" 22 members attend the AGM. The AOP presents a scoreboard to the school, which now has 360 boys. Mrs. Ashton died on 21st December. 'Flu is rife, and on one day 146 boys are absent from school. The annual dinner after the two OP XIs both beat the school at soccer, is cancelled through lack of support, but P.B.A. Ridett and C.P.Nobes organise a successful impromptu dinner. The L.S.O.P annual dinner marked the branch's 200th meeting, and is attended by 22 members - the highest since 1936. **C.P. Nobes** is Secretary and treasurer, but sadly has to report the destruction of the L.S.O.P records going back to 1930. They had been left in the office of the school-keeper, who thought they were to be thrown away! The Christmas dinner is held at Bertorelli's, Charlotte Street. As well as 15 O.P.s, Messrs Ashton, Hilton and Howard-Jones attended. At the November meeting a record number of 13 met at the Grand Grill in the Strand. The branch has 27 paid-up members.

1958 In **May**, The S.R.N. Bradly Memorial Pavilion (to which the OPs contribute £450) is opened by Vice Admiral Sir William Agnew. 40 members, including members of staff, attend the dinner in The White Cockade. Mr. J. Shaddock died 15th May.

1959 Mr George A. Ashton retires, and Mr Eric Poyner takes up office in September. Saturday morning school ends. Maurice Gardner retires as secretary of O.P.A. **P.J. Ellis** takes over. G.A. Ashton and Gardner both made Vice-Presidents. 50 members attend the annual dinner. S.D.R. Masterman retires as president of L.S.O.P and is succeeded by **A.D. Hayward** (1919-1925). **P.R.Lewis** (1946-1954) takes over from C.P.Nobes as secretary. 21 attend the Christmas dinner.

1960 O.P.s donate copies of famous paintings to the school. Silver's of West Street have on sale: O.P ties, blazer badges, pewter tankards, heraldic shields, and cuff links. The blazer badge is changed to match the school badge which now bears only 1721 instead of 1721: 1908.



There are 393 boys in the school, with 90 in the 6th. 49 of the leavers join the O.P.A., bringing the total to 254. The subscription is raised to 10/- p.a. A benefit fund is set up for Alf May, who has retired. 35 attend the annual dinner at the White Cockade after the soccer match against the school.

The L.S.O.P summer outing is to Thames Ditton. 14 members attend the November meeting at the Grand Grill, the most since 1927, and 15 go on to the Coliseum. Six of these are recent leavers. 21 are at the Christmas dinner at Bertorelli's, including Messrs. Poyner, Foster and Royds-Jones.

1961 The January edition of *The Lion* is the first with a new editor, Mr H.R. Thacker having given up the post after 22 years. The editorial includes an appeal to O.P.s for the missing editions of December 1922, March and July 1923, and July 1929. (**Ed.: All in hand now.**) The O.P.A. now numbers 305. It is proposed to start a comprehensive record of the school, and an appeal is made for reminiscences of 50,40,30,20 and 10 years ago. £62 has been collected for the Alf May fund, and an annual sum of £25 for purchasing works of art for the school is approved. The list of vice-presidents is: Messrs Gale, Hinxman, Chignell, Ashton, Gardner. **P.J. Ellis** continues as Secretary, and **J.Cole** as Assistant secretary.

The Fareham section has ceased to exist, but Keemer and A.C. Purkis (1946-1953) have met in Jahore and started a Malayan branch of the L.S.O.P. Because of the addition of this new branch, the L.S.O.P. secretary, Lewis, is now termed "the secretary general." In the school "a successful Sixth Form Christmas dance" is held, much to the silent amazement of O.P.s who know that in the Ashton era no young females had been allowed on the premises!

1962 70 attend the annual dinner at the White Cockade, and almost every year from 1908 to the present is represented. The Fareham branch is resurrected by John Cole and David Williams.

L.S.O.P Christmas dinner at Bertorelli's is well attended and the guests are Messrs Poyner, Ashton, Thacker and Howard Jones.

1963 L.S.O.P: **Hayward** continues as President. Secretary General, **P.B.A. Ridett**. Christmas dinner at Bertorelli's. Guests: Messrs Poyner, Ashton, Hilton, Royds-Jones.

1964 17 attend L.S.O.P. Christmas dinner at Bertorelli's, their dates spanning 45 years from 1919.

1965 H.R.Thacker retired, having joined the school in 1928. O.P.A. Vice Presidents: Chignell, Ashton, Gardner, Shaw. No Secretary or treasurer - all correspondence to be addressed to J.D.Cole at the school. L.S.O.P. meetings on the 3rd Tuesday in Feb, May and October at Grand Grill in Strand.

1966 O.P.A. A.G.M. on 24 Sept. **J.D.Cole** Honorary Secretary. Treasurer: **L.M. Boxwell**. Messrs Thacker, Garton and Royds-Jones made Vice Presidents.

1967. L.M. Boxwell, who was at the school before 1914, dies, and **R.E.Daysh** (1938-1945) becomes Honorary Treasurer. The School House is demolished, and Daysh writes a piece about it in the '68 *Lion*.

1968 Hammond, who was at the pre-reformed school from 1898 to 1901, reported as being still alive.

1969 700 boys in the school. O.P.A numbers 200. 67 attend the annual dinner including 30 Upper Sixth. **Dimmer** becomes a Vice President. Death of R.N. Buckley, 1919-1924; and of J.M. "Jessie" Lee (1911-1918) of Gosport who had commanded the 1st Battalion Royal Hampshire regiment in North Africa during the war, and whose "exploits deserved a V.C. - but there was nobody of higher rank to recommend him."

1970. 250th anniversary preparations being planned for the following year. Lt Commander D.E. Gregory, R.N. (1912 -1920), a founder member of the O.P.A. in 1921, has his obituary in *The Lion*. O.P.A - 230 members. LSOP President **D.C.T. Humphries**. Secretary **M.C.Privett**. 17 attended Christmas dinner at Bertorelli's, including guests Messrs Ashton and Poyner.

1972 The school is to become a 6th Form College in 1974. **B.R. Shaw** (1925 -63) has died, as has G. Chignell, who was a co-founder of the Association (as the Old Boys' Club.) and he was its first secretary. **Mr T. Hilton** retires after 37 years (1935 -72). O.P.A. 260 members. 30 are at the annual dinner. The subscription is now £1 p.a. L.S.O.P annual dinner at Bertorelli's attended by 21 members, and guests: Messrs Ashton, Poyner, Hilton and Admiral Alexander, Chairman of Governors. "Forty Years On" sung, as in the old days at school.

1973 T. Hilton made a Vice-President. The annual dinner held in the school hall, with 70 present. 29 at the L.S.O.P. Christmas dinner. The Tuesday meetings move to the Albert, Victoria Street.

1974 **The school is no more** - Price's College, comprising 820 students, including girls, replaces it. Mr. Howard Jones (1939 - 74) is made Vice President, having retired. The AGM is attended by 9 members. F.E.Nugent, who won six caps playing hockey for England, has died. LSOP: 24 at annual dinner at Bertorelli's, including Masterman 1912 -1920 (?). A Cambridge branch (C.O.P.S) has been formed with 21 members. Mr Poyner is President and **T.Hancock** (Emmanuel) is secretary. *(Writer's intrusive note: How sad it is that the school/college that sent this remarkable number of students to the second-greatest university in Great Britain, together with an unspecified number to Oxford, and to other universities, was abolished, and if this number of Fareham youngsters are now sent to these universities, they come from colleges scattered round Hampshire, and Fareham cannot take pride in them as a combined number!)*

1975 The last *Lion*. 11 O.P.s present at A.G.M. There will be an open meeting to consider the future of the O.P.A. L.S.O.P. Annual dinner at Bertorelli's attended by 15 members together with Messrs Ashton and Hilton. C.O.P.S secretary **R.W. Goddard**.

C.P.Nobes. 2020

(At the moment, copies of *The Lion* are available from 1922 onwards though the magazine existed at least from 1915. (See notes on 1950). **(Ed.: Since this Project started, a set of the pre-1922 Lions has been found amongst the archives of Roy Daysh and made available by his son Michael.)** Some of the earlier history of the Old Priceans can be inferred from these editions. The last of the School *Lions* is for 1975. Did the College have an equivalent magazine?

(Ed.: Some magazines were produced at the College (1976 - 1980) but not under the Lion banner.) If so, did it contain notes submitted by the Old Priceans Association? If not, the only source of O.P.A. history will be minutes of its meetings, which I have asked Secretary Fellow Peagram to find, if he can.) *(Ed.: Not available.)*

The Society of Old Priceans

The Society of Old Priceans was formed in 1983, taking the place of the Old Priceans' Association. The new association was carried forward on the shoulders of the London Society of Old Priceans with "Dumps" **Humphries** continuing as President. Humphries died in 1985, and **Maurice Gardner** succeeded him as President. **Martin Privett** retained his role as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. The Society continued to have two meetings each year in London, as well as the AGM and Christmas dinners.

In July 1988, to mark the 80th anniversary of the re-founding of the School, Patrick Ridett, believing that the future of the society must depend on its resurrection in Fareham, organised a Price's School Reunion and Luncheon at Park Lane, and David Williams publicised this locally. Seventy Old Priceans and a number of their wives attended. Guest were Eric and Mrs Poyner, Tom and Mrs Hilton, Ron Garton and the Revd E.M.Royds-Jones. *(Ed: Sadly, there is no record of this event having taken place.)* Since then, summer luncheons have been held in Fareham.

In December 1989 **P.B.A.Ridett** succeeded Maurice Gardner as L.S.O.P (and in reality S.O.P.) President, and Martin Privett continued as Secretary, completing 25 years of service to the Society.

At the 1993 AGM a new constitution was agreed, and an eight-member committee was formed. Gary Meek became membership secretary, and Adrian Elvin became Hampshire Area Secretary. The 1994 February meeting would be at the Red Lion, Fareham, and for some years all meetings, including the AGM, were held there.

In 1995 Martin Privett resigned owing to his ill-health, and the AGM elected **Michael Peagram** as Hon. Secretary to succeed him, with **Michael Croad-Brangwyn** becoming Hon Treasurer. **Eric Poyner** became President, and **Patrick Ridett** became Chairman.

1996 saw the publication of Volume 1 Number 1 of an A4 size *Lion*, containing articles about the school including a photocopy of a newspaper article recounting the arrest of Martin Privett and Mr Johnston's as they strayed across the Italian border.

1998 in March a 90th anniversary *Lion* edited by P.B.A. Ridett and printed by Gary Meek is published. **Derek Marlow** succeeded Patrick Ridett as Chairman. **Roger Starkey** became the Society's first Archivist. A new constitution was adopted at the 1998 AGM. The idea of an exhibition at Westbury Manor Museum, as part of the centenary celebrations in 2008, was first mooted. As part of Fareham Borough Council's millennium project to redevelop "Market Quay" the Society took the opportunity to recognise William Price's contribution to the education of the town by providing a drinking fountain and plaque marking the position of the original school.

In 1999 **C.P.Nobes** was chosen to succeed Eric Poyner as President. Michael Peagram began the task of developing the Society's website.

The Society was given a share in naming the estate roads being constructed off Park Lane on the last site of the school. Christmas dinners were all based in London, and organised mainly by Ridett. They

settled eventually in the R.A.F Club, by the good offices of a member of that Club, Paul Lewis, until his death in 2016. Ian Virgo, another member, took over after Lewis.

The summer lunch of the Society is, and has been for some years, held on the Sunday nearest to May 31st, the date of William Price's death. Before the lunch, there is a service at his tomb, on which a wreath is laid to honour him. The AGM is held on the first Friday in October, and for some years the lunch has been held at Fareham College, where Price's found a friend in the Principal, .

In 2004 Roger Starkey gave up being Archivist, and **Richard Brent** became his successor.

In 2010 Derek Marlow retired from the chairmanship while continuing with his vital organisation of the Society's Fareham lunches. The Society made him Vice-President. **Charles Evans** was elected Chairman.

In 2015 Phillip Reynolds became Chairman, succeeding Charles Evans, who retired through ill-health and was made Vice-President. The Society lost another invaluable servant, Michael Croad-Brangwyn, when he died suddenly in 2018, before he could receive the honour that the Society was about to bestow on him. He remembered the Society generously in his will. His successor, **Michael Peagram**, was made the first Fellow of the Society, in recognition of his long and continuing labours as web-master and secretary.

"The Society of Old Priceans" notes are mainly the work of David Williams, who wrote a piece for the 2008 exhibition. I have rather sketchily updated them, as we lost David Williams' invaluable contributions to the Society when he died in 2019. Until access can be gained to other sources, they must stand as the latest part of this history. (CP Nobes)

The Leavers' Plaque:

The plaque, of which a photo was received recently from Mike Daysh – his father had rescued it prior to ultimate closure. Was this a general subscription item, or was there a single, or just a few donors? Either way, it deserves a list of names attached to it, and with as many to write in to relate their memories, stories of pranks, successes, and the rest of their education and work / leisure lives. Please make an effort to get a good response via your contacts, or others you knew.



Remembering

The Old Priceans' Association / Society has always had a good and responsible respect for older members, for their passing and especially for those killed in active military service.

Social events have included toasts to past members, and there have been two wall monuments dedicated to the lives lost. An attempt to insert a permanent memorial to the original opening of the School was well-intended but was overall not successful, though its physical presence is in a central place in the Town, in the form of a Water Fountain, now a bird feeder. The various significant Anniversaries were also occasions for a commemoration or celebration, and the most recent was the WP300 event in May 2022, further details of which, In the "WP300 Anniversary 4" Chapter.

Homage at his graveside is paid to the charitable benefits provided for in William Price's will at the annual Summer Lunch at Lysses Hotel.

Notices of the passing of O.P.s are published on receipt, in the Society magazine.

In a response to his perceptions of criticism of the Society, the Secretary penned the following account:

"Some question the work of the Society of Old Priceans and whether it is worth the £10 per annum subscription.

The objectives of the Society are set out in the Constitution which is available to view on the website www.societyofoldpriceans.co.uk

In contrast to so many clubs and societies which have struggled to find members willing to devote their spare time, we have thrived and grown for more than 30 years since the London Society under Patrick Ridett moved its base to Fareham. In that time, the Society has established a regular series of events which are consistently well-supported and nicely fill the rooms booked for them.

The fellowship enjoyed by members at the Summer Lunch, AGM Lunch and Christmas Lunch is particularly special and greatly valued. Our London Christmas Lunch is held usually on the first Saturday in December at the RAF Club, one of the finest dining spaces in London by courtesy of one of our members, a former RAF Officer.

Our Summer Lunch is held usually at Lysses House Hotel close to 31st May – the date of William Price's death in 1725 and our AGM is usually held at Fareham College in early October with lunch in their restaurant.

The Society aimed to raise the profile of William Price in Fareham and this we have done remarkably well with our links through key committee members to Fareham Borough Council who often provide the Mayor to place the wreath.

We established a blue plaque on the original School site in West Street and sponsored a drinking fountain commemorating William Price and his Charity.

We staged a wonderfully successful celebration in 2008 for the 100th Anniversary of the opening of the School on the Park Lane site. Many hours were spent working with Westbury Museum to create a fine display of Prices memorabilia.

We have done remarkably well to preserve the history and artefacts of the School and College. Our volunteers have patiently digitised the Lion back to 1926 and our volunteers carefully tend

our artefacts and our records most of which are maintained at Hampshire County Council.

We have ensured that the war dead of Prices School are honoured and the Society instigated the reading of the names of all from Fareham area who fell at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Fareham.

We have established a large website of photographs and memorabilia running to several gigabytes of information including 16 school panorama photographs back to 1920.

We issue occasional Member Updates and Newsletters with news of events and recent contacts relevant to Priceans. Some of our members have roles in the Prices Charity which supports young people in Fareham. The Society has sponsored students to work in Africa and we have provided prizes for Fareham College students.

The Society's work is deeply appreciated notably by those based abroad. There is often contact from descendants of Priceans seeking to know more about the life of their relations.

The Society will hold another major celebration to commemorate the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the Will of William Price jnr. over the weekend of 21st/22nd May 2022. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary sophonsec@gmail.com."

Michael Peagram

Ed: So, the Society is very conscious of its past membership, their services, and sustaining an awareness in Fareham of the William Price Legacy. The letter above is a summary of the current situation.

But there is time now, to consider what next for a future of indeterminate length and with a likelihood of declining Committee-membership vitality. The answer is obvious, the task is difficult. Confronted with such a situation, there are two options: to continue along the current pathway, with its essentially retrospective orientation, or to re-orientate forwards and adopt a refreshed programme that will be relevant to the younger (!), and hopefully newer members, yet to be able to contribute in a practical sense. The latter does not preclude the former option. This is not like a grouper fish swallowing whole its next prey and spitting out what it does not like: rather, it is a matter of embracing and caring-for what is done presently, and adding to that other, different kinds of events that will enable the focus to shift from one of current and personal benefits, to a future outlook that has a broader remit that will be of advantage to the whole community of Fareham.

Significant change can be seen as a threat by many, which is a pity. Instead, consider the "glass half empty, or glass half full" conundrum.

War time losses

Priceans who did not come back



The War years were not just ones of restrictions and limitations, of course, they were years when families were torn apart as their menfolk were drafted into the Armed Forces and sent not just to theatres of war overseas, but to different parts of the UK, according to where the training bases and service centres for their skills were located. Families were suddenly devoid of a father, and maybe elder sons. Many Priceans have served in the armed forces. Some have lost their lives; others have received decorations for their courage.

The Honours Board for 1914-1918 shown above adorns a wall in the Westbury Museum in Fareham and records the following names:

World War 1 Losses		
Bartlett, James Wm.	Royal Navy	8
Chequer, Henry	Royal Hampshire Regiment	1
Conlan, Arthur U.	Royal Irish Regiment	2
Foster, Eric	Royal Hampshire Regiment	1
Hynes, Patrick E.	East Kent Regiment (The Buffs) att. Royal Flying Corps	3
Mather, Kenneth	Canadians	4
Millard, Harold	Royal Engineers	5
Packham, Eric F.	Royal Hampshire Regiment	1
Pearce, Harold J.	Australian Imperial Force	6
Plummer, William A.	Royal Hampshire Regiment	1
Sims Oswald Follet	Royal Hampshire Regiment	1
Thomas, John Boaz	Royal Flying Corps	7
Wellstead, Gordon	Royal Hampshire Regiment (Actually, The Wilts. Regt.)	1



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Those who served in World War 2 and were decorated appear in an all-inclusive list, in later in this Lion Pride, Old Boys' Chapter.

For of those in the lists above, there are mentions in the Part 1 of the Gazetteer which is a part of this William Price 300th Anniversary Commemoration. The Gazetteer has a Part 2 with longer records of the persons recorded, including details of the Cemetery of burial.

Each year on Armistice Day, In Fareham, there is a Civic service and gathering of local organisations where the names of over 1000 of the war Dead for the whole of the Fareham Borough are read out. This service of oration is delivered by members of the Old Priceans' Committee, taking nearly an hour to read out the names of all. Latterly, the naming has been assumed by the Borough Council.



To the World War 2 Roll of Honour above has been added **Cpl. Ian Spencer, Royal Marines**
(Killed in the Falklands conflict, 1982)

The Lion Magazine, the Society Website, the Committee and Members of the Society continue to pay homage to those who served and lost their lives.

There are, of course, many who have served and seen out their time at peace, or in times of conflicts, with honour and distinction, about whom we have no knowledge. Our respects to them.

Extracts from the war time Lion magazines are here:

Unable as it was, to be able to print much about past Pricean involvements in military activity, what follows are the only War Time entries in the Lion magazines of School life, affected by the War:

1939

THE WAR has affected the School in many ways. We were not able to return at the appointed time because the Air Raid Shelters were not ready and when they were we found Mr. Garrett was with the Navy, and Messrs. Brown, Hilton and Hollingworth with the Army. We have seen something of three of them, but Mr. Brown has been unable to get as far as Fareham. We wish them all good fortune and a safe return. It is sad that in the same service, E.A. Crofts, an Old Pricean, has passed beyond recall.

We started term with a full complement of staff. One Old Boy, E. J. Tatford, and three gentlemen from New Zealand, whose efficiency and charm made them immediately popular, joined us temporarily. When they left we welcomed Messrs. Royds-Jones, Eslick, Howard Jones and Lovelock, and we hope that their time at Fareham will be as happy as conditions allow.

Since we are in a neutral area we are spared some of the major horrors of war and a record entry has been absorbed. The School is now as full as it well can be. The increasing size is reflected by the number of School Certificates gained: we think twenty-seven out of an entry of thirty a very creditable achievement. We must congratulate also those who secured their higher certificates.

The beginning of this term found the Corps deprived of all its Officers and several N.C.O's., so it was obvious that things were not going to be easy. The weather, too, has been far from helpful, drill on the field being impossible for a good deal of the term. However, difficulties are made to be overcome, and we have now four officers and a very efficient Sergeant Major, and are trying to keep up the work of the Corps without any falling away from the high level of performance previously attained.

The war had made it exceedingly difficult to carry on. They had not been able to enlarge the School to meet the phenomenal growth in the number of boys attending it. That growth showed that the School satisfied a very real want in the district, and that the parents trusted the Governors and realised that the Headmaster aimed at giving a sound education to his boys, and that he sought to bring out what was best in the boys and to give them a good and sound intellectual, physical and moral training. Mr. Bradly aimed at, and had realised, a wonderfully high ideal, and it would be difficult to find a school with such a short existence where such a splendid tone had been created.

The term had an unsettled start. Mr. Shaddock was not gazetted to the 6th Hants. until January 16th, which left very little time to fill his place. A Physics Master from Liverpool was appointed, but three

days before term he failed us, and Mr. Lusum from Portsmouth, took over the French. The timetable was re-made, so that Mr. Jones, who is now Assistant Priest at the Parish Church, could take V.a and V.b Physics. Unfortunately it proved that Mr. Lusum, though a naturalised Swiss, was of Austrian birth, and the Military Authorities would not allow him to remain within the "prohibited area," giving him 48 hours' notice to quit. This occasioned an interregnum of a week, which was brought to a close by Mr. Carpenter joining the Staff. Editorial?

1940 March

We are most anxious to have a record of the doings of Old Boys, particularly of those serving with the Forces. Now that Old Boys' Days are only a memory, it is only through "The Lion" that touch can be maintained. Since December, one Old Boy has been mentioned in despatches and another was on H.M.S. Cossack when the prisoners were rescued from the "Altmark."

1940 December

"**T**HE LION" did not appear last term and even now we regret that we cannot entirely revive past glories. Space is curtailed and unfortunately for the duration of the war there will be no section devoted to the triumphs of the Old Priceans. We can only hope that all members of the Association and all who leave during this present struggle will do their best to keep in touch with the School and be ready, when the crisis is over, to form once more a vigorous and prosperous association.

School has continued, with interruptions from air raid alerts, but so far, despite all the difficulties brought by the war, we have been very lucky. Our class rooms are a little crowded, our hours are a little shorter and our staff has had its changes: in particular we wish all good fortune in their temporary careers to Mr. Foster, Mr. Howard Jones, Mr. Bitchell and, when he too goes, Mr. Eslick and we must congratulate on their promotion Commander Garratt and Captain Hollingworth. And we welcome to the Staff those who have replaced them.

This term finds the Cadet Corps, in common with the rest of the School, suffering from loss of personnel. The end of last term saw the loss of several senior N.C.O's, and the present term had hardly got under way when we lost one or two more, to say nothing of the departure of Mr. Foster, who has joined H.M. Forces. We owe a good deal to all of these, and their loss is serious, but we must do our best to replace them.

July 1941

Before our last issue had been published D. J. Hunt had been killed in an air raid on Gosport. He was a member of the Sixth Form engaged on a Higher Certificate Course and was a boy of considerable ability. In particular the School owes him a debt for the work he did for the Library.

The War Office has urged that Cadet Corps should be affiliated to the Home Guard for their mutual benefit, and I am taking steps to affiliate this company to the local Home Guard. We have in consequence obtained the services of Lance Corporal Corbett to help in instruction, which I have no doubt will be of considerable value. In wet weather too we shall be able to use the Connaught Drill Hall if we wish.

The War Office express the hope that every cadet who has reached the age of 17 will as a matter of course join the Home Guard, while still remaining a cadet. Thus, the training they receive as cadets will be put to good use in case of need. Cadets of 16 can be usefully employed as messengers, etc., for the H.G. If any wish to offer their services they should let me know.

Some cadets have made a real effort to pay off their debts, but there are still too many big balances on the wrong side. It is not playing the game to add to my work the task of worrying people for money. Pay up and help instead of hindering.

J.S.

Casualties:

We regret very much to have to record the following casualties in service:

W. Abbott	Missing, believed killed
A.J.M. David	Missing, believed killed
J.Cook	Missing, at sea
A.N. Pearce	Killed in an air accident.
J.Whiteman	Killed, in an air raid

War Savings.

Since the beginning of last term the School Savings have been reorganised and each form has now its separate Secretary. The results have been very gratifying, as the School Savings have increased tremendously. This could be improved upon if we had 100% membership of all pupils.

School groups were in existence before Street and Factory groups and the School should have prior claim on the savings of its pupils.

The ideal is for all pupils to belong to their School group, men and women workers to their Factory groups and housewives to their Street groups.

In the stern days which lie ahead let us not grudge *lending* our money to make sure that the "end of the beginning" *will* be "the beginning of the end!"

MEMBERSHIP OF GROUP.

Form	Percentage	Form	Percentage
6	100	Rem.	94
5a	88	3a	62
5b	92	3b	78
4a	89	2a	62
4b	61	2b	73

July 1942

Honours List

S.C.Phillips

Mentioned in Despatches

CASUALTIES.

We regret very much having to report the deaths of the following, owing to enemy action, since our last issue :—

N. C. DAVENTRY

R. SEYMOUR

E. P. SMITH

G. J. YOUNG

P. P. SMITH

A. CARPENTER

The following have been reported missing :

C. J. VERDON

J. BEAVIS

Dec 1942

Honours List

A.C.Bennett

Distinguished Flying Medal

Casualties.

We regret very much having to report the following casualties since our last issue :—

KILLED P. J. HYNES.

PRISONER OF WAR P. GOUGH.

July 1943

Honours List.

We have great pleasure in congratulating the following :—

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

S. C. PHILLIPS (third occasion).

W. M. JONES.

CASUALTIES.

R. S. J. BETTERIDGE—Prisoner of War.

C. J. VERDON—Prisoner of War, formerly reported Missing.

Dec 1943

Honours List.

We have great pleasure in congratulating R. B. SCOTT on winning the D.S.O.

It is with great regret that we have to record the following casualties on Active Service :

Killed—A. C. SMITH.

Missing, presumed killed—W. H. SCOTT.

Missing—W. H. BILTON.

July 1944

THE Second Front has come (and part of our playing field gone) but we have carried on with surprisingly little disturbance and now the Fifth Form is trying conclusions with the School Certificate examiners. As we look back we may note some features of the past two terms worthy of comment. First we note a very welcome extension of the list of Old Priceans in the armed forces who have earned distinction and, to keep Staff level with School, we congratulate not only them, but also Mr. Garrett who has been awarded the O.B.E. Of the present members of the School, Way is especially to be praised for his County Scholarship.

Honours List.

M.C.—G. R. H. MULLINS.

The official citation states that after Captain Mullins's company had restored the situation of another company near the factory area at Caracetto the enemy counter-attacked fiercely. With complete disregard for personal safety he arranged the defence of the position and set a fine example to the men, many of whom were casualties and who lacked section and platoon leaders. Although badly wounded in the arm and leg, his organisation and direction of the defence were so effective that all enemy attacks were beaten off.—(Portsmouth Evening News, 6-7-44).

D.F.C.—B. H. G. ADAMS, K. GIBBS, B. C. BENNETT, R. IVEAGH, H. CROSSLEY.

D.S.M.—F. DIMMER.

Mar 1945

In Memoriam.

I. M. H. MAY.

Of all the boys who passed through Price's School of recent years, none had more versatility or promise than Iain May. None of us has any knowledge of what he would have done with life; we are left only with a series of disappointed hopes. He had high gifts for acting, as his scholarship at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art proved. As a dramatist he had already had some of his plays produced by amateurs and had shown a most remarkable gift for dialogue. As a tennis player he had won several Open Junior Tournaments and was a most formidable left-handed player. If he had less tangible success as an artist and author, the promise was there too. We just cannot guess where his talent would ultimately have led him or how far; but those who knew him are firmly convinced that in some sphere he would have gained high honour and renown.

He was not twenty when he died in Italy. He had a great and fine influence on a group of able boys who were at School with him. Neither they nor those on the Staff who worked with him will forget him. To his family we all offer our sincerest sympathy in their irreparable loss.

H. R. T.

L. F. SHEPPARD.

The following is a translation of the remarks of the Greek Minister of the Interior at the funeral of Lt.-Colonel L. F. Sheppard, Intelligence Officer of the Greek Unrra Mission :—

“ On behalf of the Prime Minister and the Greek Government, I lay a wreath and address a last farewell to a glorious and honoured departed friend. . . . His name will go down in the great annals of the fight for freedom.

“ He was a Greek scholar of broad culture who had a clear conception of the new social trends. He will be remembered as one who rendered invaluable service to the Greek cause. He fought in the mountains and came down to the Capital during the dark era of servitude, at great personal risk, to contribute more to the liberation of our country. He was the liaison officer between the British and the three members of our Committee.

“ His friends and collaborators will remember with deep emotion and heartfelt regret the good friend and brave soldier. Greece will gratefully include his name in the long list of brave British Philhellenes.”

July 1945

Honours List.

M.B.E.—J. W. MOORE.

Casualties.

We deeply regret having to record the following :—

Missing.—T. LEGGATT, P. HENLEY.

V. J. KIRBY, who should have been recorded as a Prisoner of War is now released, as are H. P. DAWKINS and B. S. and P. MANLEY.

Hampshire's Soldiers

The names listed below are among known to have served in the Hampshire Regiment, but even this service list is assuredly incomplete, as are the dates omitted. A fuller list of Old Boy's service is available via a [Link](#), showing their cap badges.

R. S. HIGGENS, 2nd Lieut., 13th Hants
F. H. GIBSON, Corpl., 5th Hants. Machine Gun Section,
E. G. GIDDINS, Corpl., 4th Hants., Persian Gulf (wounded).
C. H. GRIBBLE, 6th Hants., India.
C. R. HEATH, 3rd Portsmouth Battn.
G. EDNEY, 3rd Portsmouth Battn.
V. F. SANDY, 6th Hants, India.
C. G. SANDY, 9th Hants. (Cyclists).
G. V. SCRIVENS, Sergt., 6th Hants.
D. C. W. OLIVER, 2nd Lieut., 6th Hants.
H. CHEQUER, 5th Hants.
E.R.FOSTER , Sjt.
E.F. PACKHAM, Lt.



This record is open to addition with any person being sure of servicemen's names and Regiment. Simply send details into the Society website.

World War 2 Casualties

Shaded background refers to "Lost in Action with the Armed Forces"					
1945, Mar	Barter	C.W.		P1	O.P.
1942, Jul	Carpenter	A.		P2	O.P.
1945, Mar	Clark	R.		P1	O.P.
1942, Jul	Daventry	N.C.		P2	O.P.
1941, Jul	David	A.J.M.		P2	O.P.
1941, Dec	Dill	J.		P2	O.P.
1945, Mar	Flemans	A.S.		P1	O.P.
1941, Dec	Griggs	F.L.		P2	O.P.
1945, Jul	Henley	P.		P3	Missing ?
1941, Dec	Hoskins	O.J.		P2	O.P.
1941, Dec	Hynes	M.J.		P2	O.P.
1942, Dec	Hynes	P.J.		P2	O.P.
1945, Jul	Leggatt	T.		P3	Missing ?
1944, Jul	May	I.M.H.		P3	O.P.
1941, Jul	Pearse	A.N.		P2	O.P.
1941, Dec	Reader	A.H.		P2	O.P.
1942, Jul	Seymour	R.		P2	O.P.
1945, Mar	Sheppard	L.F.		P1	O.P.
1941, Dec	Smith	A.G.		P2	O.P.
1942, Jul	Smith	E.P.		P2	O.P.
1942, Jul	Smith	P.P.		P2	O.P.
1941, Jul	Whiteman	J.		P2	O.P.
1941, Dec	Whitfield	H.		P2	O.P.
1942, Jul	Young	G.J.		P2	O.P.
1947, Jul (Lion Issue listed in)	Abbott	W.		P16	O.P.
	Beavis	J.		P16	O.P.
	Cook	V.		P16	O.P.
	Crofts	E.A.		P16	O.P.
	Godden	D.		P16	O.P.
	Hills	M.		P16	O.P.
	Knocker	P.		P16	O.P.
	Reader	A.H.		P16	O.P.
	Scott	W.H.		P16	O.P.
	Smith	A.C.		P16	O.P.
	Boyes	T.J.			From World War 2 Roll of Honour, not listed elsewhere.
	Coles	A.C.			
	Cook	W.H.			
	Ellam				
	Etheridge				
	Wareham				
	Gregory				
	Hynes	B.J.			
	Manley	J.			
	Tilbury	R.A.			
	Young	G.J.			
	Dale	G.N.			
	Sivier	D.			

Price's Phoenix from the Ashes: The Scout Troop

Bleakness and tragedy aplenty there was during the War. Those alive at the time, aside from all the privations, had no idea when it would end and how much more carnage there was to be endured. Some of the menfolk were away for very long periods of time.

(It is ironic and of great sadness that the horrors of war should be evidenced as this section is written in the March 2022 attack on and devastation of Ukraine by Russian forces, illustrating the capacity of deranged national leaders to inflict such carnage on others, and to witness the impact of propaganda and fake news.)

With the departure of all of the Cadet Force Officers at the start of the War, all of the leadership was lost, too. The boys were there, the uniforms also and the time was planned for, but what could not have been imagined was that the senior NCPs stepped forward to take over the show, demonstrating skills of leadership that anyone would have been impressed with.

The other surprising success of the War Years was the inauguration of a Scout Troop.

The formation of the Price's School Scout Troop and the interest and practical engagements it offered those who belonged was a remarkable feat of endurance and leadership by the Revd. E. Michael Royds Jones, with little or no help from within the School. In his masterly coverage of the major games, Roger Starkey has done well to account for the fate of these three sports. Hockey came to a stop altogether, and the others were affected by fuels shortages that affected transport, operation of the grass mower and preparation of pitches



Many of you might not realise that between 1942 and 1952, Price's School had its own very successful and well-led Scout Troop. It had closed by the time I joined the School, in 1955, and then, there was little to show it had even existed. The Lion magazines give good account of that phase of the School's extracurricular life, surprisingly out-going, given that it overlapped the middle-end years of World War 2 and the years of austerity that followed. The

key to success then was the quality of leadership of the teacher in charge – Revd. Michael Royds Jones. This activity lasted 1942 – 1952.

Royds, as his colleagues knew him, “Wick” to the rest of us, was certainly a character, and greatly respected for his faith commitment, and dedication to the Scouting enterprise. He was a self-effacing man. His Lion reports on the Scouts came without his name attached. I could find one only photographic image of him. He was a man whom I wish I had known more, and better. For Royds,



*if there was something to be done, it was best to do it well,
rather than to be known as the person who did it!*

His colleague Herbert Thacker summed him up:

“There must be many O.P.s who feel that they owe Royds a debt of gratitude, most of all for his devotion to scouting, camping or sailing”.

Thus, the Lion magazine was a chronicle of things good, unique in this case, an unusual activity for a School.

National Honours and Military Service list, combined.

For the sake of impact, all those known to have been awarded military or National Civic Honours, or other distinguished honours are in this composite list following:

Surname	First Name / Initials	Award	
Adams,	B./D.H.G.?	D.F.C.	1947
Alderton	W.A.	MiD	Wartime
Bennett	A.C.	A.F.C., D.F.M., Y.C.L., MiD (x2)	Wartime
Bennett	B.C.	A.F.C., D.F.C.	Wartime
Buckley	C.J.	M.B.E.	1969
Bunyan	D.J.	MiD	Wartime
Chignell	Guy	M.B.E., T.D.	
Collins	B.	M.B.E.	Wartime
Crossley	H.	D.F.C.	Wartime
Dennis	Roy	M.B.E.	
Dimmer	F.	D.S.M.	Wartime
Dimmock	Roger	C.B.	
Garrett	H.	O.B.E.	1947
Gibbs	P./ K.?	D.F.C.	Wartime
Hall	J.F.	MiD	
Hammond	C.W.	MSM (US Army)	
Hatch	Lt. Jesse	MC, DCM, MM	WW 1
Higgins	R.S.	M.C.	Wartime
Hill	J.F.	T.D.	
Hilton	Tom	T.D.	
Hoddinott	J.C.	C.B.E., Q.P.M.	
Ibbs	T.L.	M.C. & Bar	Wartime
Iveagh	R.	D.F.C.	Wartime
Jackson	G.F.	MiD	Wartime
Jones	W.M.	MiD	Wartime
Lee	J.M.	D.S.O & Bar	Wartime
Lillywhite	C.E.	B.E.M.	Wartime
Moore	J.W.	M.B.E.	Wartime
Mullins	G.R.H.	M.C.	Wartime
Neville	Dr. John Oliver	OBE	1960s
Parsons	J.	D.F.C.	Wartime
Phelan	Peter	O.B.E., Q.P.M.	
Phillips	S.C.	MiD (x3)	Wartime
Pickwood	A.	D.F.C.	Wartime
Pond	Dennis	B.E.M.	
Scott	R.B.	D.S.O., MiD	Wartime
Sheppard	L.F.	DSO	Wartime
Sivier	D.	D.F.C.	1947
Smith	Alan	C.B.E., F.R.S.	2019
Wagstaff		M.B.E.	
Weymouth	S.G.	MiD	

<p>B.E.M. (British Empire Medal)</p>	<p>M.B.E. (Member of the British Empire)</p>	<p>O.B.E. (Member of the Order of the British Empire)</p>	<p>C.B.E. Commander of the Order of the British Empire</p>
			
<p>T.D. Territorial decoration</p>	<p>Q.P.M. Queen's Police Medal</p>	<p>C.B. Commander of the Order of Bath</p>	<p>MiD Mentioned in Despatches clasp</p>
			
<p>D.S.M. Distinguished Service Medal</p>	<p>D.S.O. Distinguished Service Order</p>	<p>D.F.M. Distinguished Flying Medal</p>	<p>D.F.C. Distinguished Flying Cross</p>
			
<p>A.F.C. Air Force C ross</p>	<p>M.C. Military Cross</p>	<p>F.R.S. Fellow of the Royal Society</p>	<p>Y.S.L. Yugoslav Cross of Liberation.</p>
			
<p>D.C.M. Distinguished Conduct Medal</p>	<p>M.M. Military Medal</p>		
			

Old Priceans' Association / Society of Old Priceans and Branches' History

Date	School	Old Boys	O.P Officers	Other Branches	London
1908	Price's opens – 18 boys				
1915	First Edition of The Lion				
1921		O.P. Club formed			
1923		O.P.A. has 73 members			
1924		Lion refers to O.P.A.	Pres. Guy Chignell Sec. H.L.Marriot (both f.m.)		
1926					1 st mention of an O.P. London section. 1 st Xmas Dinner @ 2/6
1927		O.P. notes follow the Editorial. Memb @ 5/- then 2/6 pa			25 membs. Xmas Lunch. 15 at a Colliseum perf. By Dec memb = 30 (no subn) Meets fntly. LSOP appears for 1 st time.
1828		Long list of memb names under O.B. news in Lion. No article.			
1929		Memb 3/6. Long list of membs. Letter from D.E.Gregory in Palestine.	Dudley Masterman is Sec of OPA &* SLSOP		Declares itself LSOP
1930		O.P. membs now 150, with 6 Life Membs. Subn now 2gns. 43 art. School hockey matches – 2 teams. In an all-day 1 st XI match + a later 2 nd XI match (Cr). Gen. Mtg followed by 1 st Annual OPA Dinner. Later in Jn Tennis & Sw at Stokes Bay. After next OPA soccer match, there would be a concert. 1 st OPA Dinner. 27 memb + 5 staff included. 9 th Anniv. Of OP.		Southampton section started	
1931	P.E.N. referred to the School as the nursery of	10 th Anniv. Of Old Priceans' Assn. 3 original boys at Dinner. Membs 174. OP	Dinner		

	Hampshire Hockey. F.E.Nugent won 1 st of his 6 Int. caps.	Hockey Club formed			
1932		182 members, 50 of whom present at School hockey match.78 at Cricket matches for 3 teams! OP Constn adopted. S.Cttee set up to give careers advice. V.P.s: Sir Thomas Inskip MP, Att Gen and Revd. A. Cory, Vicar & Ch. Govs. Ppost meal entertainment. 27 Ops at Church with the boarders. "The warmth which the Headmaster & his wife were referred-to. There was obviously a very strong family feeling about the reunions in those early days n- school was small and many were boarders.	Pres:& Sec. G. Chignell , Tres MW Gardner + Marriot, Masterman, JB Smith, RA Lewry, FG Wagstaff & DCT Humphries = "Giants of the Assn",		
1933	M.A. Coghlan left in this year, & was only boy then / ever to make 1000 runs in a season.	3 x Cricket XI vs School. Car Treasure Hunt next day			LSOP meets monthly, for Lunch (1/6)
1934	Mr Bradly's retirement.	100 OPs at reunion, with 80 at the AGM + Mr Ashton	B.R.Ross now Sec. Mr Bradly VP of OPA		
1935		6 th Reunion Dinner – 40 present, inc 7 Staff	DCT Humphries is Sec. Asst Sec is HE Dean Cooper. Mr. Gale is VP		LSOP described as "the most lively portion of the Assn.". Uses the Bridge motif now.. Coach trip for match against Clifton Hockey Club.
1936		Concern about paying towards cost of the Lion, agreed at £8. Consideration of an OP blazer.			
1937		Membs now 250. 40 at Dinner			

1938		9 th Annual Dinner. 7 Staff inc R.Garton		Fareham Branch is started.with 30 membs & monthly social mtgs	BG Buckley is Sec of LSOP.
1939		Only 8 Ops for hockey match with the School, and Dance afterwards. An OP Blazer design approved. All Staff ipso facto members. 4 Staff called-up for Service. 3 replacements	EG Dimmer is now Sec	Fareham branch AGM with Mr Shaddock in the chair.	D.Masterman is LSOP Pres. Last monthly mtg had only 3 membs.
1940 - 1945		OPA * LSOP did not function during the War years 30 Ops lost in Service.			
1946		27 Honours were won			
1947		1 st postwar reunion held. 50+. Subs 7/6. Dinner & singing!			
1948		Match Day Dinner in School House			LSOP Dinner
1949		March reunion cancelled – lack of support			
1950		62 attended Dinner in Fareham. “Beloved Mr Bradly” absent – car accident.			Guy Chignell presented a bound set of Lions 1922-1940. Decided to present 2 oak memorial seats to the School
1951			Maurice Gardner now Sec & Treas		
1952		Head Boy responded to the toast “The School” to set up a tradition.			LSOP Dinner 14 present. E.Grogan becomes co-sec.
1953		95 attended tea at summer Reunion. Johnson Hockey stick presented for 1 st time. War Memorial tablet unveiled, with a service – largest no. ever. 81 sat for Dinner, inc 13 Masters			PJ Keemer is now Sec
1954		216 members			
1955	Death of Mr Bradly	2 soccer teams vs School. 43 at Summer Dinner. “News of Old Boys” reappears in the Lion. Lt Col Guy Chignell is made VP. Major WJ Henry fm dies.			18 at LSOP Dinner

1957	Pavilion Appeal re-launched as SRN Bradly Memorial Pavilion. 360 boys on roll.	2 at AGM.. Scoreboard donated. Mrs Ashton dies.. Reunion Dinner is cancelled – lack of support, but an ad hoc meal is arranged.			LSOP Annual Dinner is its 200 th meeting! 22 attend. CP Nobes is Sec & Treas.. Accidental Destruction of LSOP records back to 1930. 15 mems at Xmas Dinner + 3 Staff
1958		OPs donates £450 to Pavilion fund – opened. 40 at Dinner. JS dies.			
1960	393 boys in School, 90 in Sixth Form.	Copies of paintings donated to School. 49 leavers join Assn – now @ 254. Subs 10/-. 35 at Annual Dinner			LSOP Outing to Thames Ditton. 14 membs at Nov mtg., 15 onwards to the Coliseum. 21 at Christmas Dinner inc 3 Staff.
1961		Membs – 305. Appeal for reminiscences of 10/20/30/40/50 years ago, for a comprehensive record of the School. Decn to donate £25 pa for paintings. VP list: Gale, Hinxman, Chignell, Ashton,, Gardner.		Fareham branch of OPA ceases to exist. A small group gather in Lahore	
1962		70 attend Dinner, with a very wide range of ages present.		Fareham branch resurrected by J Cole & D Williams	4 Staff atLSOP Xmas Dinner.
1963					Hayward is Pres. Ridett is Sec
1964					17 at LSOP Xmas Dinner
1965		VPs: Chignell, Ashton, Garder, Shaw. No Sec or Treas – a very low point for the APA. Correspondence to J.Cole			
1966		AGM J Cole is Sec., L.M.Boxwell is Treas. VPs elected: Thacker, Garton & Royds-Jones.			
1967	School House demolished	LM Boxwell dies. RE Daysh is Treas.			
1968		RE Daysh piece in Lion re: demolition			
1969	700 boys in School	200 membs., 67 at Annual Dinner inc 30 Upper Sixth. Dimmer elected to VP.			

1970		230 membs.			LSOP Pres DCT Humphries, MC Privett Sec. 17 attended Xmas Dinner inc 2 HMs
1972		Guy Chignell dies – Ch. & Sec. 260 membs. 30 at Annual dinner. Sub £1.			LSOP Annual Dinner + 21 membs. + 3 Staff & Ch of Govs.
1973		T.Hilton is elected VP			29 at LSOP Dinner
1974	School has closed and it functions hereafter as Price's College, + girls = 820	M. Howard-Jones elected as VP. AGM has 9 membs.		Cambridge branch of LSOP forms. Pres: EAB Poyner, T.Hancock is Treas. + 21	24 at Annual Dinner
1975	Last lion	11 at AGM. Open Mtg to consider future of OPA		Sec R.P.Goddard	15 membs + 2 Staff

The opening pages of this Chapter and the content which followed have dealt with the structure and functioning of the Old Pricean's organisation, leading to the present day. All of it, of course, is by way of Historical narrative, and features Old Boys who had been prominent at School or who made contact with the School during their later Military Service time or in subsequent walks of life. What is included is but a cameo of all that might have been passed-on in this way, but research has made available only a certain amount of material printed in the Lion magazines. There were two unfortunate losses of records, containing Secretarial and other documentation which has created a gap in the Society's continuity of its history. Other correspondence with the Old Boys' organisation has not been made available and thus, what follows is at best, a patchy representation of all that might have appeared.

What emerges is a record of the strength and quality of relationship that hallmarked the first 30-ish years of life at Price's School and this is manifest in the affection and high regard which the boys had for the Headmaster. Mr. Stephen J.N. Bradly, otherwise known as "Pop" and referred-to in one report as "beloved Mr. Bradly!". All such relationships are a product of the sociology of their times and, that the nature of that relationship trailed-off during the Headmaster George Ashton years was no criticism of him, but a reflection of changing times. And so it continued into Headmaster Eric Poyner's era, too.

What follows now is a collection of entries gleaned from Old Boys' contacts with the School – from verbal conversation with their Headmaster – friend? father-figure?, or from messages from others, or from letters. The Lion gave full space to the Old Boys' reports-back, and there is comment aplenty to illustrate that.

Much of the material seen will appear in the Gazetteer, Parts 1 and 2. Two parts of it appear *en suite*: "**Old Boys' visits ...**" is included, *verbatim* and otherwise unedited, as copy from the Lion of early years, and appears here as testimony to the quality and nature of that enduring relationship between School and Pupils. The style of reportage speaks too, of these exchanges being information flow between friends. There is subtle humour, sadness and an amazing variety of places worked-in and tasks undertaken. This kind of O.P.s' Editorial sums-up the relationship beautifully. The style of reporting is as printed. The ways in which sentences run together is intended, I am sure, to encapsulate the bonds that existed.

Reasons for the demise in this kind of relationship would warrant an essay in their own right, or more probably, a book, and that is beyond the scope of this work.

Confronted by the march of technology and other societal changes in these modern times (2020s), the Society of Old Priceans faces its own future with one of two alternatives – to adapt, to think of a future role with variety, interest and outward appeal, sustaining the name of William Price as a public benefactor of note in the minds of the Fareham community, or to continue just to look backwards over what has, or what might have been, and thus to anticipate the ultimate end of the Price legacy because, if we don't do it now – look forward with new vigour, it never will be done!

The second set of content below, "**From Old Boys' notes**" is chosen for the reality it gave to the lives led after School – sometimes non-military based, but commonly relating the tales of young men going to far-flung places in ways that seem unimaginable in more modern times – 2020+

Old Boys' visits have been quite plentiful during the past six months, and we have had news of many who are scattered far and wide. Taking them more or less in chronological order: —H.V. Bone is now a Sergeant in an Indian Hill Station. E.Coles, though looking fairly fit, is still far from well, as the result of the bullet in his liver, which, however, may yet work out. He is at home, and can get about a little, and has been seen at the "King's." T. Frost, we believe, is still instilling "physical jerks" into portly Majors and even more elevated personages, while E.H. Fry, who has now a Commission in the R.A.F. after 4 years in France, and the M.S.M. for his work with the Army Ordnance, put in his training and qualified as a pilot in Egypt. A.C. Parsons was last heard of on Salisbury Plain, and V.F. Swaffield is in training for the R.A.F. R.A. Hunter is engaged to be married. W.R. Weymouth is, or was, in a Tank, and his brother S. G. is sweeping the North Sea and Belgian coast in a C.M.B. We hear rumours that S. Harding has developed into a sniper of much skill. G. V. Scrivens was about recently, and seemed practically convalescent. P.E. Holloway is now a Lieutenant in the Australian Force. He came up last week looking very fit, having 96 days' 1914 leave, to be followed by a term in occupying Germany, and then a trip back to Australia. I. T. Butland joined up recently, and S.G. Pether, who has still some scraps of his shoulder titles embedded in his arm, weighs a couple of stone at least less than before he was knocked out. M.R. Coghlan is now a Captain and the Adjutant of a Prisoner of War Camp, but the adhesions which followed his appendicitis, have put any active share in cricket, etc., out of his reach for some time to come. R. S. Higgins was last heard of as a Lieutenant, R.A.F., at Salonica, and G.R. Swaffield came up with E.W. Beatie, who was home on leave from the Canadians in France. E.J. Hinxman is a 3rd A.M. in the R.A.F., and has had the luck to be sent to Calshot, a case of measles in his hut having just kept him off the draft for Archangel, which might be getting chilly by this time. L.R. Harvey has got his wings as a pilot, R.A.F., and C. Ridsdale is doing well at Cheltenham, and has played for the 1st XV. R. H. Scott put in a two months' course with the 12th O.C, Battalion at Newmarket, is now on leave, and sails for India next month. D. Pink was seen in the town recently; he has not settled down to a job yet. C.G. Sandy was expected home on leave, but has not been seen. Biddle and Richards are in France, and Marlow, Davis, Reddel, and Shepherd are all doing their bit on the North Sea. J. M. Lee is at Sandhurst, doing well both in work and games. E.Flint is down with his 10th go of malaria. He was at Blandford Camp. S.S. Smith appeared after an eventful voyage from Australia, and C.F. Ferguson Davie, who is now a 2nd Lieutenant in the 6th Northhamptons, is busy clearing up shells and oddments left behind by the Boches. A.G. Coles is feeding the country, and doesn't appear to be starving himself (!), while G.Horner is in a bank at Brighton. Teek is in H.M.S. "Erin," imbibing much Italian, and C.S. Eddowes came all the way from Chili to join up, and four days after he joined King Edward's Horse at Dublin, the Armistice came along, and we have heard no more of him. Dover as reported in charge of a Tank, and Neville has followed Pullen to Brighton. Holford is becoming an expert driver of motors, and Llewellyn is in one of the Divisions now marching across Belgium to the Rhine. Woodward is an R.A.F.Observer-Lieutenant, and has been the admired of all beholders in the new blue uniform. Awbery, R., who is at Thorneycroft's, came over, and we learnt that Awbery, F., has been doing plucky things in Palestine, and saving a wounded officer at considerable risk to himself. Nugent, we believe, is in the R.A.F.,but he never could write much. Roake, who is now a Lieutenant, was seen in the South not long ago. Connolly passed out of the Inns of Court, and has a Commission in the Wiltshire Regiment, and is now in France. Bridger cycled over last week, and has been busy with influenza, and Browning has a post on the staff of "Flight," which has published several full paged drawings by him during recent weeks. Baker is now in the Civil Service, Scottish Office, and seems to like it, and a few weeks ago Whale was applying for a Cadetship in an O.T.C. Eade has been made Lance-Corporal in the 51st K.R.R. Heath is now a Corporal in the 4th Battalion of "The Queen's," acting as Musketry Instructor at Bayhall, Tunbridge Wells, with good chances of getting a Commission. R. K. Mather is in the Artists' Rifles.

If Old Boys would only send an occasional postcard to the Headmaster, telling him of their doings

or those of any Old Boys they meet, it would make this list much more interesting, and make it easy to keep it up-to-date.

From the Old Priceans' notes in the Lion magazines, the few selections included below give some insight to the diversity of occupations entered, and the far-flung destinations some of these were in, too. These were mostly young men either serving in the Armed Forces of their country, or deployed to distant branches of their Company, or they travelled afar in order to get training, not uncommonly in agriculture. The Australian experience was clearly substantial in its sheer size, and the distances to be travelled to get to ... anywhere! Lives of these young men were very different then compared to today (2021): a letter to the antipodes might take 6+ weeks, whereas today, a simple mobile phone call would be thought of as just antediluvian if it took 6 seconds!

These extracts are from the 1910s, 1920s and 1930s, and are chosen for the variety, not for the fact that the "names" were amongst the *glitterati* of the School

<p>Boxwell, L.M.</p>	<p>Junior Oxford, December 1916. Head Boy 1918</p> <p>03/31: Still acting as a civil instructor to the R.A.F. at Halton. Spent some time just before Christmas with each of the chief Motor Engine Manufacturers, where he was shown all their latest developments, in order to be in a position to lecture about them. He hopes to take his final City and Guilds examinations next year, and will then be qualified for a post under a local Education Authority.</p> <p>04/32: Axed from RAF Halton as Instructor. Now 4th Engineer at "War Nawab", sailing to the Persian Gulf.</p> <p>04/33: after serving as Fourth Engineer on S/S. "War Nawab," is now Third Engineer on S/S. "British Chivalry," one of the British Tanker Co.'s fleet running for the Anglo-Persian Oil Co. 07/34: Transferred as 3rd Engineer to SS British Sovereign and has made trips from Persia to Karachi, Bombay and Madras. Anticipated leave will enable him to prepare for his Board of Trade First Class certificate.</p>
<p>Bulstrode, H.</p>	<p>12/33: writes for the first time in many years from 3 Bourke Street, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, and says he is full of good intentions in the way of writing us his experiences. He is now the manager of the Kalgoorlie branch of the Western Tyre Depot, the chief dealers in tyres in West Australia. The gold boom is waking his part of the world up. He is now the holder of both the men's singles and doubles championships of the Eastern Goldfields Badminton Association, while his wife is also an expert at the game. That the standard of play is high is shown by his ranking No. 3 in the whole State. The gold mines run a water scheme and pump water from 400 miles away, making Kalgoorlie (which is built in a desert) a place of pretty lawns and gardens, large bathing pools, and in possession of a beautiful park. Summer temperature is high, ranging up to 110, but winter is excellent and fresh.</p>
<p>Chignell, G.</p>	<p>Entered September 1910. Left July 1918. Westbury House. A Prefect 1917-1918. Head of Westbury House 1917-1918. Joint Head of School 1918. Passed Oxford Junior Local (3rd Class Hons.) July 1915. Senior Local July 1916. Senior Oxford Local (1st Class Honours. Exemption from London Matriculation) July 1917. Gained senior County Scholarship June 1918. Winner of Governor's Exhibition 1918. 2nd XI. Cricket 1918. 2nd XI. Hockey (colours) 1918. Corporal (Acting Sgt.) in Cadet Corps.</p>

	<p>Holder of Musketry and Efficiency Badges. Member of Shooting XII. Member of War Savings Committee.</p> <p>4/23 is temporarily assistant to the Borough Analyst at Hove.</p> <p>7/23 in his capacity as assistant analyst at Hove, is said to be dissecting buns. When last heard of, was counting the pips in strawberry jam. He also meddles with Molecular Complexes on occasion.</p> <p>07/34: having had his employers (Beefex Ltd.) sold over his head, was fortunate enough to find another post almost immediately, with Cerebos Ltd, and has departed for to the wilds of the North-East coast to their factory near West Hartlepool, where he managed to see S. S. SMITH, whose ship the “Llansteffan Castle,” had put in to Middlesbrough for a week.</p> <p>04/38: Market lunching a new Cerebos product – a salt toothpaste, mixed with some peppermint, is unusual, efficient and likely to prove a success.</p> <p>07/38: Gazetted into a Commission in the Territorial Army – 63rd Brigade, (Anti-aircraft, Royal Artillery), and finds it a great life. Due to go to camp at Burrow Head – desolate north of the Isle of Man.</p> <p>03/40: now a Captain in the R.A. after passing out at the top of the list, has been appointed an Instructor in A.A. Gunnery at a training camp, and started his first class of young officers last month. He has been able to let his house in the north and has now settled down in a furnished one in his new surroundings</p>
<p>Coghlan, M.R.</p>	<p>One of the earliest entrants to the School. He made 1000+ runs in a season at School and is the only boy known to have hit a ball straight from the 1st XI square onto the School roof.</p> <p>Inns of Court O.T.C. – London Regt. since gone to France, where he promptly caught influenza. He managed to get into a third line German trench, is now in England. He was recently operated on for appendicitis. Is now a Captain and the Adjutant of a Prisoner of War Camp, but the adhesions which followed his appendicitis, have put any active share in cricket, etc., out of his reach for some time to come.</p> <p>3/22 M.R. COGHLAN is on Wallardie Tea Estate, Vandiperivar, P.O.S., India, 3,500 feet above sea-level and rejoices in finding it really cold sometimes. He is in the middle of a large District with some fifty Europeans within a ten-mile radius He seems harassed by elephants. A drove of twenty-one visited him the other day and had great sport in pulling down a new bridge which he had just built.</p> <p>12/26: has shifted to a fresh tea estate in a very out-of-the-way part of India, with nothing to talk about in the way of a good road for 50 miles.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">See also Gazetteer, Part 2</p>
<p>Ellam, J.G.</p>	<p>07/37: Working for Lentheric, Paris. Now touring Australia for his firm, having been to New Zealand for his firm. In winter time, he finds an overcoat hardly necessary, even in the evening. With the exception of Sydney, the big capitals are much like larger provincial towns in England. In Brisbane, the suburban houses are largely built of wood and have iron roofs. They are all on stilts to ensure a flow of air underneath. He finds Australian women are not much interested in perfumes and cosmetics, the staple products of his firm, which is bad for business from his point of view.</p>
<p>Gregory, D.E.</p>	<p>Junior Oxford Certificate, December, 1916.</p> <p>03/1936 will also be leaving London shortly as he has completed his course at Royal Naval College, Greenwich and will be returning to Gosport. London will be very sorry to lose him.</p> <p>12/1936 has just left for Malta where he expects to be for sometime with the Fleet.</p>

	<p>We hope it will not be for too long. 03/37 wrote a long letter at Xmas. He is now at Malta with his wife and small son, Peter. He says that they had a very pleasant trip out and are now settled in a very pleasant light and airy flat, with a wonderful view across St. Julian's Bay and the Mediterranean. He will be abroad for two and half years and is lecturing on Wireless and Radio Communication. He wishes to be remembered to all O.P's, particularly the London Section.</p> <p>12/69: It is a sad duty to report the death of D.E. Gregory who was a Price's Boy from 1912 until 1920. But for him and one or two other notables, the Old Priceans Association would not have been formed when it was, in 1921, and he helped nurse it through the difficult early years. In later years he became one of our members in spite of illness. For much of his life he served in the Instructor Branch of the Royal Navy and when he retired, as a Lt. Cdr., he continued teaching at Taunton's School until his final retirement only a year or so ago. Since then, he has not enjoyed good health.</p> <p>He was a quiet man, endowed with great ability and high ideals. It is safe to say he will be missed, but remembered for a long time. We remember too, his widow and two sons, both Old Priceans, in their bereavement.</p>
Gulliford, J.E.	<p>9/22 Caixa 56, Santos, Brazil) sends a very interesting letter, extracts from which we hope to include in the next Lion. He has been for 7 years in the Submarine Cable Service of the E.T.C, and gives many useful hints to those likely to join the service. Santos, where he is stationed, is the big coffee port of the world, and though 20 years ago it was a death-trap to Europeans, from yellow fever. Modern sanitation and a crusade against the mosquito have made it a health resort in the cool weather, though in the summer it is like an oven, with little relief from the excessive heat even at night.</p> <p>7/24 has been transferred from Santos to Florianopolis, Santa Catharina, South Brazil,</p>
Hoather, W.E.S.	<p>03/31: having despaired of getting into or getting on in a Bank, has joined the R.A.S.C in the hope of being recommended for a commission after about 18 months. He is now stationed at Aldershot.</p> <p>03/1936: sent me a very long and interesting letter. He says "I have been sojourning roughly 250 miles from civilisation – at Pembroke Dock. Life is fairly comfortable on the whole, in fact, during the summer it's definitely good. Being a small station, soldiering is not what it was in Aldershot, and I assure you it's a change for the better. But we're definitely off the map. Swansea is the nearest town of any size and is 60 miles away and Cardiff is about 100. However being the proud possessor of an aged and minute vehicle, one "lousy lama" (two, three or four wheels), I get occasional glimpses of the outer world and spend a weekend at home, near Cardiff, about once a month. There is a small band of hockey enthusiasts here, we can't be termed a club since we have no ground to play on and no financial support, this being a depressed area. However when sufficient transport can be cadged we visit Tenby, our one and only neighbouring "club" and play on their ground, usually with a mixed team. Then we occasionally manage to borrow the Royal Fusiliers' asphalt pitch and I am sometimes invited to play for Haverford West when they are short. Still it is hockey, if primitive! This is a wonderful spot during the summer. Bathing from almost deserted sandy beaches in sea of almost Mediterranean colour and clearness, and quite a lot of tennis. I'm very lucky to be serving at home still. During the final months of last year I was in daily dread that one of the many telegrams we had would order me into the "sands</p>

	<p>of the desert.” He states that he has still got 2½ years to complete with the Colours and is considering what he should do then.</p> <p>12/38: has been very busy in arranging the A.R.P. black-out, which was one of the biggest yet attempted and proved very instructive. He has qualified as Home Office Anti-Gas Instructor and has had a busy time giving lectures. Previously, he spent several months at Pembroke Dock, a very depressing spot, during which he married and shortly afterwards was given a job on the staff of the London District, at Horse Guards. Quite interesting work in the office responsible for the ceremonial in London at the time of the Coronation. Finding that if he re-engaged in the Army, he would have five years in Egypt, he took his discharge, and is now chief clerk in the Herts, C.C. A.R.P. Department, and hopes before long to get in touch again with the School.</p> <p>03/40: Sergeant, S/6792298, after 4 months in draughty billets had 10 days’ leave, half of which was spoiled by developing a cold!</p>
<p>Hurden, J.C.</p>	<p>04/27: is with Internal Combustion Company in Kingsway, and went with their team to play the branch at Barrow-in-Furness. A most successful trip.</p> <p>12/33: ('18-'26) has returned to Derby for his firm, Mining and Industrial Corporation Ltd., and has just played his first County hockey match for Derbyshire – which they lost 5-2 to Nottingham. Before he left Aberdeen he was in the winning eight at the Aberdeen Boat Club races, and in Derby has won the President’s’ Cup for pairs.</p> <p>12/36 A keen member of the Territorial Army unit.</p> <p>03/37; Now at Shellhaven for Shell Mex.</p> <p>03/39: has left Yokohama for Kobé, c/o/ Rising Sun Petroleum Co., No. 1/1 8 Chome Naminatsu-cho, Hayashida-Cu, Kobé, Japan, is his simple address. He finds that owing to the import restrictions everything is very expensive so that financially the move from Bangkok has not been an improvement. The country won't let any foreigner send more than 1,000 yen out of the country in a year, or use more than 15 gallons of petrol in a month. He is getting lots of Hockey, and was in the European team that beat the champion Japanese team 3-2, scoring two for the goals himself. Kobé is about half-an-hour by tram from Tokyo, which is a very gay place.</p> <p>04/38: Working for the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Bangkok, Siam, (postage 2½d!) Has been struggling with his Malay exam, which he is expected to pass after 6 months in the service. Has been recently at Singapore, living on an island about 4½ miles way, a mile long and 200 yards wide, populated by 10 Europeans and four wives, the remaining population being Chinese, Malays and Javanese, about 1000 in all. Two bachelors share a bungalow sited on the higher part of the island. Chinese do the clerical work and the Europeans supervise everything. He is in a factory where 4 gallon cans are made in which petrol and kerosene are sent up-country. The factory produces about 10, 000 cans a day which are instantly filled and despatched. The European staff has to be able to make the tins and also to have practical workshop experience of all branches of the company’s activities, so that when appointed to responsible posts, they have knowledge of every branch. At Bangkok, he will be second in command and have to deal with bunkering of tankers, shipping and local markets, and promises to send news of how he gets on in Siam where, incidentally, the rate of exchange gives a bonus of about 25% in his favour.</p> <p>07/38: Transferred from Bangkok to Yokohama. Japan, and finds the cost of living very dear and that the English are very unpopular owing to the Chinese “incident”. The climate is the only consolation: the winter is cold enough for skiing and plenty of snow. While at Bangkok, he was responsible for refuelling of the Imperial Airways</p>

	<p>airliners – the new Empire Flying boats on the England-Australia air route. A flying boat could land on the water, take on 450–500 gallons of benzene and 50 gallons of lubricating oil and be in the air again in 20 minutes!</p> <p>07/39: Manager of Petroleum Plant in Tamsui, Formosa – a promotion. Countryside around town is grand but Japanese do not encourage exploration of the countryside. Only a few whites on the island: life is quiet.</p> <p>03/39: Has left Yokohama for Kobe. Import restrictions mean that everything is expensive, so the move from Bangkok has not been advantageous. Foreigners are not allowed to export more than 1,000 yes per year or use more than 15 gallons of petrol a month. Playing lots of hockey and scored 2 goals for the 3-2 winning European team v s Japanese champions.</p> <p>05/56: Now with the Shell Company in Hong Kong, where, on Christmas Day, met an O.P. wearing the tie! Much to talk about after a gap of 30 years and continue to meet.</p>
Hynes, E.S.Patrick	<p><i>Entered 1909. Head Prefect. Junior Oxford Certificate 1918, 2nd class honours ; Senior Oxford 1915, 2nd class honours. 1st XI. Hockey, 1915. 1st XI. Cricket, 1915 (colours). Member Shooting ‘ XIII.’ Corporal in Cadet Corps. Left Summer Term, 1915. School House, 1911-15;</i></p> <p>Second-Lieutenant, East Kent Regiment (the Buffs.), attached to R.F.C., July 1916. Became a fully qualified pilot in September, and at once sent to France, where he was killed instantaneously in a flying accident a few miles from Bethune. His Commanding Officer said of him: “I considered him the best of the younger pilots.” “Those of us who knew him will not easily forget his quiet unassuming manner, and his readiness at all times to help in whatever way he could. His influence was always for good, and in the death of Patrick Hynes the School has suffered a severe loss. 12/1916.</p>
Ibbs, T.L.	<p>3rd Monmouthshire Regt. “Lt. (A/Capt.) T. L. Ibbs, M.C., Monmouthshire Regt. This officer worked continuously for five days and nights without sleep, being largely instrumental in keeping the Battalion together during a critical time. When the troops in the front line retired in disorder, leaving a gap, he rendered valuable help in steadying the men, and restoring the situation. The next day, when the enemy broke through on both flanks, he collected stragglers to man a railway line, and held up the attack.” (M.C. Gazetted January 1st, 1918.) Later earned a Bar.</p>
Lee, J.M.	<p>1911-1918. Entered January 1911. Left July 1918. Cams and School House. Head of Cams 1916-18. Prefect 1914-18. Head Prefect and Head of School 1916-18. Junior Oxford 1914. Senior Oxford 1916. Passed 30th into Sandhurst 1918. Ramsay Exhibitioner 1918. 1st Winner of P. P. W. Meadows English and History Prize. Thrice winner of Navy League Essay Certificate. Captain of Cricket 1915-16-17-18 (colours). Fielding Prize 1916. Batting Average 1917-18. Football 1st XI 1914-15-16-17. Captain 1917 (colours). Hockey 1st XI 1915-16-17-18 (colours). 1st Captain of Tennis Club 1918. Member of Cadet Corps. Lance Corporal 1914. Corporal 1915. Sergeant 1916-17. Sergeant-Major 1918. Member of Shooting Team 1914-16. Efficiency Badge. Senior Committee Member War Savings. Association 1917-18. Assistant Editor of Lion. O.C. National Service 1917-18.</p> <p>At Sandhurst, doing well both in work and games. Has been adjutant of 83rd Bgde. Camp Atutchuk, Tchekmedje on the sea of Marmora, He is now in Cyprus.</p> <p>04/23 “ C” Company, 1st Hants, Polymedia Camp, Limassol, Cyprus, has recently grown a beaver, by “request” of his C.O., but it did not appear on the excellent</p>

	<p>photo which he sent home. He has had a great cricket season, with an average of 70 odd, and hopes to be at home for the Old Boys' Match in the summer.</p> <p>7/23 who hoped to get back to captain the Old Boys' team, has had to join the Regiment at Alexandria, so won't get his leave this year.</p> <p>12/31: whose time as Adjutant in the 1st Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment expired on 11th November, is now at Nowshera, and will be having a first shot at the Staff College examination in February. He is then due to sail for England for a long leave in March, reaching home the 10th April, when he will doubtless be available for the Past v Present cricket match, and we hope will prove a thorn in the side of the School.</p> <p>12/33: ('11-'18), Hampshire Regiment, is in Nowshera, where he is conducting a small frontier war; as Staff Captain of the Nowshera Brigade, he naturally finds very little spare time, but hopes for English leave next year, as his war has cost him this year's leave.</p> <p>12/33, James House, Colaba, Bombay, has just been appointed to the adjutancy of 1st Battalion G.I.P Railway Regiment, a good and pleasant job, and as promotion to a Captaincy carries with it 15 years' seniority, things are looking up. The regiment has twelve detachments reaching as far as Jubbulpore and Nagpur, so when he goes on tour he travels in state with a saloon consisting of living room, bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, and servant's room, and expects to come to England on leave next May.</p> <p>09/56: Was as usual Umpiring at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, and sends good wishes to all old friends.</p> <p>09/61: Umpiring at Wimbledon</p> <div data-bbox="363 1070 1369 1191" style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #d9e1f2; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>"Deserved a V.C., but there was nobody present of higher rank to recommend him"</p> </div> <p>"Surely, one of the outstanding moments in war by an O.P." - CPN</p>
Lightening, L.S.	<p>03/35 Assay Lab. Of the Rhodesia Chrome Mines, Selukloe, S.Rhodesia – He went to Pietermaritzburg College, matriculated in 1924 and became analytical chemist on sugar estates in Natal, then Copper mines in Belgian Congo. Now Chief Chemist to the Chrome Mining Industry in S. Africa.</p> <p>07/35: New post in Labs of the Standard Bank, working mainly with Gold, and occasionally, Barium. Growth ended at 5 feet high.</p>
Maule-Cole, W.E.	<p>07/23 (Longerenong Agricultural College, Dooen, Victoria, Australia), has been in Australia for two years now, He calls it a 'bonzer' place. He says This part of Australia (or Aussie), the Wimmera, is about the best for wheat. The College is in the centre and contains some 3,000 acres. The year is divided into two Sessions and two Vacations. The Sessions are five months each and the Vacations one. Last Vacation I went up to a sheep-station in N.S.W., consisting of 50,000 acres and carrying 23,000 sheep. It was very hot, the temperature going up to 112°, but we had a ripping time. We had dances every fortnight. It is now mid-winter and the mud appalling, but we splash around somehow. The lamb-marking is just over, and the 'cropping' (sowing the seed) is nearly finished too. Every Session we have Exams., Agriculture, Veterinary Science, Dairying, Chemistry, Botany, Physics, Surveying, etc., etc. The course here is two years, and then providing all exams have been passed, they serve us out with 'certificates of competency.' There was to have been a paper-chase to-day, but it started to pour yesterday and has kept up ever</p>

	<p>since. We learn every branch of farming here, sheep, wheat and other cereals, dairying, orchard and poultry. One cannot take a special course here in any one of these branches, as they do at Dookie College.</p> <p>The Australians have a football game of their own which might be called a combination of Rugby and Soccer, with a good deal of variation too. The Australian chaps are not much different from the English chaps, and they are a bonzer lot, on the whole. They are awfully open-hearted, and as a matter of fact everyone seems to be so, more especially in the country - not nearly so conventional as at home."</p>
McMullen, C.	<p>04/33: completed a very successful course on the "Conway" as Chief Cadet Captain, gaining an Extra Certificate on passing out, which means that he scored over 65 per cent of possible marks during the whole of his course. He also got his Rugby Colours and his 2nd Rowing Colours, and has now obtained a Cadetship in the Royal Mail Line, and is on a voyage to the Pacific.</p>
Nobbs, E.G.	<p>3/31: is at Amritsar</p> <p>07/31: has been transferred to the 1st Battalion (K.G.O.) of the Madras Pioneers, and when he last wrote was on a small arms course at Pachmasi, finding it very expensive as well as extremely hard work. In one day he had to do an assault course with the bayonet five times, once being enough for a normal man. There appears, however, to be compensations in the form of bathing and golf. He was due to be transferred to Mandalay at the end of May.</p> <p>12/32: is now at Mandalay. He was laid up for several days about July, but is fit again now. He has passed his Retention Exam., and also Lower and Higher Order. His Regiment is likely to be disbanded, in which case he will probably be transferred to the Burma Rifles, but hopes to be at home of leave by July.</p> <p>12/33: with the British Rifles at Taiping, has been doing a certain amount of flying lately, and also playing squash (very necessary for one of his size!!)</p> <p>12/33: NOBBS ('20-'28), Burma Regt., is on leave in England, and turned up at School on November 18th. He shows no signs of becoming any slimmer, and is due back in the Federated Malay States before Christmas.</p> <p>07/33: Now in the Burma Rifles, all previous Pioneer units now disbanded. Has been stationed in Taiping.</p> <p>04/38: Resigned his Commission in the Indian Army 2 years ago, and has returned to England and is working at the Air ministry.</p>
Nugent, F	<p>Entered 1913. School House. Prefect 1916. First XI Cricket, 1914-15-16 (colours 1916). First XI Hockey, 1915-1916, captain 1916. First XI Football, 1914-1915 (colours 1915). Corporal in Cadet Corps; member of shooting team, Musketry and Efficiency Badges, 1916. Left 1916. 4/18</p> <p>we believe, is in the R.A.F., but he never could write much.</p> <p>3/22 Has played in both the hockey trial matches for the South Division, and plays regularly for Hants. He has now left Thorneycroft's and is at present at Bournemouth.</p> <p>12/23 is teaching at Sangeen School, Bournemouth, and in the intervals playing hockey for Hampshire.</p> <p>4/24 has been picked for all the matches played by the South in this year's International 7/24 Trials.</p> <p>4/27: who has gained his International Cap again this season, v. Wales and Scotland, has been appointed to a Mastership at St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate, a school which has a big reputation for its hockey.</p>

	<p>03/31: has made a return to big hockey and was selected for the Midlands in the International trials against the Combined Services, and against the South.</p>
Pearce, Harold	<p>1908-1911. He went to Australia, and immediately on the outbreak of the war, he gave up a good post and enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force, Corporal. He served for some time in Egypt, and was later transferred to France. He was wounded, and taken prisoner, and died in Germany, on July 21st, 1916</p>
Pether, S.G.	<p>Being refused by the Medical Board for a fighting unit, entered N.Z. Ambulance, has been home for 12 days leave. His shadow has not grown less. He has still some scraps of his shoulder titles embedded in his arm, weighs a couple of stone at least less than before he was knocked out.</p> <p>04/26: , Y.M.C.A., Dunedin, South Island, New Zealand, has given up dairy farming, as his shoulder has never quite recurred from the shrapnel wound he received in the war. He has taken up accountancy, and the latest news is that he is getting on well.</p> <p>07/34: One of the original entries to the School in 1908, writes from Dunedin, New Zealand, where he was a Public Accountant and Auditor. <i>"I duly received your letters of 19th December 1933 and February 1934, also the School magazine, the Lion and I cannot tell you how pleased I was to be in touch with the old School again. I am about as far away from Fareham as I could possibly be but I can assure you that I often think of Price's and I know that the years I spent there are the happiest of my life. At present, I am trying to build up an Accountancy practise and I find the going fairly hard but I have been fortunate in many ways. I can just remember you at School though, as you say, you were quite "small fry". Nevertheless, I can place you. Though probably I should not recognise you today as I doubt whether you would recognise me as my hair is now quite white.</i></p> <p><i>I wish it were possible for me to attend the Dinners and meetings of the Associations and would be grateful to you if you would give a message to that effect at their next Reunion.</i></p>
Richards, G.M.	<p>12/26: Fort Constantine Station, Clonenny, Queensland, was jackerooing for two years on a station called Warbreccan, and is now head stockman at Fort Constantine – a big run of about 2,400 square miles, with 25,000 head of cattle. They spend six weeks at the homestead, to break in horses, and for the remainder of the year bivouac near the best water-holes. The life is fairly rough, but has many advantages. He has heard that W. IVENS is farming somewhere on the coast.</p>
Scott B.R.	<p>Brother of Richard Harold H. Scott. Westbury House. 2nd XI. Football, 1914. 2nd XI Cricket, 1914. 1st XI. Hockey, 1915. Left Easter, 1915.</p> <p>04/22: passed out of Sandhurst and sailed on September 19th in T.S. <i>Huntsend</i> for India. The Trooper was diverted, to land a battery of artillery at Chanak, at the time when trouble with Turkey seemed likely, but he did not land himself, and is now in India.</p> <p>04/23 2nd Batt. Manchester Regt, Jubbulpore C.P., landed at Bombay Oct. 20th, and had 21 hours' journey by train' up the Nerbudda Valley, and on arrival found two companies doing company training, 8–11.30 a.m., with the rest of the day more or less free. The Battalion has so many men away providing guards, etc., that the companies are much under strength. Part of the work is educational, and as some</p>

	<p>of the men can neither read nor write, while others are quite good, it is not easy to work them together. 04/24 has been posted to the 4/6 Rajputana Rifles (formerly 123rd Outrams Rifles), a very good regiment. 07/24 4/6 Rajputana Rifles, Jubhulpore, He met J. M. Lee, whose regiment (1st Hampshires) is quartered at a huge Barracks. Lee did so well during his musketry course at Hythe that he was offered a job as Musketry Instructor at Hythe, but the Regiment, having just come out, he could not get leave to take it. The 4/6 Rajputanas won the Northern Command Hockey Tournament this year. The Regiment has won the hockey tournament of every command it has been since 1919. He, and R. H. Scott, both are due for eight months' leave next May, and hope to come home. 04/26: are both on leave from India. R. H. is now a Captain, and has a year's leave, while B R. has eight months. 04/27: both on leave from India. R. H. is now a Captain, and has a year's leave, while B. R. has eight months. 12/31: has been promoted to the rank to Captain in the Indian Army. He is expecting leave in March. 04/32: in Mhow, Central India. 07/34: was at home for several months to work up for the Staff College exam., which we congratulate him on passing. He arrived in very poor health, but stuck to his work till the exam. was over, and then had several weeks in Millbank Hospital, from which he was discharged on a strict diet, which excluded all that one wants to eat; but he is so distinctly better trim.</p> <p>03/35 Waziristan Scouts, Jandola. Waziristan. A friend of his heard a noise in his room at 1.30am. His wife switched on the light and found a man with a sword. She threw the bedclothes over him while he went for the man and with the help of servants, caught him in the garden but was badly wounded in the process, now in hospital. Christmas Day celebrated with a mounted paper chase, the hare taking the hounds twice through a canal as well as over some fairly stiff jumps</p> <p>1936: Capt. B. R. & Capt. R. H. H. and are on their way home in S.S. City of Benares for 8 months' leave and are due in England on March 28th.</p> <p>1936 B. R. Scott was married to Miss Kidd at St Paul's Church, Camberley, on June 14th, but after a very short trip to Ireland was recalled to Razmak on account of the troubles in the Waziristan district.</p> <p>04/38: Now a Staff Major, stationed in Rangoon, which he enjoys. "He is one of the big noises out there!"</p> <p>Ultimately, and along with his brother, he achieved the rank of Brigadier as did his brother, also in the Indian Army.</p>
Sinclair, J.H.	<p>04/23 (i) left, after passing the London Matriculation, being offered his articles as a mining engineer in Wales, and has just started on the work.</p> <p>07/37: Now a shift boss in the Roan Antelope Copper Mines, where white labour is scarce and there are openings for fellows willing to rough it and meaning to work. The pay for those with any knowledge of mining is good and progressive, while those who have to learn get very fair pay while under instruction. The climate in S. Africa is good.</p> <p>12/38: Writing from P.O. Box 186, Luansleya, N. Rhodesia, says that on returning to his copper mine from leave, he was promoted to be a mine captain, which entails</p>

	<p>less strenuous work but more responsibility than his former post of shift Boss. He has had to give evidence before Lord Bledisloe's Commission, which is enquiring into the question of the amalgamation of the Rhodesians. He hopes that many Old Boys in his part of the world will get into touch with him. See also, Gazetteer, Part 2</p>
Smith, S.S.	<p>03/22 while waiting for a ship, has learnt to drive a car, and is running a taxi, to the danger of all and sundry.</p> <p>07/22 (Paddy) has been appointed 4th officer to the R.M.S. <i>Dunvegan Castle</i>, and is on a cruise to the Mediterranean, then through the Canal and down the coast of Africa to Zanzibar and Dar-es-Salaam. He asks if any old boys are in that part, or further down in the direction of Cape Town. Called-in after an eventful return from Australia.</p> <p>04/26: On SS <i>Garble Coster</i> when struck a rock needing much repair. Now heading for Beira</p> <p>12/26: has passed his 2nd Mate's examination, being the first in his batch, and is now serving as third mate on S.S. "<i>Clan Lindsey</i>," which is now on the way to Colombo, Madras and Calcutta.</p> <p>04/26: ("PADDY") Smith has been appointed Second Officer on the "<i>Dromore Castle</i>," and joins his ship at Cape Town.</p> <p>04/27: is on S.S. "<i>Dromore Castle</i>."</p> <p>03/31: The following is an extract from a letter from S. S. SMITH, who is now on the Union Castle Line, S.S. "<i>Rovuma</i>", Beira, P.E.A.:-</p> <p><i>"I ask you as a bright young Scientist – can't you invent an insecticide that does actually cide". The moment I started to write, 51 flies assailed my personage. I advanced to the attack with a swatter, and killed one, the remainder settling on my back. The attacker's casualties were – one electric light bulb dented, one bottle Enos damaged. It was then decided to outwit them with a gas attack. Accordingly the 'Flit' machine was brought into action. Forty-eight flies immediately donned gas masks and retired into the depths of my bunk, whence they will merge on a surprise night attack at about 23:00. The remaining two having left their masks at home were temporarily fuddled, and dropped down the inside of my shirt where they are now buzzing horribly. I am now contemplating whether to despatch them by leaning up against a wall or undress myself and kill them in the more sanitary method of a good kick. Meanwhile, the operator of the 'Flit' is a) Sneezing frantically and b) half-blinded. Get to it, my son, and invent a new bug-juice guaranteed to kill all flying animals or insects. I suppose that if it did it would kill all your clothes in the process.</i></p> <p><i>Unlike the gentleman in the December magazine, who complains that he received many requests for subscriptions and no magazines, I have to confess to having received many magazines, no requests for subscriptions and having paid for several years, which is partly the reason why I sent three years' subs, along the other day. Further, as a slight redress, will the A.S.A.P. accept my humble hospitality at No. 9, Fairway, some time in Autumn of this year. I am afraid there won't be more than a week's notice, so perhaps it had better be made an extraordinary meeting."</i></p> <p>12/31: having served for the required time as Chief Officer on a Coastal Steamer in Portugal, East Africa, came home for a month's leave, and sailed again for Africa on October 14th. He is due back in London before Christmas.</p> <p>12/32: continues to appear spasmodically in London, and to write interesting letters from the various stopping places of the Union Castle Line. In one letter he says: - "Did you have a good day at School last month? I had the pleasure of being Officer of the Day on that particular date, and, to add insult to injury, they fumigated the</p>

	<p>ship with cyanide, so that I was harried from one 'Safety Zone' to another, by officious gentlemen in gas-masks. I got fed up with it and retired to bed in my own cabin. I am still alive, and so are the rats, so perhaps the gas-masks are mainly bluff. But we have a beautiful new form called a Deratisation Certificate, to show to Sanitary Authorities the world over. So who cares? I am sure the rats don't. "We took 200 excursionist passengers with us on our ten days' Continental voyage. One of the cheeriest little trips I have ever been on."</p> <p>He also has a long tale of woe that although freights, owing to the new tariffs, on his line have ever been more prolific, heavy reductions in staff are taking place, and many officers are being degraded in rank.</p> <p>03/37: Left the sea life, now M.D. of a Leisure boat company on the Thames.</p> <p>1937: has married Miss Cadbury and retired from the Union Castle Line Co., to become Managing Director of "Bonds," a firm controlling a fleet of boats, motor launches, punts, etc., on the upper Thames. May he have more seasonable weather in 1937 than that of 1936.</p>
Swaffield, F.	<p>Durham County Light Infantry. is now 2nd Air Mechanic. Royal Flying Corps. Later mentioned as in RAF.</p> <p>From memories by Paddy Smith: "I lived in Southampton Rd, at the bottom of the School field. Opposite were the four Swaffields. My ship went into Dieppe and there was a letter from Geoff suggesting I came up to Paris where he and his brother were working. He had tickets for the All Blacks v Paris match where we sat in the row behind the distinguished guests. They were of course, given a priority exit in which we managed to join. At the gate there was a bit of a scrum and I managed to tread on the toes of a man who gave me a withering look. Outside, the President of France was stepping into his car and behind it a Rolls-Royce, a top-hatted man ushering in my victim. "Who are those?" I asked. "Top hat is your Ambassador, and funny hat is your Chancellor, Winston Churchill." Life was never dull with the Swaffields.</p> <p>12/24: In Paris with the Bank of Canada</p>
Taulbut, F.W.G.	<p>1916-1920. At HMS Fisgard, in the final exams, he had been recommended for accelerated promotion. He was the senior Chief Petty Officer Apprentice. He was Captain of the 1st Xi Soccer team</p> <p>12/24: On HMS Lucia, which is a submarine depot ship.</p> <p>12/26: has been appointed in H.M.S. "Renown" for the Prince's trip round the world, and is visiting many places in the next six months. The School will have three representatives in the ship, as DAVIES and I. BONWELL are both on board.</p> <p>04/33: now on H.M.S. "Dauntless," was in Rio de Janeiro, and joined forces with our South African Section who welcomed him with open arms. He umpired a hockey match in which both H. M. WELLBORNE and L. F. HEWETSON were playing against his ship.</p> <p>03/1935 has just reached home, after a spell of foreign service in the course of which he saw H. WELLBORNE playing hockey in S. America, and making an excellent show at centre-half.</p> <p>12/38: H.M.S Grenville, c/o G.P.O., has recently been appointed as a Senior Engineer of this ship and is with the Mediterranean Fleet. He represented his ship in the Portsmouth Port Athletic Championships and was placed second in the high</p>

	<p>jump. He has been very busy getting the hang of his new ship, whose machinery incorporates the latest developments in Naval engineering. He has succeeded in getting promotion after only two and a half years, as Warrant Engineer – no mean feat. At the time of writing, he was off Malta, where the boat was doing exercises and practices preparatory to going for a month’s patrol off the Spanish coast. We hope he will keep his promise and send along an article on the Spanish problem.</p>
<p>Wellborne, H.</p>	<p>7/24 has been shifting 180lb bales of wheat at Kurrawyba, Young, N.S.W., and has strained an arm as a result. Stephen, where the bathing, otherwise excellent, was spoiled by sharks, which come into quite shallow water, even three feet deep, so that there is little chance of a swim in the deep. When writing, he was left in charge of the station and very busy shooting gavials—a queer beast, about 3 ft. long, rather like a crocodile, with a highly developed liking for lambs. They come out of water holes, and if they can grab a lamb it does not often escape.</p> <p>12/26: has been offered a post as manager of a fairly big holding in New South Wales, on which he has been working for the last two years. The chief drawback seems to be the loneliness which is often found on outlying stations.</p> <p>04/32: On loan for 3 years to the Western Telegraph Company in Rio de Janeiro.</p> <p>03/1936 Will shortly be returning abroad but is not yet certain whether he will be sent to South America, Jamaica, or Singapore. By a curious coincidence he was prevented, indirectly, from obtaining the post for which he was hoping, by HUNTER, another Old Boy, who was very much Wellborne’s senior in “Cables & Wireless, Ltd.” Still we wish him all the best wherever he may be sent and hope for his speedy return to England.</p> <p>03/37 c/o Direct West India Cable Co., Kingston, Jamaica, has been transferred to Jamaica since the end of May; is living about 5 miles out of Kingston. Unlike England, they had the hottest July and August for many years. Bathing is poor. Sharks are plentiful, and it costs 1/6 to 2/- to bathe off any of the beaches within 10 miles of Kingston. The station does not work at night but 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. makes a weary day.</p> <p>03/37: In Kingston, Jamaica</p> <p>03/39: still at Kingston, Jamaica.</p>
<p>Whittacker, J.A.</p>	<p>1922: “The life here is very lonely; there are only five Europeans on the Estate including myself, and about 1,000 Coolies ; I have 200 to look after, and 750 acres of rubber. We have a fairly good club with a billiard-table and tennis-court; also we can get plenty of shooting: pig, crocodile, etc. The difficulty with tennis is that we can only play from about 5 until 6.30, as it is too warm before 5 and too dark after 6.30.</p> <p>“I have been here a year and three months now, and feel full of rubber, so full, that I think if anyone dropped me I'd bounce. I have two years and nine months more to do before I get home leave... We can get local leave twice a year, to Singapore, Penang, etc.; and after six months among these coolies you need a change; it is Javanese labour here, and I don't think it is possible to find a worse lot of coolies; to lie and to steal is the breath of life to them; also they are a dangerous lot, and it is sometimes very difficult to keep them in order.</p> <p>“The Djapoera Estate is situated about 150 miles up the Indragiri River, near a little place called Rengat, where there are two Dutch Government officials, a few Chinese shops, a post office, and some native soldiers; it is also the point up to which the</p>

	<p>boat from Singapore comes, and where we load our rubber. There are three other estates up the river besides ours, one Dutch and two Swiss. We are the only British one here. There was another British estate but owing to the present price of rubber, it has practically closed down.</p> <p>Well, I think that is all the news, if you can call it news. The life is so very monotonous, and lonely, I'm afraid there is very little to talk about.”</p>
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There are many of whom we know little or nothing, an omission we will be pleased to amend if those with knowledge of the, are able to open contact with us.

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School Song

Forty years on, when afar and asunder
Parted are those who are singing to-day
When you look back and forgetfully wonder
What you were like in your work and your play –
Then it may be there will often come o'er you
Glimpses of notes, like the catch of a song:
Visions of boyhood shall float them before you,
Echoes of dreamland shall beat them along.

Follow up! Follow up!
Till the field ring again and again
With the tramp of the twenty-two men –
Follow up! Follow up!

Routs and discomfitures, rushes and rallies,
Bases attempted, and rescued, and won,
Strife without anger, and art without malice –
How will it seem to you, forty years on?
Then, you will say, not a feverish minute
Strained the weak heart and the wavering knee.
Never the battle raged hottest, but in it
Neither the last nor the faintest, were we.

Follow up! etc.

O the great days, in the distance exhausted.
Days of fresh air, in the rain and the sun,
How we rejoiced as we struggled and panted –
Hardly believable, forty years on!
How we discoursed of them, one with another,
Loved the ally with the heart of a brother,
Hated the foe with a playing at hate!

Follow up! etc.

Forty ears on, growing older and older,
Shorter in wind, as in memory long,
Feeble of foot, and rheumatic of shoulder,
What will it help you that once you were strong?
God give us bases to guard or beleaguer,
Games to play out, whether earnest or fun:
Fights for the fearless, and goals for the eager
Twenty, and thirty, and forty years on!

Follow up! etc.

2023 will be the 40th Anniversary of the re-shaping of the Old Boys' "Association" into a "Society" and, just how appropriate would it be to hear a rendition of this old School Song at a celebratory function in that year?

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