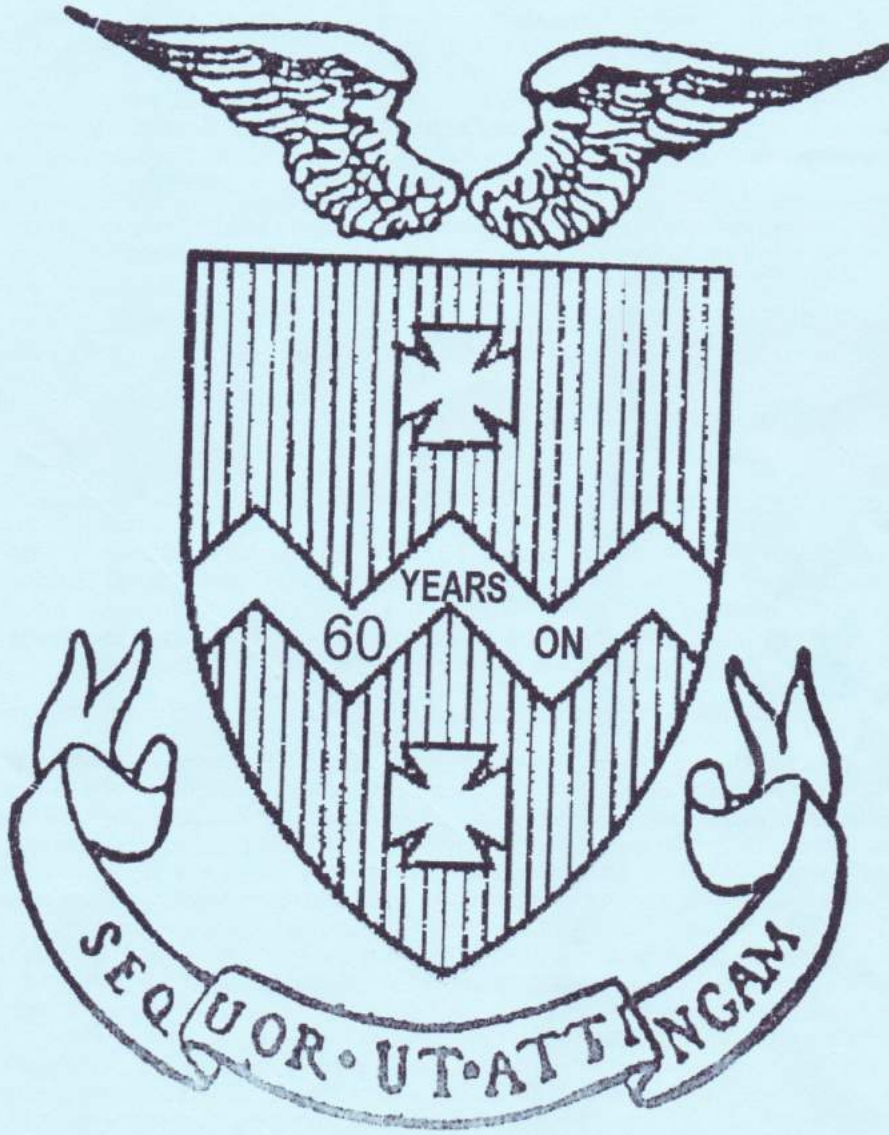


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## HAZEL'S PAGE

Well here we are again, is it really ten years on? On re-reading the '97 Newsletter I see that I actually did suggest September 29<sup>th</sup> 2007 as the date, so why are some of you on, or going on, holiday (slapped wrists all round)! Although we will be a chosen few at the actual tea party, I have had contact with all but about 8 people on my list (these few names will be on the last page, which will be printed at the last possible moment). Thanks to all of you who have been badgered into sending me your updates, which you will find in the following pages. It has been so much easier to assemble the Newsletter this time with many of you sending updates and photos by e-mail (why aren't you all on-line?) and even humble Microsoft Word has made my job quite a bit easier, despite it recently refusing to put text in a text box, insisting that I have a picture in it when there is no sign of one! There's no arguing with it of course, so have had to abandon text boxes sometimes and rely on good old borders and even in the case of my blog nothing (maybe it's having its revenge on me for calling it 'humble!'). Of course Spell Checker is very useful, but often gives really hilarious alternatives. Might have a go at printing its version of this booklet sometime! I have tried to present your updates pretty much as you sent them, with some adjustments to fit the pages most efficiently. As will soon become obvious those on pages 1-11 (not forgetting the first 2 on page 12) are the ones I received and organised alphabetically before 20/09/07 (gold stars for you lot) and I have added any that I received from then on in the order I got them. Regarding contact details, I have left addresses on if they were included, but have decided not to publish e-mail addresses, but I am very happy to forward any enquiries.

It is really heartening that so many people have benefited from OG contacts. Personally, Peter and I have been lucky enough to visit John Queen and Peter and Rosemary Phillips abroad. Several of 'the bughutch' (+ Audrey M) visited Terry Ryan in Wales and we managed a mini 6<sup>th</sup> form reunion when John Q. came over a few years back.



Eddie, John, Peter, Mary, Geoff, Sheila, Robert, C, Graham, H, Mike F

Dickie and Kath Richards have been almost over-run by OG visitors (no wonder when they live in such a gorgeous place as Sydney), Michael Green has visited various ex-school friends (see his blog), Peter Pibworth has met up with Rosemary West (whom he knew in Junior school as well as GGS), and I know that several of Evelyn Stevens' friends have visited her in the States. I'm sure that these are only a very small percentage of the friendships being kept up. Its also very pleasing that 3 ex-pats, Joan, Peter and Rosemary have come to the Reunion. Some of the others felt the journey too much.

### THE ROUND UP

First the good news; we have recently found one more '47er, John Locke (John Queen noticed him on Friends Reunited). John lives in France and unfortunately can't get to the Reunion but has sent me a detailed update and would like to hear from any old friends. Then the bad news; I have been told that Richard Woodman died in 2005 and others who have died since '97 include Rilla Hilton (Gosden), Joan Flippance (Sawkins) and Margaret Davies (Gray) (though the latter two were not strictly our year) and (?) Jimmy Pugmore. Although I have not actually had firm confirmation of this, so many people seem to think he has died, that maybe it is true. His ex-wife told me that they were divorced 7 years ago and neither she nor her daughter have had any contact since. On "googling" his name I have found a couple of reference to a James Pugmore in the Fleet area, but on enquiring further have been told that this James is in his mid-fifties so presumably not our Jimmy. I would be grateful for any definite news of him and both David Kent and Alan Knight, whose letters have been returned as moved away. I am in a somewhat difficult position in chasing people up as they may have moved but equally they may have died. I have tried writing to Ted Tuson's brother again for news of him but so far with no joy. Another small group are those who have no interest in OGs, for various reasons, among them John Scott, Lilian Sumners (Bowman), Brian Lawrence (who still lives in Farncombe and has had some contact with Malcolm Richardson), Betty Langrish (Clapham) and Dorothy May (Comish). The latter two regularly meet up with other OGs but Dorothy certainly says she is not interested "in looking back". Michael French came to a small get-together of 6<sup>th</sup> formers but has not been in contact since. I think they are missing out of course, (see my pictures above) but I suppose I am in the lucky position of having married an OG (I knew there must be something good about it!). Details of others who have not replied or sent updates are on the last page. Obviously the Staff from our day is somewhat depleted but it is very pleasing that we hope to welcome at the Reunion the indomitable Vic May, Gordon (and Elizabeth) Hibbert and David Ashdown (who did teach some of us briefly in our first year). John Noble is keen to come but has serious health problems (see his update) and Mr Johnson feels that he is not physically up to coming (we do have a chat to him occasionally when we meet up in Godalming) and both send their very best wishes to all.

As for the future I certainly do not propose to set a date in 2017 though I'm sure many of us will be alive if not kicking. (I reckon trudging up that hill served many of us well, as we do, in general, seem a to be a pretty healthy lot). However, it would be more sensible to pencil in the **OG Association meeting** which will probably take place in **October 2012 (65 years on)** and we could have a '47ers get together within that for those who might be interested. That would relieve me of organising it (!), and, all being well, I can put a reminder in the general OGA letter.

## OG NEWS

RENEE ARMES - 10 years on .

Still enjoying walking (but shorter distances), still enjoying three grandsons (for shorter periods). More senior moments but not dangerous! Otherwise well and happy.

## PETER BECK

Since 1997 the Globetrotting has slowed to 'hobbling'. After vowing never to go on a cruise we became hooked after a late deal on the Oriana some years back.

We no longer have to think too hard about our 16 grandchildren's annual presents as having grown up all they want is cash (as much as possible). Sad to say I'm now a Blue Badge Holder. Have had a chronic pain condition since January 2004, all day and every day, which has taken the edge off living..Victor Meldrew watch out! and also suffered the usual ageing male problems, but not to worry the chemists are kept in business and the NHS is in meltdown as a consequence!

We were pleased to see Geoff and Rosemary Brown in Huntingdon this year and still My wife Marion & myself keep in touch with some ... if not by wordy e-mails then at least the jokes whizz around the planet. Would be pleased to hear from anybody, anywhere or call in for a tea break if down this way. We are trying to move house....all of 200yards so may be off line for a few weeks but give it a whirl. We were seriously thinking of relocating to France where my eldest son works but Marion thought we might be a bit old and what was the French for, 'putting him down under' if I popped my clogs! Currently at peter@beck5137.fsnet.co.uk 45 Kennard Road, New Milton, Hants BH25 5JT 01425 610946. Hoping to move to number 16. If I cannot make it on the 29<sup>th</sup> (another cruise in the way) best wishes to all and to Hazel for the organisation.



## TERRY BROOMFIELD

Since my retirement I have become a community volunteer for St Mark's Community Centre and a major contributor to the Keeping Memories Alive project now archived at Godalming Museum.

## GEOFF BROWN

Not sure I have done a lot in the last ten years, having been retired for nearly 9 of them! I still do a bit of consultancy work from time to time, but spend a lot of time on family business - my wife and I, having both been married before, have 8 children between us, and a total of 13 grandchildren, with another on the way! (Six of those were born during the last 10 years). But like most of us, I still don't know where the time goes, of all the plans I had when I retired I have only started on one project. Sorry I haven't got anything more exciting to report.

## ROGER CASELTON

Retirement a few months early offered my wife and I a chance to visit family in New Zealand. We had 3 months in autumn 1998 and over Christmas + New Year. It left us hoping to make a return trip. We now have 5 grandchildren aged 16 yrs to 21 months and as the families are spread out we do a good bit of visiting. My mother sadly passed away in April this year aged 96. In latter years she had been quite frail and we had been backwards and forwards to Haslemere almost weekly at the end.

April 2007 was also the month that Folkestone had an EARTHQUAKE (4.5) We had quite a bit of structural damage and as I write the plasterers are busy on the living room walls. It has been a frustrating few months

waiting in line for work to be done. At one point there were 40 houses in the road with scaffolding up. The light at the end of the tunnel cannot be seen!

Roger Caselton

**JANET HARDING (JANE CLIFFORD)**

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I have moved to Hove and unfortunately ill health has forced me to give up driving so I cannot be with you. Following our last Re-Union I had a very enjoyable visit to Evelyn Stevens in the States and she came to Brighton. I am lucky enough to have a little house at Shanklin I.O.W. and I shoot over there as often as I can.

**FRANCIS AND DONALD HEATH**

Francis writes -

Don is on a two week holiday in Cornwall, so I thought I'd better answer for both of us. Having said that, nothing particularly exciting has happened to us over the last ten years. For about the last five years, we have been in touch with the 'Twins Unit' at St Thomas' hospital, who are using identical/non-identical twins, to investigate age and illness. On a day visit down there, we were 1 Kg. different in weight, and 1mm in height! We both keep in very good health and are active in walking etc. Don does a lot of Scottish dancing with his wife, here there and everywhere. Also, having a married son in Wellington, New Zealand, they visit there periodically.

Don retired from work at 65 years, and I at 65 1/2. I spent the last five years, doing a lot of supply teaching in a local Special school, which had a large number of autistic children. In my retirement, I do a lot of walking and cycling round country lanes. One of our daughters has moved to Georgia, U.S.A., with a husband and three daughters, so we are now visiting there once or twice a year.

I'm sorry that neither of us can get to the Re-Union.

**MARY HILL (Dougan)**

Mary wrote in January "I'm afraid I won't be joining you as we are selling up and moving so are pretty busy. I hope to re-locate to somewhere near Ayr or to Cumbria, depending on how much we have available after selling. I wish all the 47ers well and hope everybody has a good time."

*(I do not as yet have a new address for Mary)*

**MIKE HORN**

I retired from British Airways in April 2000 after 32 years. My wife also retired at the same time from Marks and Spencer. Since then we have been enjoying ourselves adjusting to a new way of life. Up to now we have gained seven grandchildren, five boys and two girls. We travel quite a lot mostly on vacation, but for a couple of years we visited the States on a regular basis, as our son lived there because of his job.

We still see Richard (Smith) and his wife and we communicate on a regular basis, mostly about the football results!

*Mike is very sorry not to be with us, but is off on holiday*

**JOAN KEMPSTER (HUGHES)**

The past 10 years have been good to me - for health, happiness, family and friends - despite the ups and downs of living in this turbulent world! Since the last reunion partner Richard and I sold our marketing business, ostensibly to retire. Instead, somehow we found ourselves starting our own "boutique" commercial winery, named "Kempsters", as a natural extension to our existing vineyard operations, and Richard soon developed a local reputation as a fine winemaker. But a few years later the physical demands were too much, and we found a younger couple willing to take on the house, property, winery and vineyard, lock, stock and barrel, so we sold and moved into town 10 miles away (Nevada City) in the foothills of northern California, where we have been for the past 3 years, enjoying much less outside work!

Finally fully retired, we bought a 22' RV to pull behind our pickup truck, and last winter left cold, rainy California to spend 3 glorious months on the beaches of western Mexico. We fell in love with the people, the culture, the enjoyment of life, the climate - to the extent that before leaving last March we arranged to buy a new townhouse being built in a community on the outskirts of Mazatlan, 5 minutes from the beach, with a bus line into the city. It should be completed this fall, and we'll be heading down there in our RV three weeks after my return from this school reunion. So Spanish lessons are under way, we expect to winter in Mazatlan every year from now on, and life has opened up new interests, opportunities and horizons for us.

**ERIC LAMDIN - The 10 Years from 1997.**

Having retired in 1993 the last 10 years has been 'more of the same'. We sold our Holiday Home in Spain in 2005 and now take at least one cruise a year as well as short break holidays in the UK and Western Europe. We live in a very social village so there is a lot of involvement in all sorts of activities and I for my part, help run the Village walking group. Our families all live locally so we see our children and grandchildren on a regular basis

**JOHN LOCKE** (*our latest "find"*)

1950 Left Godalming to move to Glyn Grammar in Epsom 1952 Left Glyn Grammar in June obtained a few GCE's and started full time work for a company as an electronic laboratory assistant.

1954 Enrolled for 3 years in the RAF, which allowed me to stay in my electronic engineering stream.

1955 Posted to Monchen Gladbach HQ 2nd Tactical Air force, worked on electronic cryptographic equipment until was demobbed in July 1957.

1957 Went back to my old job, and then was asked to join the Chief engineer who had moved to another company, namely Rediffusion.cable TV and TV development with a position as senior development engineer.

During the period up to 1963 I have time off to study for my HNC, which I obtained.

1965 Offered a new job, electronic salesman, with an American distribution company Texas Instruments

1966 Became Operations manager 1969 Move in to Information systems, and program development, worked in Geneva and Copenhagen. 1976 Took transfer to Texas Instrument HQ in Nice to design and develop systems for the European operations. So then I started my new life in France. Also spent a lot of time travelling especially to Dallas Headquarters.

1991 Became IT manager for Europe until 1996, when I offered to take redundancy, as the company was going through major restructuring, (ironically I was helping structure this plan) and for several reasons I did not want to return to the UK, which was part of the plan!!

In 1995 we moved from Nice to Paris, to the address I am at now. 1996 Started my own consultancy business which lasted about 1 yr when I was hired by General Motors in Detroit to work in IT Business Services for them, based in Europe. I retired in 2000 and now enjoying retirement, and keeping my hand in IT activity, freely helping others with computers, websites etc.

On a more personal side, I am married to a French lady, her name is Maryse. On my side I have 4 children, two sons and two daughters. My eldest son lives in the UK and has two boys, My eldest daughter lives in the U.S.A and the other son and daughter live in the Nice area and have a son and two daughters respectively.

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*John & Maryse*

**AUDREY MANN (HARRIS)**

Moved 5 years ago from Bromyard to Ledbury, another Herefordshire market town, and after 20+ year up this way now feel a Welsh Marches person. Particularly since my Mum died last year (103) and for the first time in my life I have no base down south. Keeping little grey cells busy via U3A and WEA groups and still walk and swim. Two cataract ops rescued my fast failing sight and I've now managed to get to all five continents and have Antarctica on my wish list. Thoroughly enjoying watching five grandchildren developing into extremely talented and pleasant teenagers

**BARBARA MANFIELD (HOWARD)**

"I can't think of anything explosive to report that's happened in the last 10 years! We are still plodding on and now have our 17 year old granddaughter living with us. Quite a challenge at times and life is certainly different. Can't understand one word of her A level work and wonder how I ever made it to Godalming! Am kept very busy with golf, local village activities and all boring things that people, as old as we, do in our spare time. It's good that so many of us have kept in touch since the last reunion and am looking forward to the next!?"  
Barbara Howard (Manfield)"

**ROY MANFIELD**

Not much has changed since the 1997 newsletter. I am still running my Tropical plant display rental business but now spend most of my time working at my son's small garden centre accompanied by my wife Sheila and my grand-daughter who is the florist at the centre. My 8 year old great-grandson also helps out so it truly is a family business with four generations involved in one way or another. I have almost forgotten my previous career as a Bank Manager! If any of my friends from Godalming days are in West Sussex I would be delighted to meet them at The Village Nurseries West Chilington [phone 01798 813040]

**ARTHUR MARSHALL**

Since your last contact I have done precious little that can be considered as exciting but nevertheless am still enjoying retirement. Pleased to tell you that at least I'm alive, but not too sure about the kicking part, and keeping active

**RUTH MARTIN (WILLIS)**

My husband retired 12 years ago so we have enjoyed our time together. We keep busy with church commitments, family, hobbies, holidays etc. and some cycling, walking and swimming. We are blessed with good health and enjoy life. My brother and some cousins still live in the Godalming area. Ruth tells me that they will not come to the Re-Union, "mainly because of the distance and because I find it hard to remember people which is embarrassing" (*and you're not the only one Ruth !*)

SYLVIA  
MARSHALL  
(MARIE)

Having been retired for over 10 years, I find it hard to know how I ever had time to go to work. In the last 10 years the family has grown, I now have four grandchildren 3 boys and one girl.

Apart from family commitments especially during the school holidays I joined the U3A which offer a wide variety of courses and activities and a good social life.

After many continental holidays we found we needed to see more of the UK, which has been very interesting. The west coast of Scotland and the Scottish Islands being favoured destinations, although this year we made a rail journey to Switzerland which I can recommend.

GEOFFREY and SHEILA (REFFOLD) MATTHEWS

Since 1997 our family has grown, Jolyon has married and contributed three more grandchildren to the two we already had. Our eldest Granddaughter, Holly, has just graduated in Biology from Worcester College, Oxford; her eventual aim is Obstetrics.

I have completed a B.Sc. (Honours) degree in Psychology from the Open University and achieved Graduate Membership of the British Psychological Society. I also studied at Surrey University (Guildford). I did think that I could put all this to some use and did some vocational counselling but now I have taken the path of least resistance and pass my time with family and friends and bridge, travel (mainly SAGA inspired) and cultural interests. I also pursue varied scientific interests and have been invited to become a member of the Royal Society of Medicine. I cannot resist monitoring the Stock and Commodity Markets (i.e. watch Bloomberg t/v).

A favourite activity is walking in our lovely countryside. I do a bit of gardening and maintain a long-term interest in wine by membership of our local wine club, of which I am Committee Secretary. The days are too short, thank goodness.

Sheila shares family and friends and bridge and cultural interests with me and also enjoys gardening. Sheila is much better than I am at crosswords and is a super, and much appreciated, cook.

I should mention that we keep closely in touch with Derek White and Robert Walker and I correspond with John Queen. We have also contacted Michael French.

GRAHAM MATTHEWS

In September 2004 I moved to London - where Geoffrey and I were born - to live at Charterhouse in Charterhouse Square, near The Barbican. My intention was to retire from most of my musical activities, to live in a community of retired men, and to take advantage of the position of Charterhouse in being near St Paul's Cathedral, and the Barbican Concert Hall, Theatre and Library; in being well-placed to attend concerts and recitals, theatres and exhibitions anywhere in the centre of London.

Charterhouse is where Godalming's Charterhouse School originated in 1611, in monastic buildings dating from 1371. I am known as a Brother; since 2005 I am also the latest in a list dating back to 1626 of Organists of Charterhouse. My intentions have been fulfilled, exceeded even, in that I am responsible for again holding an organist's post, for organising musical events, and for playing services intermittently at several churches.

Membership of The Athenaeum in Pall Mall, with its excellent library, gives me a welcome destination to refresh the spirit. To be a Freeman of the Musicians' Company gives me a connection with another ancient institution originating in the fourteenth century.

IAN MILLS - still living at 7 Kidder Bank, Wells, Somerset BA5 3JT (01749 677773)

Looking back at the 1997 news I discovered that it is now 10 years since I retired from my part time post as Ecumenical Officer for Somerset. Where has the time gone? I am still involved in church activity and also playing golf - although my handicap has gone up. A lot of spare time has been taken up with tracing my, and my wife Priscilla's, ancestors. On my father's side these go back to 1591 and on my mother's side back a lot further - one of her ancestors if genealogical trees can be relied upon was Rhodri Mawr - Prince of Wales who died in 878AD. We have gone round the country discovering where these ancestors lived. And our descendents are also growing in number. 9 grandsons so far and no grand-daughters, but there is another on the way so perhaps.

It was good to catch up with Michael Green when he came over to this country from Queensland with his wife to show her where he grew up and to meet up with old friends.

**BRIAN MORRISH**

Not a lot has happened since we last met, except growing older!! We are surprisingly still together, making Shirley a Saint, so she says.

We still live in Reigate, and I cannot see us leaving this area, having been here about 17 years now.

Our 4 children, have gifted us with 5 grandchildren, 3 boys ages 11,7 and 6, and 2 girls 8 and 7. We see a lot of them as they all live quite close.

I play golf once or twice a week, and Shirley's hobby is shopping, when my back is turned!! Luckily we both enjoy good health, Shirley works at it by going to the Gym, twice a week at 7.30 am.

Do wish we could be with you on the 29th, best wishes Shirley & Brian.

**JILL  
NARRIS  
(CONNOR)**

Having retired prior to 1997, the Area Health Authority persuaded me to return to my post as Community Nursing Sister on a part time basis for the next five years. Subsequently, my time has been divided between travel, gardening and craft hobbies when not involved with the local University of the Third Age along with my husband.

Regrettably, I will not be able to attend as I will be on holiday at the time of the reunion.

**JOHN NOBLE**

It is extremely doubtful as to whether or not I will be strong enough to attend. Just before Christmas, I had a major and only partially successful operation at the Royal Marsden in Chelsea for pancreatic cancer. I was recovering nicely, but in mid-spring, an unrelated sinus infection flared up, necessitating an operation which rather set me back. Recovery is slow.

I would very much like to be with you at the reunion, and send my very best wishes to all who remember me. We all have a lot for which to thank the School!

**SHEILA NORMAN (TALMAN)**

We moved from Witley to Milford in 2000. We had our Golden Wedding in March this year and had a large family party, then to Paris by Eurostar in June for four days as a gift from our family.

**PETER PHILLIPS and ROSEMARY (nee BUSS)**

"I was officially due to retire in 1998 at the time, coincidentally, that the company was taken over by a listed black empowerment company. By mutual agreement, I stayed on working part time as company secretary and general "troubleshooter" administering the company's legal affairs. I finally called it a day in 2005 as the age of 69 was beginning to take its toll on memory and body.

Both Rosemary (nee Buss, class of 1948) and I decided to leave the Cape and retire to Gauteng to spend some time with our daughter and grandchildren there. We have bought a unit in a secure complex just north of Johannesburg where we spend our time visiting the Kruger National Park, staying at our daughter's farm in the middle of the "cradle of mankind" (where the remains of early man are still being excavated), and also her holiday home located on one of Africa's largest dams. We also make visits back to Cape Town to spend time with our eldest daughter and family there. Rosemary continues to manage the house, pursue her passion for gardening, and make a fuss of Pax, her pet dachshund. I spend time on the computer, listen to music, and read ancient history. We are both looking forward to the re-union and meeting up with our old school friends."

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**PETER PIBWORTH**

Since 97 I have retired and moved to the sea side town of Victor Harbor some 100km from Adelaide. Here are photos of our house and the view.

My problem is that September is a bad time with the bowls season taking off then and all the trials are under way. Say hallo to all my year. Mike Horn, Peter Woods, Reg Francis etc.

(Peter has visited England twice since 97, most recently this summer)



**JOHN QUEEN** (writing from Vancouver Island)

I retired in 2001 after 32 years at Brentwood College where I was a housemaster, physics teacher and rowing coach. I directed seven G & S shows there in the '70's and '80's and founded Brentwood Regatta in '71 which has now grown into international status and is possibly the largest school regatta in the world. In 1997, I was awarded the Centennial Medal. This year I was invited to be the guest speaker at Brentwood's Speech Day and to present the major awards. I have been honoured indeed. ---

In '97 - '98 school year I was given a sabbatical and travelled to New England where I spent time at the Ivy League universities. I attended classes at Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth and others and lived in a motel in Lexington, a suburb of Boston, which has a considerable history of its own. Harvard was most impressive. Boston was the only city I have ever visited where I felt completely at ease and comfortable. Normally, I hate cities. After returning to Brentwood in December, I went out to New England again in March, this time to visit about a dozen private schools. I had been commissioned by Brentwood's Governors to investigate endowment funding. These schools, many of them dating back to the early 1700's are quite disgustingly wealthy but use a good portion of their endowments to assist needy students who would not otherwise be able to afford the fees. They were all extremely well staffed, about a 6:1 ratio, and amazingly well-equipped (one had two observatories!) I was very well looked after at all of them and was impressed with everything I saw, not least, the obvious pride of the students in their schools. Of course, it is a privileged portion of society in a wealthy part of the world but I found that both the schools and the universities are very happy to cover full costs for any student they want to take, and that removes many barriers. At Harvard, for instance, the admissions department decides which 1500 of the 22000 applicants they want to take each year and then let Student Aid know who they are, with instructions to ensure that none of them is prevented from attending for financial reasons. Excellent and apolitical!

Since retiring, I have kept busy building clocks as a small home-based business. I have also been building a big 7ft. single manual harpsichord. After six years, it is nearly finished. I will probably donate it to the Music Dept. at Brentwood after enjoying it myself for a while. I have also been teaching physics part-time, at Malaspina University College here in my home town of Duncan

I live in a quiet neighbourhood on the outskirts of town at the end of a cul-de-sac. It is quiet, I have wonderful neighbours and a beautiful view. A small stream runs through a park below my property and I see eagles every day as well as many other birds and animals. There are bears and cougars around the area but I have yet to see one. A family of racoons often sits in the big oak tree in my back garden. I have two korats, Romulus and Remus, who live with me. (Rare breed of cat from Thailand). Actually, it would be more accurate to say that I live with them!

My brother Anthony lives in Sidney with his wife Valerie. It is only about an hour's drive so we see each other quite often. I have had several e-mail exchanges with Joan Palmer and Anthony and Valerie actually met up with her in Spain a couple of years ago

**ROSEMARY RICE (ALLSOP)**

Hello again, Godhelmsians. I've enjoyed a happy life living in the State of Maine for the last 10 years or so. I enjoyed my "career" as an officer manager for an insurance firm. I'm a "people person" and love meeting and helping the good folks in "lobstah" and "chowdah" country, "ayuh"! That's Maine talk! Together, Len and I roamed the rocky coast of Maine - such wild beauty. I abruptly left my job two years ago to be with my good husband at home, to help and comfort him in every way possible during his illness. Sadly, he died this past April 2007, after 51 good years of marriage.

I so enjoy painting, writing, reading and gardening. Music has always been a major source of pleasure for me. I've participated in various musical productions, yet Hollywood eludes me! All our children and grandchildren inherited Len's and my love of music, through stage productions, ice shows, singing and instruments. Makes life fun and sometimes profitable.

Life is different now, and I'll move ahead doing the best I can each day, along with the love and encouragement of my family and friends. Once my house is sold, I'll move closer to the family in New Hampshire. Even have a job offer when I get there! Meantime, I'm sorting through 51 years of "stuff". Don't hoard! It's amazing what gathers in the attic.

I look forward to visiting my "home" next year. Maybe see some of you then. "There'll always be an England". Best of luck and Good Health to all. Rosemary Rice Allsop

**DICKIE (DON) RICHARDS AND KATHLEEN HEATH (RICHARDS)**

We are leading a rather pedestrian existence and do not have much to report, except we have had welcome visits from the following OG's: - Ken Birbeck and his wife Claudie, Peter Pibworth and Caroline, Kathleen Stevenson (Trimmer), Peter Beck and Marion. I also met Michael Green briefly at Sydney airport, we are in regular contact via email however with all these folk. I also correspond with John Queen and more recently David Meadows in Tasmania. Kathleen also keeps in touch with Rosemary West and Jean Cockle

We do have two brand new grandchildren, identical twin boys who are treasures, bringing the total to 5. We seem to be kept very busy with the grandchildren or more particularly their parents needs. Unfortunately we cannot get away but we wish all the OGs who are gathered together health and happiness, we wish we could join you, Please convey our best wishes to all, we hope you enjoy a great day, and a special thank you to you Hazel for keeping us all in touch.

**REG FRANCIS**

The past 10 years seem to have flashed by - we have taken the opportunity to travel quite extensively, visiting most parts of the world - good and bad (Goodness only knows what size our 'Carbon Footprint' is!) Probably the most memorable occasion was a visit to the Philippines last year when our son finally decided to marry a Filipina lady - a very 'Different' experience. We are about to become Grandparents in November. The ravages of time have also ensured that last year I had a 'Hip Job' completed with great success. At Hazel's request, I have also searched for, and made contact with, MIKE TOLFREE, a very like soul at school. He is well, is married and still lives in Guildford.

**PETER FREESTON**

The calendar says another ten years have passed. My body thinks it is at least fifteen! a heart bypass in 2000 followed by type 2 Diabetes and now problems with my knees. Still that's enough of the good news, other than physical decline all goes well - a fair amount of travel at home and abroad, some trips to the theatre and lots of reading and sitting, playing bowls and not forgetting shopping, cooking and cleaning. Time passes so quickly and I have it all organised for me!! - - no prizes for guessing by whom (*even typing this for him! H*). In the show Spamalot there is the catch phrase (also on t-shirts) "I'm not dead yet" - -so all the while we can say that all must be well.

**BARBARA FULLICK (DENVER)**

Not much has changed in my life in the last ten years - My husband is now retired as well so we are enjoying our retirement We play a little bit of golf, walk, and like to holiday three or four times a year mainly the Greek islands and trips round England. We are off to Canada in a few days time and will also travel down to The Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia - so that should be exciting. Two of our four grandchildren are now engaged so maybe there will be a wedding one day! Hope the day goes well for everyone and best wishes to all. Barbara

**MARY GLOVER (HUMPHREY) AND ANDY HUMPHREY**

Although we cannot come we hope you have a super tea and chat. All our children are very well and we now have 12 grandchildren We and our dogs are not too bad but are finding the garden somewhat hard work at some times of the year. We still go round Bramshott Common for 1 ½ hours every morning with our Jack Russell Pip. I still see some OGs, Barbara Nipper (Pelling), Betty Langrish (Clapham) and Eric and Jean Rapley

**MICHAEL GREEN**

1997 Managing 'big birds' on ostrich farm with my wife.  
 2000 We left 'sinking' ostrich farm and retired to our forest retreat in Blackbutt, Qld.  
 2000 Our first trip to California to see daughter #1, Tanya, her husband and grandchild #3, Eryn.  
 2002 Our second trip to California to see the same mob plus grandchild #4, Aidan. Met the Queen (not the royals) family, John, Anthony and Val in Victoria, BC, Canada, and Faye and I enjoyed a leisurely walk and talk with John in the environs of that lovely city.  
 2003 My mother dies in Portsmouth @ 88 years of age.  
 2004 Trans-Australia caravan trip to see newly arrived grandchild #5, Madeline, daughter #3, Deborah and husband in Perth.  
 2005 Sold forest 'retreat'. First trip to UK to see my 'pommie' brother, Martin and wife in Liphook. Found 26 Marshall Rd. and 'caught up with' Audrey, Cherry, Hazel, Peter, Robert Walker and Eddie Steer. Great to meet the 'you haven't changed a bit' firm after 50 years!! Shared a great time also with Ian and Priscilla Mills down in Wells...we had a picnic at Chew Valley Lake in hot sun (don't really associate hot sun with UK!). In Somerset when the bomb attacks occurred in London.  
 2006 Son #1, Christopher, Faye and I buy a property of 1 acre in part of Qld. called the Sunshine Coast. The town we live near is Maleny.... looks like a bit of Witley/Grayswood/Chiddingfold in spring..... surrounded by trees and green sward. Volcanic red clay loam, 1 metre deep... love gardening. Become founding member of SDA church in Maleny. Enjoy singing, teaching and preaching there. Son #2, Jonathon and wife, Shani are blessed with our grandchild #6, Emily.  
 2007 Son #1 leaves to work as diesel fitter/mechanic in the 'rich' mines in West Australia. Son #3, Adam arrives to live here for a while from West Australia. Aiming to take 'personal fitness trainer' course with me as tutor-help at home. Always busy and enjoying life....Praise the Lord. God's blessing and love to those assembled for the coming reunion....best wishes to all from Maleny, Qld., Australia. (Sorry we wont be with you all there. Drop in to see us when you get here.)

## TERRY (MICHAEL) RYAN

Terry and Ann Ryan continue to live in the city of Swansea, not far from the beautiful Gower peninsula. Despite being retired, we find that there are scarcely enough hours in the day for our various commitments – it's the old, old story. Like so many grandparents, we are involved in childminding. Since our younger daughter now has a part-time post as a local Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths, we help to look after the two small boys a couple of days in most weeks. Our elder daughter is married to a Spaniard and lives near the Basque city of Bilbao. That helps to explain why I devote some effort to brushing up my knowledge of the Spanish language. Incidentally, I find it a fair sight more accessible than the Russian which I needed to use for most of my research work at the University. Our son works for computer hardware company and attempts to educate his parents in the finer (and less than finer) points of the technological wizardry in the world of IT. Our garden, including the greenhouse, provides flowers, vegetables, grapes and good deal of pleasure.

## VALERIE SHEPPARD (BLAND)

After doing B&B for 12 years I gave it up about two years ago but still have a few people who have become friends to stay. My husband David is still working four days a week in our business and three of our children have become partners. Our eldest son went to Australia last December and has since married one of the first girls he brought home when he was about 17. We have visited New Zealand twice, Alaska and Canadian Rockies last year. This year we sailed down the coast of Costa Rica and Panama and through the canal on a small ship with about 74 passengers and next January are going to Mexico with the same company sailing in the Sea of Cortez and then visiting the Copper Canyon. These trips are planned to watch wildlife in the sea and on land and are very interesting but sometimes very tiring.

PAT SIMPER  
(PATTI  
SKILTON)

A short note to say that life has been good punctuated with holidays, anniversaries, and various other celebrations. It's hard to believe that 10 years has passed and another re-union is upon us. I hope to see the friends I knew well at school and also hope that they will recognise me after all this time.

I live in a lovely part of Dorset, Highcliffe, a small town, more village like with it's castle, beach (a short walk from my home). A great view across the water of the Isle of Wight and The Needles. If anyone gets down this way and would like to visit let me know.

Patti Skilton (nee Simper)

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poultry smallholding.*

## BRIAN STANIFORD

I sold my business eight years ago and am now fully retired.

## EDDIE STEER

Can't think of much to say except that I've almost finished my contrariness with the Surrey County Council over road safety and although I haven't won, (never expected to really), much is being done that would otherwise have been ignored. Maybe a re-invigorated mission will be to get my REAL wishes satisfied.

I'm feeling an urge to construct electronic gadgets which have little or no use at all, except to keep me amused and occupied (and combat noise polluters, which could of course be road users).

I think it'll be less physically demanding than allotmenting which I'll phase out over the next couple of years - but I'll miss my fruit and veg!

Great shame that some of us have suffered personal tragedies and others just can't make it; nonetheless, Jane and I are both looking forward to meeting old friends assuming we can drive and/or hobble that mile or so to the school - recent replacement hip allowing - and I used to occasionally sprint and catch the 16.09 at the end of the school day - although the 16.39 was much better fun!! Where did all that energy go??.

## CHRISTOBEL STOCKER (LEIGH)

No great news from me; still patchworking, aikido, bower technique, still clearing out my son's room (he left the nest at least 10 years ago) and raiding my daughter's drawers for the odd lipstick (she left before he did). Also trying to be doting grandparents to the two girls (3 and nearly 2) but find I am as bad a grandma as I was a mother! Of course, they are lovely kids really... Sorry, we are great stick-in-the-muds, so we shan't be coming to the reunion - why travel when you're already in one of the best places in the world! - but greetings to all the old faces, and have a great time. Christobel

**MIKE TOLFREE**

Although Mike is not interested in coming, Reg Francis and he have recently met up with their wives and passed a pleasant hour or two. For a little more news of him see Reg's Update

**KATE TRIMMER (STEVENSON)**

Since 1997 the event most affecting my life was the sudden death of Tony, my husband in 2002. We were lucky to have had many years of retirement during which we had travelled extensively (carbon footprints!). A trip to Australia was a highlight when I renewed my friendship with Kath and Don Richards. They made us so welcome.

Since I lost Tony, my membership of the Golf Club and a wide circle of friends have been a lifesaver. I have enjoyed many more holidays abroad with friends, mainly golf centred. I hope I shall have the strength to stagger on for a few more years, as it is such a congenial, if frustrating sport. So, Golf, Bridge and generally socializing sums up my rather hedonistic lifestyle.

My daughter, Jane, remarried three years ago and lives in a delightful village in Suffolk. She teaches English and Drama at a Secondary School nearby.

It has been great to have the opportunity to contact old school friends and I hope to continue this contact over the next 10 years!

**GRETA VINCENT (ETHERINGTON)**

My husband Ted died in July 1999. Friend and fellow OG Rilla Hilton (Gosden) died in July 2001. My eldest son Michael is now an ambulance driver, after being made redundant. Younger son Richard runs his own business of panel beating and paint spraying (cars) with his wife. They have 2 children, Johanna, nearly 22 and Steven 20. My daughter (the youngest) is a technician for Thames Water. She has 3 children, Brodie nearly 22 and twins Samantha and Danielle nearly 19. All these grandchildren are working and enjoying life. I'm still busy doing voluntary work with WRVS, Godalming Old People's Day Centre and local Care group. I enjoy walking and gardening.

**ROBERT WALKER**

The half dozen most significant things for me since 1997 are: -

1. My elder son, Benedict, has had two sons (now 9 and 3) and a daughter (7).
2. Nicholas, my younger son, has got married and is coming back from New Zealand to live in the UK.
3. Retirement from my post as Librarian at Highgate Literary & Scientific Institution. I was given life membership.
4. A move from Harlesden to Highgate to live in a "charitable institution" founded by Margaret Hill the sister of Maynard Keynes. Given my life-long interest in the Bloomsbury Group this fact gives my good fortune extra relish.
5. Highgate Decorative and Fine Arts Society has made me its Chairman.
6. Acquisition of an allotment where I spend many happy and productive hours.

**ROSEMARY WEST (COOPER)**

Ten years on and a few things have changed. Unfortunately my husband Brian died suddenly in 1998 when our first grandchild was just 8 weeks old. I now have two grandsons as well as two daughters and I see them frequently.

Peter Pibworth and his wife have visited twice since our last reunion, the most recent time being in July this year. They are still very happy in Australia. I still meet up with Dorothy May and Renee Armes on a regular basis and am enjoying retirement, being kept busy with grandchildren, animals, long distance walks and travelling – not to mention gardening etc and meeting up with work colleagues

**DEREK WHITE**

The past ten years (including seven since retirement) have passed by with all the usual ups and downs encountered during our short stay on earth. However at the end of this time we can review and say that overall the decade has been good to us. It now doesn't look as if we shall be moving back to the UK after living over forty years abroad, first in Germany & then Switzerland! Our married daughter also lives in Switzerland, which is also a reason for staying. The only open question is whether to keep our house & garden or to move into a less work intensive environment (flat) in Bad Zürich with its thermal baths and other attractions just 11 kms away from us on the river Rhine. We both know it well and since it has all the necessary amenities seems a good retirement location

### CHERRY WHITE (WEBB)

Dominic, my number one son (the Tetraplegic) moved out of hospital into a house I bought him after my husband Paul died suddenly in 1999 (leaving me a rich-ish widow). I now live in a flat above him and his cosmopolitan family of carers. Life is very lively!

I have travelled much in the last 10 years-you think of a place I've been there-but no where more exciting than my visit this July to Ostrava in the Czech Republic where my granddaughter Louise was running the 2000m Steeplechase for Britain in the World Youth Championships – she came 5th in the world! Desmond, number two son (the Accountant) - the one who can't sit still -was so proud of his daughter as was Kathryn her sister. We all had a great time

Number three son David (the Actor) has also provided support and entertainment for his old mum having won many 'best actor awards at Festivals and given many hilarious performances both on and off the stage.

With three such sons and a fantastic twin sister life is indeed good in 2007

### HAZEL WHITE (FREESTON)



Our birthday was 140<sup>th</sup> and 80 people came!

Since I retired in '94 I have always needed a project to keep me busy. Some of them have included organising a couple of OG Re-Unions (!) researching and compiling a history of Farncombe Church for its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (signed copies still available from me!), being the "voice-activated Auntie" for Dom, my tetraplegic nephew, when he did his Master's degree with the OU (no I did NOT contribute any ideas, but there was a lot of friendly, if sometimes heated, discussions about grammar. Oh they don't teach them like the good old GGS taught us!!) I have been on a lot of holidays; luckily for me I sometimes go with Peter, sometimes with Cherry, sometimes with both and occasionally with a family group.

The highlight was when C and I finally got to the Amazon and

Machu Picchu last year (see pic) -->That plus the Terracotta Army, Abu Simmel and the Taj Mahal are sights that I am so pleased I saw, before the "long haul" hatred really set in (its Europe from now on). So pleased also that we stayed with John Queen on Vancouver Island and spent a delightful time with Rosemary and Peter Phillips in South Africa, (of course Rosemary and "my" Peter rather fancied each other at school didn't they? Those Debating Society trips weren't always as innocent as they seemed you know!)

C and I do a lot of choral singing which has included 5 cruises with the Concerts from Scratch organisation, having a daily sing for fun with inspiring conductors like Sir David Willcocks and Brian Kay while visiting great places (even the Caribbean We have also sung several times with the Harrogate Choral Week (which this year conveniently morphed into the Cranleight Choral Week) the highlight being Elijah in York Minster with Willard White a couple of years ago. C and I are great theatregoers, regularly going to a matinee and an evening performance on a day out in London. I am a friend of the Globe and Guildford School of Acting (can't get used to calling it Conservatoire!) and we try to see most of the latter's productions, which I can't recommend too highly. They are superb.



Lou taking the water jump

We have also become great followers of youth athletics since Cherry's 16-year-old granddaughter has been doing so brilliantly in 800m, 1500m and recently the Steeplechase (see Cherry's "blog"). Her name is Louise Webb, so why not look up her ranking for 2000m Steeplechase (UK/ All women) on the \*Power of 10 website? Clicking on her name also gives details of some of her past performances, but doesn't add that she actually won the Mini London Marathon in 2003 and is followed everywhere (including the Czech Republic) by a couple of old groupie grannies. Very proud that I've been elected as Granny2 !

This leads me on to a slight sadness amongst all this good fortune, which is, (despite both of us loving kids) our complete lack of grandchildren! Although our elder son James has now married, is a Director of AXA UK with a giant salary, has a lovely house and for his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday bought himself a Porsche 911 (his wife bought his personalised number plate and not sure which cost the most!) they have informed us that having children is not in their life plan! We are supposed to be comforted with a 'grand-dog' Lottie is rather cute though (if somewhat large) >>

Our younger son Matthew works for Gate Gourmet earning "peanuts" and has moved back in with us and has at last got a serious girl friend, which could be promising, except that she lives in Manchester and has MS (poor thing) so grandchildren very unlikely there. However we can muster 4 great nephews and the 2 great nieces so with the enjoyment of our extended family and with some lovely friends we have a lot to be thankful for.



### DOREEN WINSON (EKINS)

MY HUSBAND, IVAN, DIED IN APRIL '06  
HE WAS TAKEN ILL ON AN AMAZON CRUISE, & WE HAD  
TO DISEMBARK IN BARBADOS, & AFTER HOSPITAL, FLY HOME.  
I MOVED TO A FLAT IN APRIL '07, MAKING MANY NEW  
FRIENDS HERE. MY SON, GRAHAM, IS STILL A FARNCOMBE  
CRICKETER, & SO ARE HIS SONS, ADAM & SIMON. GRAHAM  
IS TAKING REDUNDANCY FROM B.T. MY DAUGHTER, KAREN  
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**DAWN YOUNG (PAT CROCKFORD)**

Sadly my much loved Husband Ray died in May 2004. I no longer sequence dance or play golf but have joined two bowls clubs which have given me a new interest and keeps me busy. The main happy event for me has been the addition of another grandson (he will be two in August). I now have two grandsons and four grand daughters. Hope you all enjoy the day on the 29th September. Pat Crockford (nee Young)

**KEITH YOUNG** (*see Keith I managed to avoid putting you last! H*)

I am now fully retired from the gas industry, but remarkably busy! Still windsurfing once a week in the summer with the Sea Vets.

Having walked a number of the pilgrim routes in France and Spain, my wife Maureen and I are involved with a refuge for pilgrims in Northern Spain.

**THE 'NOT TOO LATE' EXTRAS (NOT ALPHABETICAL)****EDDIE COATES**

We are looking forward to our older son's marriage which takes place at the beginning of December. Our oldest (daughter) married approx 15 years ago; our younger son married in 1994, now it's the turn of our other son, who had his 46th birthday in July this year. That will take place in Tasmania, so that means a long flight for us, and a long stay during November in Melbourne and in Tasmania.

Eddie & Beryl Coates

**AUDREY DUNNE CALLIS)**

'There seems to have been big changes in my life in the last 10 years, yet not really a lot to report. I'm still living here in Devon, and am in the main really happy with life in Newton Popleford. The catalyst to change in my life was treatment for breast cancer in 2001. This led eventually to my joining the Quakers, and later the Church of England (a bit different from my Baptist connections of school days). I spend quite a bit of my time now involved with visiting the elderly and housebound, and also run a Tea and Chat group which meets on a Sunday afternoon once a month. This meets a very real need for those who find a lonely Sunday a very long day. I still play music with friends, but don't sing regularly with the Choral Society now, and paint a little in a somewhat social group. Most of us value the weekly get together which gives us the chat as well as the incentive to get the paint brushes out. Best wishes to everyone, and sorry I don't feel able to make the journey up to Godalming this time.'

**BRIAN ELLIS**

We continue to enjoy retirement and wonder how we had time to go to work! Meeting up with friends and family keeps us pretty busy as they are scattered the length and breadth of the country - last weekend, we saw my brother David and his wife (some may remember him as another old Godhelmian '45er and now living in Warwickshire). Our son continues to work for the BBC, though he and we sometimes wonder why - fortunately, he has a busy social life, including lighting amateur dramatic productions and flying, he has a private pilot's licence and has taken us on various trips, including a birthday jaunt to Guernsey - frightening but exhilarating at the same time! We have a big garden which takes a lot of looking after (especially fighting off the effects of squirrels and foxes!) and enjoy our holidays, mainly to Lake Lucerne in Switzerland, which we regard as a second home, despite the vagaries of air travel these days

**MALCOLM RICHARDSON - Update from 1997**

From 1997 until my retirement in 2002 I continued working in the Aerospace and Defence industry as a Project and Customer Account Manager. My work entailed travelling all over the country and to Northern Ireland and I was more than pleased to see the end of motorway traffic and cancelled or delayed flights.

I have been secretary and trustee of Godalming Angling Society for many years, the club having been founded in 1881 and with a membership of over 1500 adults plus 200 juniors. On my retirement I took on the responsibility for Project Managing the construction of new lakes and a clubhouse at 25 acre Marsh Farm, Milford, previously an intensive egg production unit. We bought the site in 1999 and were able to obtain a grant of £358,000 towards the total project cost of £750,000, from Sport England. The three lakes totalling 8 acres with room for 115 anglers were built to my original design and were opened in 2004 as a day ticket and members fishery. They have been extremely successful, attracting anglers from all parts of the country, from as far away as Sheffield, Lincolnshire, the Welsh borders and Cornwall. The

Godalming Angling Society currently own over 60 acres of land with lakes and the 17 acre Salgasson Meadow above Westbrook Mill on the river Wey, Godalming. I sit on various committees and Consultatives related to angling and frequently work with the Environment Agency in relation to Fisheries Action Plans and Abstraction Management strategies. This keeps me fairly busy and in my spare time I am treasurer of the local Sports Council, Sport Godalming and also find time to play bowls for the Godalming & Farncombe Bowls club.

Unfortunately I am unable to attend the reunion and send my best wishes for an interesting and successful day.

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DAVID EVANS

Over the ten years, my life has been uneventful.

I retired from being a peripatetic optometrist, mainly on the South coast, at 70, gradually running down the number of days worked. Luckily my eyes started deteriorating a month after retirement, the cause being diabetes. Driving is at present impossible, but my wife makes an excellent chauffeur. I am seeing the surgeon next month, and its up to him as to whether he can carry out laser treatment at that time, and treat my ocular condition which results in much fogging of the picture I receive. My left eye has been blind all my life, so things are rather awkward at present. Please extent my regards to those present at the reunion.

EVELYN STEVENS Evelyn has not replied to my e-mails but Valerie Sheppard, who has visited her, has let me know a few details of her very traumatic recent years -

She moved from Long Island to Naples in Florida about five or six years ago and has very nice neighbours who have helped her through her troubles. One of her daughters died just before Valerie last visited and another sadly died about two years ago. Soon after that Evelyn had a bad fall and broke her hip and she was almost over that when she slipped in the shower and smashed her wrist badly and had to have it pinned. She is not able to travel for too long now so don't think she will be able to fly for more than three hours at a time.

MARGARET CHURCHMAN (COVEY)

Margaret's ex-husband Mike died recently. They had remained in friendly contact and she had helped care for him during his last illness. She has recently moved to a bungalow, but is still living in Louth. Margaret describes herself as a "fair-weather golfer", playing when her back allows! She is unable to get to the Reunion as she is booked to visit this area during early October and cannot make both journeys. She still keeps in regular touch with her group of school friends, particularly Renee, and sends her best wishes to all.

STAN BESWICK

I finally managed to fully retire eventually after contract teaching in Design and Technology in the private sector. I went on to CAD work, drawing up floor plans for estate agents, finally settled for playing as much golf as possible. Any free time is spent watching my grandchildren playing football and visiting relations abroad. Had my 3<sup>rd</sup> knee replacement this year and felt my age when my eldest grandson finished his course at Godalming College this year.

IRIS COOTE (KILLNER) writes that she cannot come. She does have various health problems that make it difficult, as she can't be sure how she will feel from one day to another.

JEAN COCKLE (WHITE) has written but cannot come as "September and October are complete 'no-no' times this year for making arrangements." Much has happened in her family since 1997, but "nothing I feel of interest for the Newsletter"

THE NIPPER TWINS - I have heard from Barbara (Pelling) who has just come back from holiday and although she cannot come, she hopes we have a lovely time and she writes, "My sister Audrey (Stapleton) is still at the same address in Cam. They have just celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary. Her husband Don is also an O.G."

One or two have contacted me to let me know that they can't come, but have not sent an update in time for the printing. They are, -

MARGARET COOK (WEBB), (*Unfortunately I will be away in the south of France on that day otherwise I would have made the effort to come as, probably, after another 10 years some of us will need a walking stick or a zimmer frame!*) - BRIAN JOHNSON, (*Unfortunately I am unable to join you this time but hope you all enjoy yourselves.*) JOHN HOLLEY (*who contacted me by phone*) and JUDY MANT (BALDWIN) (*regret that we will be unable to attend*).

DOREEN DANIELS (LEWIS) Although I have had no actual contact with Doreen, Janet Harding writes that she has moved and is now living happily on the Isle of Wight.

And so - apart from those on the first page that I know aren't interested, the ones I have not heard from are PETER BREWSTER, PETER DUFFIELD, DIANE GARRETT (GEE), JO POPPLE (MARTIN), FREDA WHITEHOUSE (ELCOMBE), and BRIAN and ROSEMARY TAPP (QUEEN)

If you are in touch with any of them it would be good to hear news of them.

Finally - I hope I have mentioned all of those I had on my list from '97 somewhere in this Newsletter, but the trouble with naming names is if someone gets missed out, and sadly I can't absolutely guarantee that I have included everyone, but if you have been left out, please let me know (and forgive me). I can only do my best.