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NEWSLETTER MENU

Chairman's Welcome

Welcome Dear Members,

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter. Firstly, may I thank Vice Chair Alicia Edwards for filling in for me in our last newsletter. I was as she put it "off on my jollies for a month and left her in charge of the intro". I think she did a great job, and brought a different younger style to our intro. Well done and thank you Alicia.

One of the saddest things that I have the duty to carry out when writing the intro is to bring to your attention the passing of any of our 'Family'. This issue is no different, in that it is with sadness that I have to announce the passing of two of our 'Family'. One of them is an ex-scholar and the other a member of staff.

We have been informed by Russell Williams of the passing of his sister Kim Williams. She was in Gatton Hall from 1974-1978. Kim passed away after a long illness on Monday 12th December 2011 aged 49. Kim was still in touch with many of her old friends from school days.

The other member who has left us is assistant housemaster Alan Taylor who passed away suddenly on Saturday 4th February 2012. He had been at the school 22 years and was 51 years old.

Alan's funeral took place on Tuesday 28th February at Woodvale Crematorium Brighton, at 1.45. The funeral was well attended by Both staff and ex-scholars.

He was a long time member of staff who was greatly respected by both staff, students and ex-scholars alike. Our thoughts and deepest condolences and sympathy go out to the families and friends of Kim Williams and Alan Taylor.

I must also mention at this point that our Secretary and Treasurer Peter Page is very ill at this time and is undergoing chemotherapy treatment with all of its side effects. He has been unwell since last summer, and was taken into hospital after Christmas. He is now back at home and undergoing treatment for his condition. Peter has been on the committee for over 20 years and been involved in many fund raising days, working throughout the reunions and generally helped keep the Association moving. I thank him for all of his efforts over the years and look forward to his speedy return to full health. Our best wishes go out to him and his family at this harrowing time. Get well soon.

If you have any contributions of events or news in your lives that may be of interest to an ever growing number of readers please drop our news editor the details.

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This Year Sees The Last Sunday Founders Day 13th May

This year will be the last Founders Day to be held on a Sunday since its inception 252 years ago. The reasoning behind this is that the Head has great difficulty in securing a speaker for the Sunday services. By holding the Founders Day on the Saturday it is also felt that more people will attend the prize giving and service. I personally feel it is a great shame to lose this long established tradition, but as we the 'Old Scholars' are just a very small part on the periphery of school life, we will just have to move with the times and adjust. I will miss the Sunday Founders Day outing, so as from 2013 Founders Day prize giving will take place on a Saturday. Along with that we will be holding the annual 'Challenge Shield' Football Match on the Saturday. I hope this doesn't impact upon our turnout, but we will just have to see where we go with that. Watch this space.

As this year is our last Sunday Founders Day and senior prize giving on Sunday 13th May, let's make the most of it. This year is the 254th year since the inception of the school that we know today. It has come a long way since then with many changes along the way. The day is to celebrate its growth and progress from times gone by to today. The celebrations start at 10.00 am, so if you would like to come along and join in please do so. Bring your family and friends along to see what you have been talking about over the years. Lunch is served in the dining hall after the chapel service, where you get a chance to catch up with other ex-scholars and staff. The annual 'Challenge Shield' Football Match will take place at 2.30 between the 'Old Boys' and the Staff. This year in memory of Jamie Spanyol, who passed away in September last year, after a long fight with a chronic illness, a one minutes silence will be observed.

If you would like to play in this annual match, which has been running since 1994 please read below for further info.

After the game we will be retreating to the staff bar to have a chat and a few nibbles and give us all a chance to catch up and remember times gone by.

The School is Growing

The School is growing and I can give you the basics, which are that the

school buildings are being expanded and added to in order to achieve a total of around 1000 students, which will be around 460 boarders and the rest made up from day pupils/boarders. The school will fund 80 of Foundationers, which will consist of 50 boarders and 30 day pupils. The Head will fill in the details in his report further down in the newsletter.

The Head is also going to instigate an annual rugby match against Gordon Boys School, another state boarding school in Woking. The Head has managed to get the ok from Buckingham Palace to call the silver cup which will be played for, to be named 'The Sovereigns Cup', (as both schools have the Queen as their patron). This match will be played in the autumn term starting this year. The inaugural match will be played at Gatton this autumn, the date to be confirmed.

Gatton Goes Green

We are hoping to get a stall for this event. The event takes place in the grounds of the school on Sunday 1st July 2012. It is also known as the 'Gatton Country Fair.' A great day out for all the family. Country crafts and demonstrations, children's activities, gardens and grounds open. *12-5pm Cost: Adults £4.50 children free.* It is a very interesting afternoon out for all the family. Well worth a visit to see country skills and crafts being used.

Reunion 2012

This year the reunion will take place from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th August, which is the August Bank Holiday weekend. We will need to hear, in advance, from all those who wish to attend so that provision can be made. The booking form is now available below!!! There are very limited disabled access rooms available for the reunion. If you need additional assistance, please contact me and we can discuss your requirements and see if we can achieve a satisfactory outcome for all those attending."

As an added bonus, we will be giving a free copy of the DVD **Going Back** to the first 50 booking forms which are returns with full payment.

Best wishes,

Phil Wade

Chairman

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Full details and Booking form in this edition !!!

FOUNDERS DAY 13th MAY 2012

THE GATTON ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE SHIELD

OLD SCHOLARS FOOTBALL MATCH

2.30 KICK OFF

MEET THE CHALLENGE NOW!!!

Yes my friends, it's that time again when we, the 'Old Gattonians' have to take to the field of glory, and return to the football field and regain our crown. We have been currently beaten over the past three years. We have to dominate the field and regain our winning ways. We need men to take up the challenge, put those feet into action and beat the school in the annual

'Old Boys Football Match'.

This year we will be missing one of our brothers, Jamie Spanyol who passed away last September after a chronic illness. He played many times in the service of the Old Boys team, and in his memory, the Head and I are proposing a minutes silence prior to the match. We owe him a minute of our time to remember his few years among us. We will miss but not forget him.

If you are willing and able to take up the challenge then contact me as soon as possible so that we may once again return to winning ways. 'You Know It Makes Sense', and you know we can do it again. So, come and watch or come and play, it's the same day in May, and the day is Founders Day Sunday 13th May. Be there, bring the family, don't delay there are only a few seats left in the Grandstand.

Kick off 2.30 Sunday 13th May

For further info, or to play call Phil Wade on 020 8514 2303 (leave a message with contact details if necessary), 07903 192989 mobile, or e-mail; gattonassociation@gmail.com.

Come one and all for a fun filled day, and meet old friends, and catch up on old times over a drink in the bar. I hope to see you there.

Phil Wade

Dates for Diary

May 13th 2012

Founders Day

July 1st 2012

'Gatton Goes Green'

Local craft stalls and fun activities.

August 24th – 26th 2012

School Reunion Booking form at rear.
Book early. (see last few pages)

September 30th 2012

Gatton Association AGM. Have a hand in the planning of the future. Come along and meet the Chairman, Headmaster, committee and friends.
Have a great day out.

HEADMASTER'S LETTER

“Where are we going ?” and “Are we nearly there yet ?”

A few Old Scholars have contacted me recently to say that they constantly read about developments and new buildings in the School and **when will it all end ?**

This seems a very fair question.

Back in 2001 some members of the Board of Management and the Board of Governors met to plan a long-term strategy for the School. At that stage we had 530 pupils aged 7-16, of whom the majority were boarders; and the few boarders who remained after GCSEs studied at Reigate College while boarding in Gatton Hall.

We identified key weaknesses (in no particular order):

- Our boarding accommodation was of poor quality
- The School was too small to be financially viable – Surrey advised that the minimum size for financial viability was 750 pupils aged 11-16.
- The School was too small to offer a decent spread of Option Subjects at GCSE
- The lack of a Sixth Form was a major problem in recruiting boarders because all state boarding schools and all independent secondary boarding schools have flourishing Sixth Forms.

So what did we do ?

- We refurbished and improved all seven of the 1950's boarding houses.
- We amalgamated and refurbished Rank House and Weston House to form a co-educational Junior Boarding House called Rank-Weston. Junior numbers have now stabilised at around 130 with 80 local pupils and around 50 boarders. Incidentally this School offers the only State School Primary Boarding in England.
- We created “Lower Secondary” Houses for pupils aged 11-13 (Elizabeth for Girls and Albert and Edinburgh for Boys) and “Upper Secondary” Houses for pupils aged 13-16: Cornwall and Alexandra – girls - and Kent and Gloucester - boys. This separation has been very beneficial for our younger secondary boarders.
- We expanded the 11-16 part of the School from around 80 in a year group to a maximum of 150. This took some time as each year group only had four classes and we had to expand to six. Such expansion had to be managed slowly so that staffing costs did not run away with the budget. This expansion finished in September 2011. We needed to provide boarding house accommodation for all the boarders and day boarders that we recruited, which meant adding a ground floor extension, with an ICT room with 27 PCs and an extra common room to all seven houses.
- We refurbished and expanded the Dining Hall and kitchens and added a new washing up area.
- We increased our teaching classroom capacity with the addition of three classrooms in the Junior Playground and the extension to the existing main School Building which added extra classrooms, Science Laboratories and a Dance Studio. We transferred Music to the Bothy and converted the old Gym into a Performing Arts Centre with the stage as a Drama Studio. We also brought in six large mobile classrooms.
- We increased the sports facilities by roofing the playground between the main School Building and the Sports Centre to create “The Cage”. We built a floodlit all-weather pitch for hockey, three floodlit netball courts, a floodlit “tartan” sprints track, an Indoor Riding School, new stables and an Outdoor Riding School, a new Cricket pavilion and refurbished the swimming pool changing rooms.
- We invested heavily in cost-saving by installing a Building Management System to reduce heating costs, new lighting to reduce electricity costs and photovoltaic panels to reduce electricity costs and generate income in the future.

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- We considerably expanded the range of GCSE subjects on offer in Years 10 & 11. All pupils now study English Language and English Literature, Maths, ICT and Dual Award Science. The list of Optional subjects is huge: Animal Care, Art, Business Studies, Citizenship, Computing, Countryside Management, Dance, Drama, Biology, Chemistry, Electronics, Geography, History, Horse Care, Music, Physical Education, Physics, Product Design, Resistant Materials. A variety of subjects which offers something to pupils of all academic and practical abilities.
- We opened a Sixth Form in September 2010 and currently have 22 pupils in the Upper Sixth, 81 pupils in the Lower Sixth and expect 110 pupils in the Lower Sixth in September 2012. In today's society having a strong Sixth form is vital for a boarding School and almost as vital for a day school.
- In the Sixth Form we offer twenty A level subjects: Art, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Dance, Drama, Economics, English Literature, English Lang & Literature, French, Geography, History, Maths, Further Maths, Physics, PE, Product Design, Psychology, Sociology and Spanish. In addition we run four BTEC Courses, which are almost 100% coursework and so suit those pupils who find exams particularly challenging: Business Studies, Countryside Management, Horse Management and ICT.
- We converted Sunley House into a Sixth Form Centre and built Sixth Form Boarding Annexes onto Alexandra and Kent Houses providing 42 Sixth Form boarding spaces with en-suite shower-rooms.

Is that it ?

Not quite !

Because we now have 932 pupils on roll, in September 2012 we will be around 980 and we will stabilise at around 1,060, with around 130 in the Junior School, 715 in the Secondary School and 215 in the Sixth Form.

We still need:

- Two (*and preferably four*) further Sixth Form boarding annexes
- A new Teaching Block to replace the mobile classrooms and, ideally, the New Block, which is a time-expired building.
- Enough grass pitches around the Chapel for Rugby and Football, including a floodlit First XV pitch
- A Fitness Centre
- A decent Cricket Square and cricket nets
- A Tennis Centre with indoor and outdoor courts
- Some squash courts built up against the Swimming Pool.
- A programme of refurbishment of the accommodation provided on site for staff.

There is, however, one thing that has not changed and which is at the heart of what we do as a School. We have an increasing number of Foundationers who are offered means-tested and usually free places because their home circumstances mean that they need the structure and academic challenge that this School can offer.

As I hope you can now see, what has been happening over the last eleven years has been part of a planned, coherent programme to create a School which will have a long term future. It will be attractive to parents and prospective pupils as well as having a structure which will guarantee financial viability.

In 2010 we celebrated the 250th anniversary of the admission of the first pupils to the Orphan Working School which became the Alexandra School and then amalgamated with the Albert School in 1949. My hope is that the expansion and development programme, which is so well advanced, will set us up for some years ahead.

Paul D Spencer Ellis
Headmaster

Bike It Bronze Award

Senior school pupils at the Royal Alexandra and Albert School have been awarded the Bronze Bike It School Mark by Sustrans, the charity that promotes smarter travel choices.

After the presentation on 16th January, Gayle Amorowson, the Bike It Officer for Sustrans said “the Royal Alexandra and Albert School has taken steps to reduce the number of car journeys pupils make coming to and from school. They have achieved the targets set in their school travel plan with an increase in the number of journeys taken by bike from 1% to 9%. This outstanding result has been recognised with the Bronze award.”



Teacher Ian Rowe, Callum Levinsohn 11, Jack Bailey 12, Morgan Garside 12 and Gayle Amorowson from Sustrans

Teacher, Mr Ian Rowe, who has coordinated the programme within the School, commented “We have had activities to raise awareness of alternative ways of coming to school, especially by bike. There have been bike maintenance sessions, we provide information about safe routes

to school and we have run the Bikeability course. Cycling is a more sustainable way to travel and pupils have welcomed the opportunity and independence they gain from cycling in to school.”

Half of the pupils at the Royal Alexandra and Albert School are boarders so they walk to school from their boarding houses, but there has been real change in attitude amongst the local children at the School. The location in Gatton Park doesn't seem to provide obvious opportunities for cycling to school but there is a surprising number of public rights of way that pupils can use on their journey to school.

Jack Bailey, aged 12, cycles twice a week and explains “I like cycling to school. It's quicker than walking and more fun.”

The School has installed new cycle racks for pupils to use and has run competitions, bike maintenance events and other initiatives to raise awareness of cycling. It is now working towards achievement of the Silver Award.

Sheep start at boarding school

Numbers suddenly increased at the Royal Alexandra and Albert School when a flock of sheep came to join pupils in Gatton Park. The flock of around 50 sheep arrived this week and can now be found in fields surrounding the School's boarding houses.



The sheep are all pregnant ewes on loan from a local farmer. In a few weeks they will return to the neighbouring farm for lambing. The school will take some of the lambs and raise them on its pasture until they are ready for the market. The lambs will not be named, as pupils are well aware that they are destined for the table. Last year, pupils raised nine piglets which were eventually sold for meat to the Oxo Tower Restaurant.

The sheep, along with the goats, horses, chickens and bees that are already at the school, will be a learning resource for the School's Animal Care BTEC course. Pupils on the course learn how to care for animals and the sheep will give them valuable experience of an animal that is a common feature of British farming. Managing sheep not only includes caring for the livestock themselves, but also managing their environment. Pupils on the course will learn other important skills such as fencing, driving a tractor and developing biodiversity.

Teacher Bob Greenhalgh, who is Head of Land Based Studies at the School, explains "The sheep are not only a valuable learning resource, but an important part of managing the parkland. If we did not have sheep grazing the fields around the school the landscape would soon turn to scrubland. By maintaining the grassland with a grazing regime, pupils are learning how a grazed meadow environment encourages wild flowers including wild orchids."

He continues "Other pupils benefit from having sheep on site as they help to care for them after school in our 'Animal Club'. Pupils will be able to visit the ewes at the local farm during lambing and they will then care for them through to the point when they are sold at market."

15 year old Ollie Horncastle who is studying for BTECs in Countryside and Environment and Animal Care alongside his more traditional GCSE options, enjoys the range of activities on the course. "We are learning how to drive tractors, chop wood, trap moles, maintain graveyards and look after animals. At home we keep some animals such as geese and sheep and whilst I am not considering a land-based career I would like to have a small-holding when I am older."

When 16 year old Daisy Savin leaves school she is hoping to continue her studies at a specialist agricultural college.

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“I’ve always loved being outside. I want a career that allows me to work with animals and on the land.”

In recent days the Government has announced that some vocational qualifications will not count towards the numbers of GCSEs that are shown in league tables. Headmaster Paul Spencer Ellis comments “This school will continue to offer its land-based courses as we know they are right for a few pupils and they are a good route to employment. Pupils who attend these courses often go on to further education at specialist agricultural colleges or go straight into work. What’s more, we have established that the removal of these courses from our GCSE results would have a negligible impact on our percentage scores.”

Showjumping Star Visits School

International Showjumper Jessie Drea came to talk to pupils at the Royal Alexandra and Albert School on Wednesday. The School, which has its own riding school with around 20 horses, has many enthusiastic riders aged from 7 to 18, so Jessie received a very warm welcome.

During the presentation 20 year old Jessie explained that she comes from a family which runs a business selling horses (Rapkyns Irish Horses) so she has been riding since she was 3 years old. Following a brief video of Jessie show



jumping at Hickstead, pupils were invited to ask her questions. There was a wide range of questions and pupils learned a great deal about life as an international show jumper.

To be able to compete at the highest level, Jessie needs a number of horses that are at different stages of training. She has 8 horses that she is currently training and will use in competitions. In order to keep herself and the horses at the right level of fitness and expertise, she rides each horse for about an hour a day which means she is riding between 6-8 hours a day. During the summer she has shows around 3 days a week.

Jessie explained to pupils that some of the most important things to look for when choosing a horse for show jumping are temperament, talent and health. It also helps if a horse is good at dressage as well as jumping as it is important that they can navigate competently round the ring. The highest Jessie has jumped whilst show jumping is 2.07m.

Jessie stressed how important it is to have goals and her goal this year is to go to the European Championships. She still receives training from her father and Jessie herself trains less experienced riders.

Pupils asked whether Jessie had ever fallen off a horse and she replied that she falls off all the time and has broken

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her collar bone twice. The most embarrassing thing is when she falls off whilst in the ring at a major competition. She said the best thing was to get back on a horse again and move on.

Irini Economou, Stable Manager at the Royal Alexandra and Albert School commented "The children really enjoyed listening to Jessie explaining what is involved in being a top class show jumper. They also loved hearing about her early experiences with horses including getting her first pony (a Shetland) when she was 4 years old. The talk has inspired them to aim high but they also know that they will have to work very hard if they want to follow Jessie and become an international show jumper."

My Days at Gatton

By Peter Charles Howells

Hello my name is Peter Charles Howells and I am an old scholar having left The Royal Alexander and Albert School JULY 1958.

I joined the school in 1947/1948 at "Sonning Common" in Reading, and then progressed to Camberley before going to the school site at "Gatton Park". I had two brothers (Michael (now deceased) and David together with two sisters Valerie and Francis) who also attended the school.

My biggest claim to fame was playing football and cricket for the school as can be seen on the photos on the school website.

Towards the end of my schooling I was in Albert house under the Housemaster "Len Steele".

As my siblings and I are from Wales it has been difficult to maintain contact with our fellow students. I am particularly anxious to receive news of "PETER JOHN KING" or anyone who can remember the Howells clan - any information can be emailed to: cilhau7@btinternet.com

All information will be passed to my brothers and sisters. Thanks for reading this and I look forward to some news.

London 2012 Olympic Games

By John Hounsom...Edinburgh House 1952-62

Where were you in 2005 when the announcement was made that London had won the bid for the Olympic Games? I for one was sitting watching the TV and punching the air when the result was announced.

My first reaction was "I want a piece of that" "I have been very lucky in that I worked in Barcelona in 1992. I was looking after over 400 clients for a travel company and managed to see many of the events. So to be involved in London 2012 would be a dream come true. Yes even for one of my ripe old age.

I applied and was accepted for the "test events". They were the events that made sure the venues and logistics worked for the respective events. I was lucky to be at Hadleigh Farm for the Mountain Bikes and also on Box Hill for the road cycling race.

On Christmas Eve I received my e-mail telling me that they wanted me to work at these venues for the main Olympics as well as in the Velodrome for the track cycling. Add to that I am working at Brands Hatch for the Paralympic road cycling event. All in all a very exciting 2012 in store for me bearing in mind that cycling isn't my first choice of sport. Road running is.

I hope many others past and present pupils will have the same opportunity as I have for the forthcoming year and will be able to meet many of my old friends at Gatton in August for the reunion so we can have a good old catch up.

Looking Back

By John B Garber -Camberley & Gatton 1952-1957

I was sent to "Camberley" with one of my younger brother's Bobbie in September 1952. Our mother had left our dad and he was unable to care for us and go to work, I do not know how he knew about the School.

After one year at Camberley we were transferred to "Gatton Park". I do not remember much from my early school years as we were just seven and nine at the time; however I do remember being told to play outside in the freezing cold at Camberley (a far cry from today where I believe children are over pampered which makes them too soft for later life).

The school in those days was very sports minded just as it is these days and certainly laid the foundations for my athletics career later on.

I had a lack of motivation for academic subjects at school unlike my brother Bobbie who was the academic type who wanted to progress and took the 13+ thanks to Dad and the Headmaster. He left one term after me, summer 1957.

I was in "Cornwall House" and was in the same Dormitory as "Peter John Gabett" who was in the opposite bed to me; he later competed in the Olympic Games twice in the decathlon event (on one occasion he was injured early on in the games). He was also a former holder of the British record for the decathlon, won the AAA Championship three times, and came second in the 1970 Commonwealth games.

I gained an interest in cooking through the Jewish side of my family; it surfaced at school, looking for a hobby in the evenings I noticed on the notice board "cookery for boys, this interested me so I joined the cookery group with just three other boys, (interest in cookery for boys was somewhat lacking in those days). Because of my great interest in Cookery my father arranged for me to do Domestic science lessons (Cooking only). From this my Dad got me a 3 year apprentice course from someone he knew on the "Catering Council" in London. It was the "Academy of Chefs"

I worked in various hotels and restaurants in the West End of London and other parts of England and the Scilly Isles. I wanted to go to Switzerland but an offer to go to Chicago, USA came along first which I took advantage of, the following 6 years saw me working in the USA and Canada, this was in 1962.

During this period I took the opportunity to go to Alan Hancock College for my athletics (880 yards and 1 mile). I got married in Las Vegas to a Canadian and our daughter was born in Los Angeles who now lives in Canada and is a Canadian citizen. We returned to England in 1968, our marriage broke down and my daughter and her mother returned to Canada.

I went to work in various types of catering for a while, I did try and keep up with my running during this time but it was difficult having to work very long hours. I entered into Higher Education for a while at Borough Road College, Isleworth. I eventually started my own outside catering business; I still do a few bits of catering these days to busy myself.

Reaching 41. I was able to concentrate more on athletics; I have won many titles including Bronze in the 2008 World indoors 800m, I have also won the European indoors 800m.

FIND AN OLD CLASS MATE

John B Garner - Kent House 1952 - 1957. Wishes to trace Clive Plumb - Cornwall House - 1956/7?

Charles Bailey (Stew) - Albert House 1962 - 1963. Wishes to trace John Heywood - Albert House - 1962 - ?

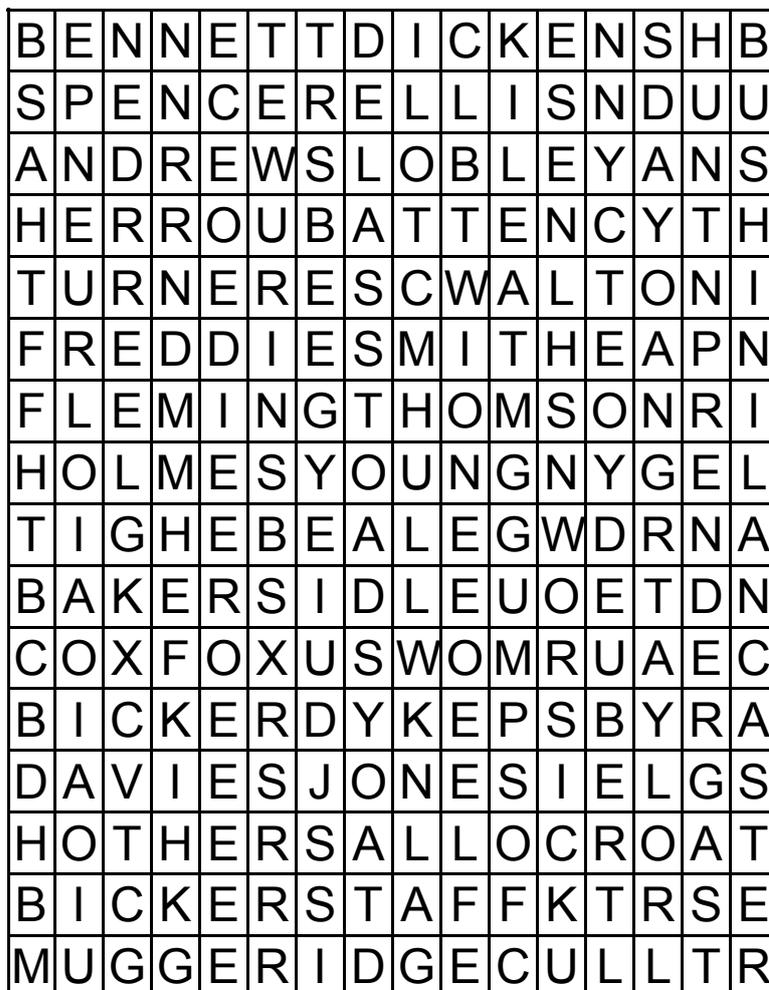
Peter Charles Howells - Albert House, Left 1958. Wishes to trace Peter John King - Albert House? - 1958/9 ?

Peter Charles Howells - Albert House, Left 1958. Wishes to trace Linda Carter - Gatton House - 1960

Fun Page

Woman takes a duck to vet. Vet says, your duck is dead. Woman says, Are you sure? Yes, says Vet. How can you be sure you've done no tests? Vet brings in a Labrador retriever which sniffs the duck and shakes his head. Next, a cat which sniffs the duck and shakes its head. Vet says, Sorry, but as I said your duck is dead. Vet hands woman a bill. She cries £820 to tell me my duck is dead! Vet says, if you had taken my word for it the bill would have been £60, but Lab Reports and Cat Scans cost extra...

Peter Howell

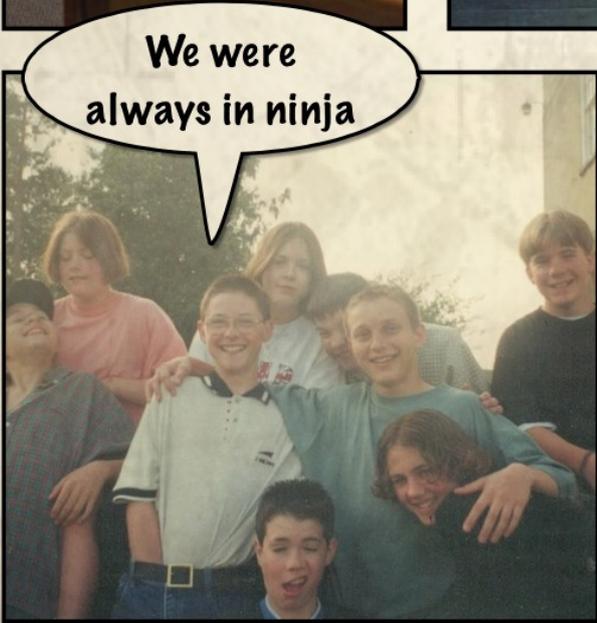
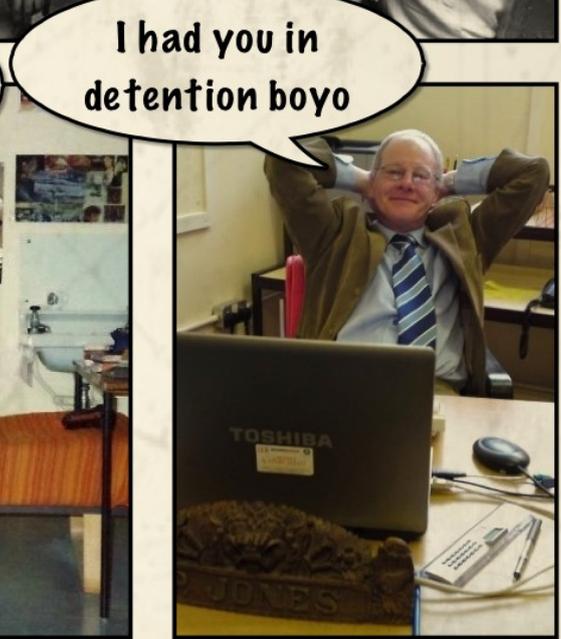
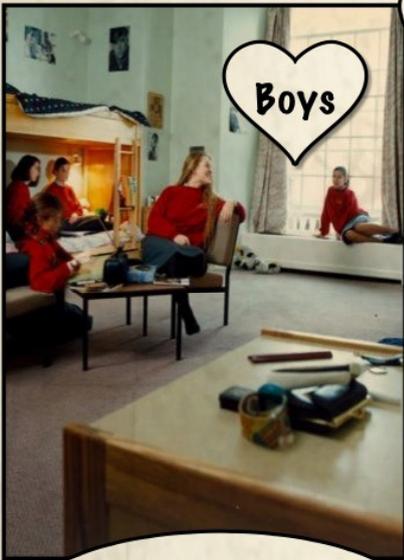
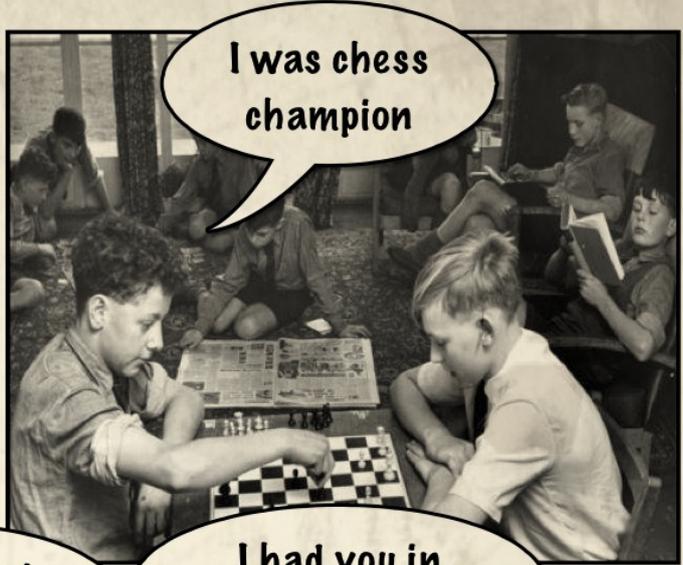


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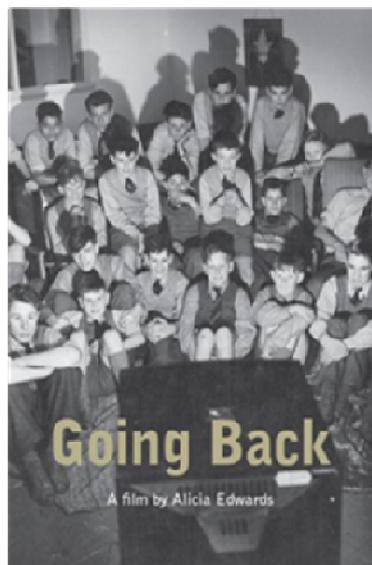
Comic Strip



What were you doing?
School reunion 24th-26th Aug 2012



DVD 's £6 each or two for £10. **FREE postage!**



Going Back tell's the story of life growing up at the Royal Alexandra and Albert school told from the viewpoint of past pupils.

"Superb!"

Mr J. Ahern

"Brilliant... it says it all. Well done"

John Hounson

"Just watched the DVD brought back so many memories, brilliant! Must see for all those that went to Gatton." Donna Stemp

Variety Show 1996



Variety Show 1997



Variety Show 1999



Oliver School Play 1995-ish



Young Gattonians trip 1996



To order email us stating which DVD(s) you would like, or write to the Gatton Association. reunion_2008@hotmail.co.uk

THE GATTON ASSOCIATION*Presents***The 2012 Reunion**24th – 26th AUGUST 2012
BOOKING FORM

Please complete and return with **crossed cheques or postal orders only** for the full amount (Sterling), made payable to: **“The Gatton Association”**.

Card payments will be accepted via **Ann Riddle on 01737 649057** (office hours).

Please **print your name, and address on the reverse of your cheque** and send your payment to:

‘THE GATTON ASSOCIATION 2012’,

The Foundation Office, The Royal Alexandra and Albert School,
Gatton Park, Reigate Surrey, RH2 0TW.

Enquiries to Phil Wade Phone no. 07903 192989 or e-mail: ppwade@gmail.com

or

The Gatton Association e-mail: gattonassociation@gmail.com

THE CUT OFF DATE FOR BOOKINGS IS MONDAY 25th JUNE 2012.

No bookings will be accepted after this date!

If you wish to cancel your booking, this must be confirmed in writing by Monday 6th July 2012. Refunds will be issued after Monday 24th September 2012.

If booking is unsuccessful or late in arriving, all payments will be refunded / returned.

Please print clearly. **Number attending:** (Males..... Females.....)

Men and women will be accommodated in separate houses, in dormitories of 2 or 4 beds.

Surname First Name Maiden Name

School attended From To

Last House attended

Home Address

..... Post Code

Home Phone No Work Mobile

Fax No Email

Dietary requirements (vegetarian etc.)

Mobility / Access requirements

Please note all **payments must be made in full for each place booked.**

Please indicate numbers required and complete calculations:

Number Attending;	Breakfast £6 pp (per person)	Lunch £10 pp	Friday Night Dinner £12 pp	Dormitory Accommodation £17pp
Friday X no. required	N/A	N/A	x £12 = £	x £17 = £
Saturday X no. required	x £6 = £	x £10 = £	Dinner Dance £25 pp x £25 = £	x £17 = £
Sunday X no. required	x £6 = £	x £10 = £	N/A	N/A
TOTAL				£

ON COMPLETION OF THIS FORM PLEASE MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR OWN RECORD.

GATTON ASSOCIATION**2012 RE-UNION GATTON PARK, REIGATE****Friday 24th August, Saturday 25th August and Sunday 26th August****Itinerary for the weekend**

Dear Member,

Here are the details for the 2012 Re-union.

TIME TABLE (the above booking form must be completed by all attendees)
All meals will be taken in the Dining Hall.**Friday 24th August - Informal arrivals from 2pm**

Registration	Dining Hall from 5.30pm
Evening Meal	6.30 to 7.30pm

Single sex accommodation in boarding houses allocated on registration.

Saturday 25th August**New arrivals register in Dining Hall**

Registration	Dining Hall
Breakfast	8.30 to 9.30am
Coffee/Tea	Mid-morning
Lunch	12.00 to 1.30pm
Dinner/Dance	Be seated by 6:30pm prompt (Smart casual)
Followed by	<u>Disco in Gatton Hall with late bar.</u>

Sunday 26th August - Farewell

Breakfast	09.30 to 10.30
Lunch	12.30 to 13.30

Depart at your leisure, have a safe and pleasant journey home.

Partners Welcome but we regret that there are **no facilities for children.****Name Badges** (issued on registration) **MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES**

Don't forget your camera's, camcorders etc. We hope, as before, to publish a varied selection on the Gatton Association page of the School web site.

Finally, a special invitation is extended to all pre-Gatton ex-scholars who may have not yet visited Gatton Park - You will be made very welcome and hopefully meet up with other scholars of your era and others, there is no generation gap at these re-unions.

All booking enquires, can be made to the organising committee via e-mail, gattonassociation@gmail.com

Or for booking forms queries contact the Foundation office on 01737 649 050.

We look forward to meeting up with friends old & new - Book EARLY - see you there!

Best wishes,

Phil Wade
Chairman,
Gatton Association.

Gatton Association Shop



Gold coloured Maroon Key ring with gold trolley coin



MAGLITE -Dark red with laser engraved school logo



Ballpoint & Fountain Pen Set with printed logo



Gatton Sports Bag in various colours



**Enamelled gold coloured
Badge On Brass
[Size of a 1p coin]**

The Gatton Association

:: Order Form ::

Product Types	Price	Order Amount	UK Price Postage	Europe Price Postage	World Price Postage	Total
Gatton Logo Badge	£3.50	<input type="text" value="x"/>	£ 1.50	£ 1.50	£ 1.50	£ <input type="text"/>
Description:	Enamelled gold coloured Badge On Brass. (Up to 5 in one Envelope)					
Pen Set	£6.00	<input type="text" value="x"/>	£ 2.75	£ 3.95	£ 4.95	£ <input type="text"/>
Description:	Printed Logo - Ballpoint & Fountain Pen Set					
Gatton Bag	£4.50	<input type="text" value="x"/>	£ 2.75	£ 3.95	£ 4.95	£ <input type="text"/>
Colours:	<input type="checkbox"/> Maroon - <input type="checkbox"/> Purple - <input type="checkbox"/> Navy Blue - <input type="checkbox"/> Grey - <input type="checkbox"/> Black - <input type="checkbox"/> Green					
Trolley Keyring	£3.00	<input type="text" value="x"/>	£2.75	£ 3.95	£ 4.95	£ <input type="text"/>
Description:	Gold coloured Maroon Key ring with gold coloured logo and on the Flip-side - Gatton Association. (Up to 4 in one Envelope)					
Maglite Torch	£9.99	<input type="text" value="x"/>	£ 2.75	£ 3.95	£ 4.95	£ <input type="text"/>
Description:	Dark red with laser engraved school logo					
Bundle Types						
Key ring & Gatton Badge	£6.00	<input type="text" value="x"/>	£ 3.80	£ 4.80	£ 6.00	£ <input type="text"/>
Torch & Keyring	£12.50	<input type="text" value="x"/>	£ 3.80	£ 4.80	£ 6.00	£ <input type="text"/>

Total Amount: £

Note: P & P Charges will be adjusted for large or multiple orders.

You can also make up your own customised orders.

Please contact – Phil Wade either by Phone: 07903192989 or
by E-Mail: gatton.association@gmail.com for further information for P & P Charges

:: Delivery / Contact Details ::

Title:	<input type="text"/>	First Name:	<input type="text"/>	Surname:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input style="height: 20px;" type="text"/>				
Post Code:	<input style="height: 20px;" type="text"/>				
Country:	<input style="height: 20px;" type="text"/>				
Phone:	<input type="text"/>	E-Mail:	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>		

Registration Form

Please **only** complete this form if you are a new registrant or have any change in your contact details

Gatton Association Registration Form

First Names:..... Surname:..... Former Name:.....

Address:

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Town:..... County..... Postcode:.....

Country:.....

Home Phone:..... Work Phone:..... Mobile:.....

Email Address:.....

Please remember to keep us informed of Postal or Email Address changes or our correspondence will not reach you.

School Location attended (**tick as appropriate**):

Gatton Park Maitland Bishopswood Elmcroft Duxhurst Bedford

Camberley Other (please state)

Last House(s) attended:

Years attended: From: / / To: / /

Person(s) wishing to become an associate member will need to provide tentative proof of their connection with an old scholar who attended the school(s). Or how they assist the Gatton Association.

Register online or via post.

If you would prefer to receive Newsletters etc. by Email please tick the here:

Please return completed Registration Form to the Membership Co-ordinator:

MICHELLE ELLIS Via Helen Pollard

Royal Alexandra & Albert School, Gatton Park, Reigate, Surrey, United Kingdom, RH2 0TD

Main Switchboard (044) 01737 649 000

Or

EMAIL: GATTON.ASSOCIATION@GMAIL.COM

If you have any comments or suggestions you would like to pass back to us,
please do so via Michelle Ellis at the address above.