

THE GATTON ASSOCIATION

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The Maitland Association &
The Royal Albert Old Boys' Association

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Autumn 2008 Newsletter

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Chairman's Welcome

Dear Member,

Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter. It has been a very busy summer putting the final details for the reunion together which we had over the August Bank Holiday weekend. I think that all who attended had a good time, even if it was a bit exhausting. We have compiled a list of comments from those who attended the weekend, which you will be able to read further down in the newsletter. All in all I think most that attended had a great time.

The Reunion Film

The project continued over the weekend and is now in its final stages of production. We had many generous donations to help with the post production cost. We are still in need of further funds to complete the project, so if you would like to donate to our fund please do so via the Association.

As it stands at the moment the planned premier of the film will be in mid November. If you would like further details on the screening please contact Alicia Edwards who will give you full details.

She can be contacted via the Gatton Association email which is 'gatton.association@gmail.com'. If you are not on internet then please contact me and I will give you a contact number for her.

The AGM

Was held on Saturday afternoon 23rd Aug which was well attended. Concerns were raised concerning the use of funds donated by 'Old Scholars' to the school. It was regarding the use of these funds. The consensus was that the funds should be used to support Foundationers and not building improvements. I have been assured by the Bursar that the funds will be ring fenced for the support of Foundationers. If you wish to donate to the support of Foundationers the best way to do this is to set up a 'Gift Aid' contribution which enables the Foundation to claim back the tax that would have been paid by the person donating. If you would like to discuss this with any member of the committee please contact us via email or phone.



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An unusual donation was received from an old scholar for as she put it 'A thank you to her father who had sent her to the school back in the 50's, and given her the best experience of her life'. We thank her for this donation in memoriam of her father who would have been 100 years old this year.

The School had received a bad Ofsted report 7 years ago and was put on "special measures". The recent inspection results have achieved a mark as "outstanding" in every area, very few schools in the Country achieve this status. A current female pupil has won a scholarship to the Manchester Opera. At the moment, the 10 year old is appearing in the "Lion King". She has also attained an A* for Music at GCSE level. Some achievement for a 10 year old!!

Results for 2007 GCSE at A-C were 78% and the results for 2008 have risen to 80%. So the school is doing very well academically.

A new Science Block is under construction and new tennis courts are to be built and run with the local community.

Membership is getting stronger with more members joining via the school website, but we can only keep members informed of our activities if we have the correct contact details for you, so please advise us of any of your detail changes.

A Survey will be sent out to you soon, so please complete and return it to us. We are working to improve our service to you as a member and forge better links between the Association and School and bring a closer working relationship into being. (More info. on page 4)

Potted history. I have added the excerpt below from the school website, which was produced by John Billingham. This gives a brief history of the school and its progression to the current day. The full item can be seen on the school website at <http://www.raa-school.co.uk/timeline.asp>. For those of you that do not have access to the internet, we will add further excerpts in future editions. It makes interesting reading.

'The history of what is now The Royal Alexandra and Albert School (RAAS) is an inspiring story of two separate charities, each dedicated to caring for and educating orphans or other infants and children in great need, run on almost identical lines, eventually coming together, nearly sixty years ago, to become the unique community that is RAAS today.

The Orphan Working School, established in 1758, eventually became the Royal Alexandra School. The Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, founded in 1864, became the Royal Albert School.

The Charities have enjoyed extensive Royal Patronage and interest for over one hundred and fifty years. Her Majesty the Queen is Patron of RAAS and the School's President is Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester.

DIARY DATES 2008/9

Tuesday 11th November

Remembrance Day service 10.15 for 10.30 in Chapel. Those wishing to attend please contact the school on 01737 649041 to book a seat.

Saturday 6th December

Gatton Trust presents 'Carols by Candlelight'. Contact School about costs.

Friday 19th December

School Carol Service. Those wishing to attend please contact the school on 01737 649041 to book a seat.

Sunday 11th May 2009

Founders Day service. Details will be available nearer the time.

Watch this space for more updates.

Further details will follow in the next edition

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Over two hundred and fifty years the Schools have supported more than twenty thousand necessitous children; those who we are proud now to call Foundationers. There are currently fifty Foundationers in the School'. Many thanks to John Billingham for his excellent piece.

The archive is growing, and the work is ongoing. Ian Baines is amassing a large amount of photos, documents and films which we will be producing into a dvd which will be available in the future for a small fee. If you do have any photos, documents or other items which you think would be of interest to our members please contact Ian, who will be only too please to take a copy of the item and add it to our archive.

Funds raised will be used in supporting the ethos of the Association in supporting scholars and the School in any way that we can.

And finally, may I be the first to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2009. From all of the committee.

Phil Wade - Phone: 020 8514 2303 or 07903 192 989

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From the Headmaster: From the Headmaster:

May 2008 was a special anniversary for the Royal Alexandra and Albert School. It was the 250th anniversary of the creation of the Foundation and to mark the occasion Old Scholars were invited to attend one of the Thanksgivng services that were held over the weekend of 11th May. On the Saturday we were joined by the Bishop of Southwark, Tom Butler who gave an excellent address to the Junior School. I was pleased that so many of you were able to join us on the Sunday when the Archbishop of Canterbury led the service.

The school is as popular as ever with increasing demand for places, particularly since our recent Ofsted inspection in which we achieved 'Outstanding' in every category. I am working on a number of initiatives to expand the number of places at the school and enable us to take on more Foundationers. I am optimistic we will have a sixth form by September 2010 and this should coincide with an increase in the number of boarding places from 400 to 450.

On 21st August our Year 11 pupils received their GCSE results and it was particularly rewarding to see how much had been achieved by our Foundation pupils. Just one example is a child who had a difficult home life and missed 18 months of education before he joined us at the age of 13. It took a while for him to settle but once he did, he surpassed all expectations and, to the delight of himself and his mother he achieved 7 good GCSEs this year.

Results like this wouldn't be possible without the support we receive from Old Scholars and other generous individuals and organisations that help to fund the Foundation places. It is my goal to increase the number of places available to Foundationers and I am engaging in fundraising activity to ensure we are able to fund these places. If you would like to contribute, please contact me.

Old Scholars Survey

By the time you read this newsletter you should have received a survey (either by email or by post). The Gatton Association is working with the School to update its records of Old Scholars and also to find out more about how you want to be involved in the future. As we are bringing together various membership lists, you might find that you receive more than one copy of the survey. Our apologies if this happens, but you only need to complete one!

Thanks to everyone who has already completed the survey. If you have not received a survey yet please contact Helen Pollard at the School on 01737 649211 or helenpollard@gatton-park.org.uk.

Comments about the RAAS 250th Anniversary Reunion Week-end for the Newsletter

Alicia Edwards: Thank you everyone who came along for the weekend and to those of you who put in all the time and hard work into organising it....It was brilliant.

Thank you also to those of you who kindly donated towards the film. It is greatly appreciated. I am still accepting donations to go towards the post-production of the film and the hire of a cinema for the screening. If you would like more information on how to donate, please email: reunion_2008@hotmail.co.uk.

DVDs will also be available in November

Nicola Stevenson-Parry: Wrote: Top weekend best time i had in god knows how long, good group of people may have been a sleepless weekend but the atmosphere just made you want to stay up and party

Nicki Sharpe: Wrote: What a week-end! Thanks Phil for organising it all. Those of you who left in 1988; we have plans for a 40th Birthday (can't hide from it forever!) bash reunion in 3-4 years time - several have given it the thumbs up. We'll keep you posted

William Wilson: Wrote: Thanks for a brilliant weekend

Josie Bradshaw: Wrote: Hi Phil. Thank you and the committee for organising a great reunion. It was really good to catch up with everyone. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

**Gatton is thanking everyone for a wonderful week-end
See you in 2010**

Royal Albert Orphanage School

Michael Harvey an old boy from the Royal Albert Orphanage has kindly sent me several documents of the history of the RAOS + many photographs to include in this newsletter, and later editions. I thought it might be good to start of with an item by our treasurer Ray Davies who started his teaching career at the RAOS in 1945.



MEMORIES OF RAY DAVIES

Ray joined the school in July 1945, having just qualified as a teacher. On his arrival he felt excited as well as apprehensive. He gives a vivid description of the school. The entrance hall was impressive and spacious with an elegant wide staircase sweeping towards a huge window with wonderful views of the countryside that today contain the M3. From the ends of the landing spanning the window, the stairs turned and continued to the first floor.

Collingwood Court, as the house was named, was a five-story building which, apart from the ground floor, was very spartan since there was no heating above this level. On the first and second floors, the extreme corners were dormitories named after the four houses, Victoria, Connaught, Edinburgh and Sturdee, housing between 14 and 15 boys each. The junior landing also contained the sickbay and accommodation for the nursing staff. On the senior landing, in addition to the dormitories, were the Board Room / Office, the Headmaster's family bedrooms, Matron's accommodation and a staff lounge.

The dormitories were quite bare and contained metal framed beds with poor quality blankets. The wooden floors were kept polished by the boys who had various domestic duties about the building. Points were awarded and at the end of the week the winning house gained privileges throughout the following week. A cup for the winning house was awarded at the end of each half term. Food loomed large in all boys' minds, not least because there wasn't a great deal of it! Had it not been for the considerable benefits gained from their own home produce - fruit, vegetables, milk and freshly baked bread - the situation could have been dire. In general they were all extremely healthy.

The school was divided into four classes. Ray taught general subjects to a group of 25 twelve to fourteen year olds. The age range was a problem, but the experience gained was a valuable one in basic teaching. With extra curricular activities and boarding duties Ray was fully occupied. The school was still financed independently, so lacked the benefits available a few years later when taken over by Surrey County Council. However, the boys were keen to learn and some of them gained entry to Frimley and Camberley Grammar School and also to Guildford Technical College. Some of the 14 to 16 year olds received instruction within the estate, so they could learn a trade in carpentry, bakery, gardening and farming.

Without any radio or television, or even a decent library, the boys were very much thrown in at the deep end, but were surprisingly inventive in their games. On fine days the extensive grounds were their playgrounds, but in bad weather there were very noisy and boisterous games in the cold, concrete 'undercroft' beneath the main hall. On wet weekends old black and white movies were shown and rehearsals for the Christmas play or panto helped to fill in the long winter evenings.

Christmas parties, trips by Whites coaches and occasional dances were some of the highlights for the boys. Two of the local residents who helped and were especially liked by the boys were Miss Muller and Dusty Miller. They gave their time to instruct those who were interested in Country Dancing and Boxing. The dancing was done for fun, but the boxing was taken a little more seriously and resulted in many of the lads enjoying another sport, which also helped to increase their self confidence and self control. Dusty was an ex Army boxing champion, a lovely old chap who, Ray states, was well adored and respected by all who knew him.

Miss Muller was kindness itself and contributed most generously towards the Christmas presents and outings. She also used to give the most wonderful tea parties and organise games with the help of her many friends within the grounds of Crosby Hill, her large house. The boys loved her and the days spent in the house and garden.

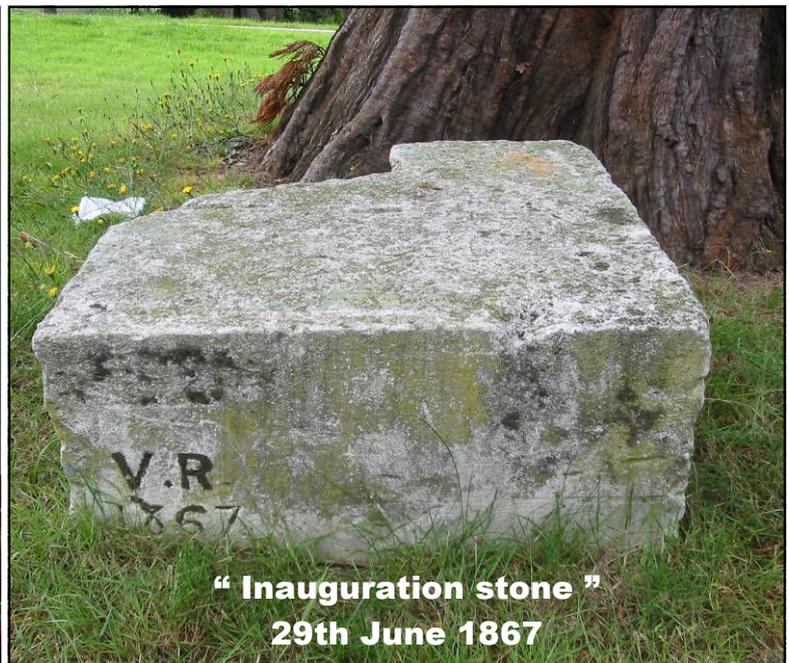
He recently received the following letter from an old boy living in Australia which reads thus: *"You are so right about keeping others out, I know we all thought we had been abandoned and in some ways we were. My half brother is fourteen years older than me and has been trying to fill me in on missing parts of my early life. When I left school I did not know any of my family except dad. My holidays were all in foster homes and sometimes I had to stay at school as the supply had dried up. Just this last Christmas, in a telephone conversation, he said no one knew where I had gone when I was placed in the Albert. When I turned up many years later, I remember people coming up to me and saying, I remember you when you were a little boy ... It's surprising just how much we kept bottled up during those formative years, much of it distorted by time, fact and fantasy interwoven so tightly that they could never be separated"*.

Ray's final paragraph is as follows: *"All these years later I still marvel at the boys' ability to survive. They certainly developed an incredible spirit within the school. I have always had a great respect for them all and at this point must pay tribute to the efforts of Robert Jamieson and John Harrington who have both done so much to draw so many old boys together again. It is such a pleasure to have known them all and still be able to meet them at the Reunions"*.

As with all who attended the Orphanage he commented on the 'Queen's Tree', ritually punched as boys left for the last time. Thankfully we can all rejoice that the Wellingtonia is still there!

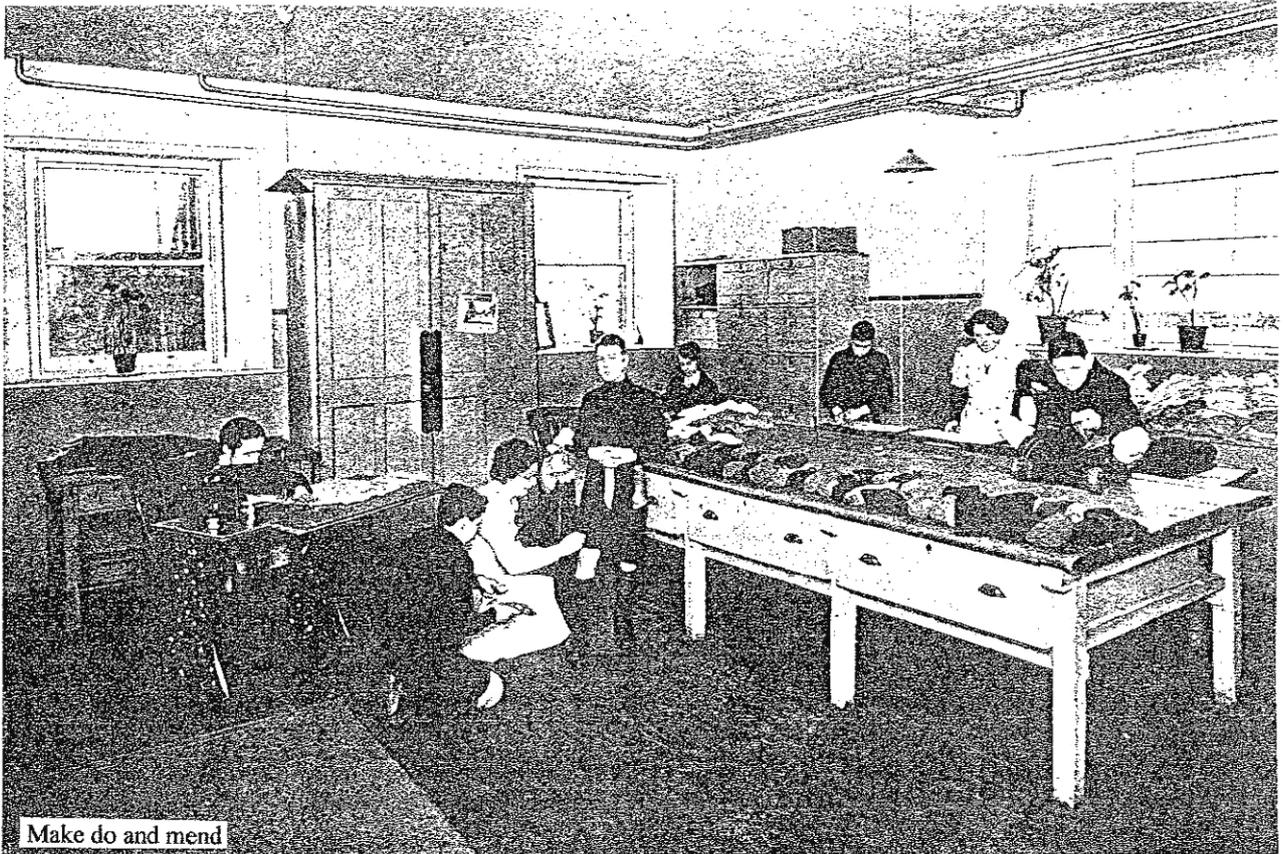


**" Wellingtonia Tree " or
" Queens Tree "**



**" Inauguration stone "
29th June 1867**

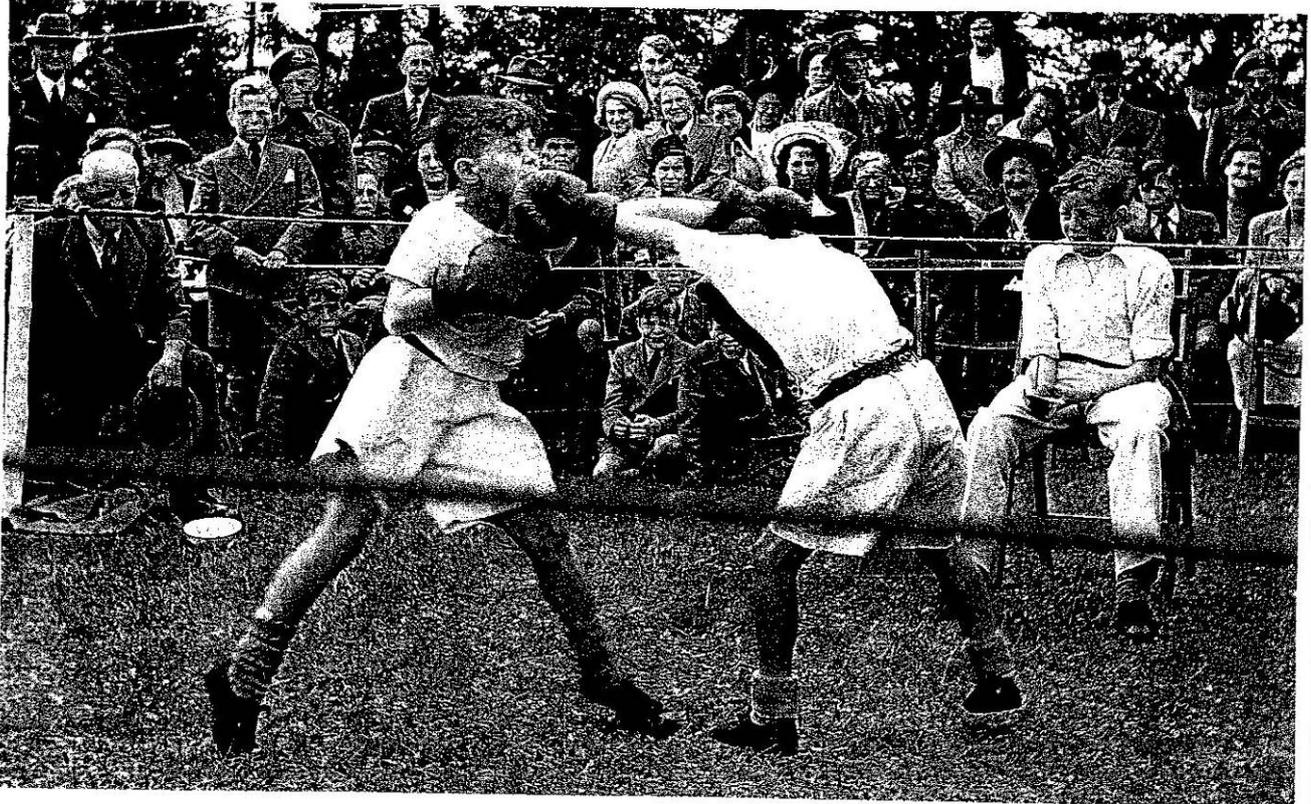
Royal Albert Orphanage Photo's



Make do and mend



Royal Albert Orphanage Photo's



Boxing: Dusty Miller at the left corner of the ring and Eric Corner standing at the right hand end of the back row.



Brian Savage
Collecting an award.



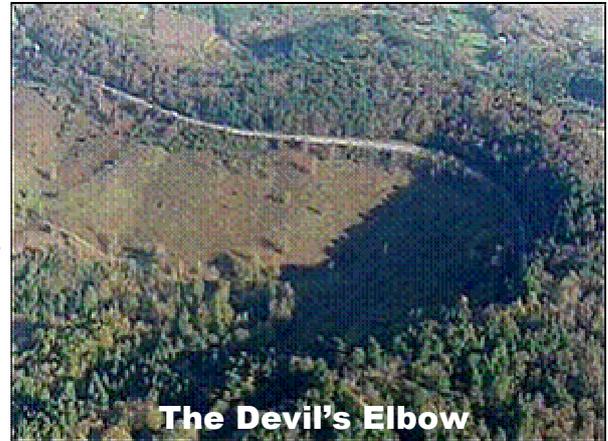
The Queen's Tree Ceremony
10th March 2004

1962 Junior (12-14) Sea Cadet Trip – part 1

This is a joint effort between Mike Chapman aged 13 and Chas Bailey aged 12 at the time the trip took place.

It was about the third week in September 1962 and 24 junior Sea cadets were eagerly boarding the coach that would take us plus three officers from Gatton to Portsmouth Naval Harbour for a weekend trip on an MFV Boat (Motor Fishing vessel) from Portsmouth to Poole. What none of us knew then, was that this was going to be an intrepid voyage that would give us media attention, well locally anyway.

We left shortly after the evening meal on the Friday and the coach headed towards Guildford and the devils punchbowl, most of us had never seen this amazing site.



The Devil's Elbow

We stopped half way for about half an hour to get refreshments then off on the road again for the final leg of the coach ride to Portsmouth. The Coach finally arrived at Portsmouth Naval Dockyards at about 2100 hours (9pm for you landlubbers). The coach pulled up alongside Lord Nelsons Flagship HMS Victory where we all gathered up our rucksacks and made our way to where our MFV Boat was moored.



HMS Victory

For many the journey had started weeks before in the build up. Folding our trousers under the mattress of our beds in seven neat creases, polishing our boots to a mirror finish, packing & unpacking our kit bags to make sure all was present and correct, we were fidgety as live wire on the loose and everyone knew it. We couldn't help go on about it, we thought of nothing else. We were looking forward to a real life adventure. We felt sure it was going to be the biggest adventure of our young lives so far. How prophetic was that to prove!

The coach trip was electric, we were buzzing! Remember this was in the days when Gatton didn't let their siblings out that easy, it's changed now but think on how it was for us, of all the school, 400 of us, there we were 24 itinerant little adventurers

being let loose together!

When we eventually had "our" MFV pointed out to us, we wondered how we were going to board her. There was quite a climb down the ladders to the deck & the iron rails were greasy. It did seem a very long way down! Never mind, of those who had gone before, all had managed it & we knew our officers wouldn't let us fall. Nevertheless, it was a long way down & the rungs did look slippery! One by one we took our turn. Taking a deep breath, each went over the side & before we knew it, we were on the deck.

All 24 adventurous, young intrepid sea cadets were actually on board an MFV!

We made our way to the mess deck where we were to eat and sleep for the two next nights and days.



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We stowed away our kit Bags and soon heard the engine start up, we were finally underway. The boat sailed out of Portsmouth Harbour until it reached the middle of the Solent where we anchored for the night. We were finally allowed on deck, it was a sight that none had seen before; thousands of stars lit up the night sky.

To say the sleeping accommodations we were allocated was basic would be an exaggeration, the noise & smell of the engine permeated everything. It was cramped and dark, and if the bunks weren't made of concrete with rough, decidedly well used & worn – thin sleeping bags thrown on top like an afterthought then by comparison the bunk Mike later "owned" in the Merchant Navy was a featherbed – which it wasn't. In short – it was the beginning to be amazing! We were thrilled to be on our own boat & at the start of a long – awaited sea adventure, budding Drakes, each and every one of us. We grinned at each other like loons, we didn't need to speak, and we knew what each other was thinking. It was great! The camaraderie was tangible, here we were, 24 intrepid Gattonians against the world, Sea Dogs as opposed to Landlubbers every last one of us, and little did we know that within the next 48 hours we would prove to the world that we were made of tough stuff.



The Solent

End of part 1

The second part of our intrepid adventure will feature in the 2009 spring newsletter.

School Badge/Emblem

If you would like to purchase a School badge/emblem that can be fixed on the lapel of your coat. The badge is enamelled on Brass and is easily attached to clothing.

Please contact Phil Wade Who will be pleased to forward one or more on to you

@: Philip.p.wade@bt.com



[Size of a one pence coin]



Each Badge will cost you £3.50 each plus a one off charge of £1.50 for post and packaging. Every time a badge is purchased it helps raise money for the Gatton Association.

A typical day at the Royal Alexandra and Albert School



By Year 7 (age 11) girls at Writing Club



October 2008

We usually wake up before 6.40am everyday (Mon-Sat). We then get dressed into either the school blouse with maroon lion crest of shirt and tie. Then either a skirt or a pair of trousers. Then we have to wear the maroon blazer. The grey jumper is optional. Everyday we have room check except Saturdays and Sundays. Therefore we have to empty our bin, open the windows and draw the curtains. At 7.25 we have morning registration then make our way over to the dining hall for cereal and/or toast, beans/spaghetti hoops and either scrambled eggs, boiled eggs, sausages or bacon. Then we come back to the house to play pool or watch TV then at 8.20 we head for our first two lessons of the day. After our first two lessons we have chapel and break.

Subjects available at the school are English, Science, RE, Art, PE, Music, Maths, ICT, French, German, History, Geography, Citizenship, Drama, Tech (DT), Food Tech.

Horse riding, Swimming, Fishing, Dance, Trampolining, Scouts, and lots more.

“I like the food, the lake, and the beautiful Japanese garden.”

“I like the swimming pool, I like the Japanese garden because it’s beautiful and peaceful. And I like all the fields and I especially like the lakes.”

“I like the Horse riding facilities and swimming and the Japanese garden and the boarding houses. The lakes are really nice.”

We have prep at 6.00pm – 7.00pm. If we have finished our prep before 7pm we have to read silently. After prep we can do anything we like (except when you’re confined and as long as you have an After Dark pass). Our curfew is 8pm and that’s when supper starts. As we are in Elizabeth House the year 7’s bedtime is 8.45-9.15 and Year 8’s bedtime is 9.00-9.30.

And that’s a typical day at the Royal Alexandra and Albert School

By Samichhya Gurung, Amy Middleton and Smitri R



David Herbert Hambleton's Biography

My name is David H. Hambleton, born 18th December 1932. My father, Fred Hambleton, died when I was 4 months old. He was in the Royal Naval Air Service during the First World War and for this reason my mother was able to enrol my brother Brian (two years older) and me in the Alexandra Orphanage, Maitland Park, Haverstock Hill, in early 1939.

In September 1939, my part of the school was evacuated by charabanc to Woking and subsequently to Bishopwood Camp. I well remember the teachers mentioned in Fred Weight's article in the autumn 2007 newsletter. I have also seen on the school website the photograph from Brian Thwaites of the 1946 football team. All those in the picture I recognized as fellow students of mine. The housemaster was H.R. Shephard, not Shepland. I left the school in 1948.

After working in the architects' office of Wethered's Brewery in Marlow, whilst living in Medmenham Bucks, I moved to Purley and was an assistant in the office of the architect Professor A.E. Richardson in Old Burlington Street. The Professor was head of the Bartlett Architectural School at London University and President of the Royal Academy. In his office I was involved in the rebuilding of several well known London buildings that had suffered war damage: St. James Church, Piccadilly; St. Alphege Church, Greenwich; Trinity House, Tower Hill; etc. I was also in the office of Sir Louis de Soissons for some years. I attended the Architectural School at the Regent Street Polytechnic. I had a practice of my own for a short time before emigrating to Canada in 1958.

In Canada I was a partner in my own firm in Victoria, British Columbia until retiring in 2005. I became involved in my professional associations and was President of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia and then President of the national body, The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, in 1980. I have served as President of the Victoria Rotary Club and several other Victoria boards.

I was a keen runner and, apart from many first class finishes in Vancouver Island events, I won the BC Marathon in the 40-year age group and the BC 10K cross-country.

I am married for the second time and have five daughters and two stepsons who have combined to present us with 13 grandchildren.

I spend my time now painting in watercolour and oils, sculpture, gardening, golf, cycling, playing the flute, and physical training with a personal trainer. I have a Goldwing touring motorcycle and have had bikes continuously since my first, a BSA Bantam, in 1949.

I attended the 250th Anniversary Reunion in August and reconnected with three of my fellow students, Eric and Barry Clarke and Ken Wilkinson.



I now have their signatures in my Autograph Book provided in 1947 and again in 2008.

I would be pleased to hear from any other of my contemporaries who were unable to attend the reunion.

Going Back

For the past 2 years I have been working on a documentary which tells the story of what life was like growing up in a British state boarding school told from the viewpoint of some of its past pupils.

Laura, the camera lady, and I drove around England meeting with old scholars from the school. We heard some amazing stories about life at the school in general, but also listened to more personal accounts and of how, at times, living there was really hard.

During the reunion I had 3 teams of 2 film crew follow some of the past pupils we had previously filmed with, but also capturing the reunion weekend as a whole. Watching the footage back was hilarious! Thank you to everyone who came and made that weekend so special.

At present I am in the post-production stages of the documentary which should be completed at the start of November. I have arranged a premier screening of the film for the 14th November at 6pm (meet for drinks at 5pm). The screening room has a capacity of 30. I have invited the past pupils who were in the film, and also the film crew. If you would like to be placed on the reserve list in case a seat should become free, please email me at the address below.

Alternatively you are welcome to join us for drinks afterwards from around 8pm. For details please email me.

DVD copies will be available after the screening. You can pre-order now. The DVD's are £10 this includes postage and packaging.

The email address is:

reunion_2008@hotmail.co.uk

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the project so far. Whether it be a cash donation, discounted film equipment hire or even coming to the car boot sales with me in the pouring rain to raise money for the film, I cannot explain how grateful I am to you all. I will send you a copy of the DVD as soon as it is complete!

Further cash donations are still being accepted to help pay for the final weeks of the post-production equipment hire, DVD printing and duplications and the screening room hire. £600 still needs to be raised. You can send a cheque to me at:

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Brought Memories Flooding Back

By Alec Rollo

I am sporadically in touch with John Housom, we were both in Edinburgh. 1956 - 1961

I was also very interested with Mike Chapman's account of the MFV trip.

I too was in the Sea Cadets; I too went on a MFV trip in 1960.

We slept on board HMS Bellepheron, a supply ship, as it was moored alongside HMS Sheffield. We slept in hammocks on a very crowded mess deck. I remember being taught the knots for the hammock which became lifesavers????! And had to tie and stow away our hammocks every morning, and I can still do the seven seas knots! It was in the days of the free rum issue to the sailors on board, alas the ration was not for us but we had to stand there during the issue.

We went on an MFV trip, and it was truly awful! We sat down the forward hold at first and as soon as it hit the seas people were sea sick.

But it was very memorable to me at 14. We passed a Brave class MTB which really rolled the MFV, one of the very new Daring class destroyers and the Queen Elizabeth which seemed massive in those days.

I was lucky enough to go on two or three trips with the Sea Cadets at Gatton, now all a distant memory.

I too ended up in the Merchant Navy and served 22 years before a heart attack ended that career! I sailed with Geoff 'Moo' Vibert [Kent] a couple of times but sadly we lost contact.

Keep up the good work, I am glad that someone does and not all are like me and rely on others.



In Memory

In memory of my beloved father, Reginald Craven, who would have been 100 years old on the 6th September 2008.

He gave me six of the happiest years of my childhood (maybe even my life?) by sending me to The Royal Alexandra & Albert School.

I make this donation towards helping another child to find the happiness I found at Gatton.

Anna Craven 1952-56

250th Anniversary Reunion Photos



250th Anniversary Reunion Photos



GIFT AID IT

It was suggested at the Association's recent Annual General Meeting that members might like to give donations specifically to support Founderers at the School.

As the charitable corporation "The Royal Alexandra and Albert School" more generally known as the Foundation is a registered charity and The Gatton Association is not, these donations are much more valuable if they are donated with Gift Aid directly to the Foundation .

Some concern was voiced that monies donated to the Foundation might be used for other purposes. However if the letter accompanying the donation clearly indicates that it is a donation to the Founderer Fund – it would be illegal to do so.

If donations are paid by cheque the cheque should be made payable to the Royal Alexandra and Albert School and a Gift Aid form completed. Standing order arrangements can also be easily set up.

The Foundation is thrilled at this initiative as the work it does with Founderers is at the core of its charitable purpose. At present 59 Founderers are supported and it is intended to increase this number to over 80 so long as sufficient funding is available.



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ROYAL ALEXANDRA & ALBERT SCHOOL



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Using Gift Aid means that for every pound that you give to the Royal Alexandra and Albert School, we will receive an extra 28 pence from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation go even further.

This means that £10 can be turned into £12.80 just so long as donations are made through Gift Aid.

So if you want your donation to be Gift Aid just complete the form below and send it back to us with your donation to the Foundation Office.

Cheques should be made payable to the Royal Alexandra and Albert School.

I want any donations by me to the Royal Alexandra and Albert School to be Gift Aid.

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address

Postcode: _____

(To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax must be at least equal to the amount of tax we will reclaim on your donation in the tax year).

Registration Form

Please complete the form below and return it to our membership secretary at the address on the form, or via e-mail.



Gatton Association Registration Form

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

Address:

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.....

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

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

JOHN HOUNSOM, 38 THACKERAY AVENUE, TILBURY, ESSEX RM18 8HS

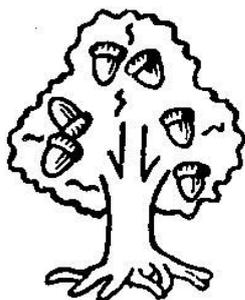
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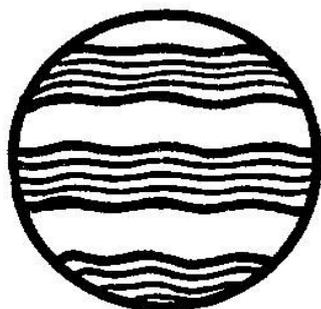
If you have any comments or suggestions you would like to pass back to us, please do so via John Hounsom at the address above.

Thank you

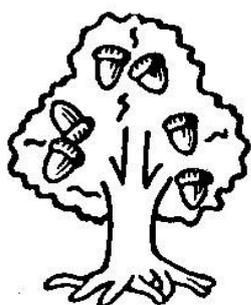
The School's Arms & Motto



The Oak Trees depicted in the School's Arms are symbolic of the growth of this School from small beginnings. It was on 10 May 1758, that 12 gentlemen met together in a London coffee house and, under the chairmanship of the Reverend Edward Pickard, a Presbyterian minister, decided to establish a cottage home for 20 orphan boys at Hoxton, then a pleasant outlying village.



The Heraldic Fountain in the centre of the Arms is symbolic of the waters of Gatton Park, where a former owner made a 30 acre lake by damming up certain springs and flooding a portion of the old Glebe. It is interesting to note that this lake was made in 1758, the year in which the School was founded. The beauty of the parkland owes its origin to the skilful planning of the famous landscape artist 'Capability' Brown.



The Oak Trees are shown to bear fruit which symbolises the whole purpose of the School. The scholars who leave to go out into the world are the fruit borne by the Foundation, whose endeavour it has always been to create good, Christian citizens able to stand on their own feet; ready and willing to play a useful part in the community. The children are taught that their lives will never be complete unless they are prepared to give some of their time and some of their effort to helping others.



The Lion Rampant signifies the Royal patronage which the School has enjoyed for so many years. Her late Majesty, Queen Mary, was a patron of the School for over 70 years and today the Foundation enjoys the Royal patronage of Her Majesty, The Queen. In ancient heraldry, the lion symbolised the courage and ferocity with which the monarch protects the weak and helpless.

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DOMINUS
FRUSTRA

The School Motto, shared by the City of Edinburgh, is adapted from the 127th Psalm - 'Unless the Lord keep the City the Watchman waketh in vain'.

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