



CHESSMOVES

MARCH 1996

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is now five years since the Golden Jubilee celebrations of 1991 and the establishment of CHESS. As part of its charter, CHESS has been facilitating contact between ex-students. Last year, we organised a 1940s reunion in the School Assembly Hall attended by 100 guests. It is our intention this year to remember the 1950s and stage an event at the school for this decade.

Volunteers for the committee are always welcome and anyone wishing to ring, may contact me on 9427 9757.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at Sofia's Pizza Restaurant in Burke Road, Camberwell, on Monday, April 15th, 1996 at 7pm. All ex-students are welcome. The gathering is informal and BYO.

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Bernard Corser (Class of '71)

REUNION OF THE FORTIES

On October 27th, last year, a most successful reunion of the 1940s students took place in the School Hall.

Around 110 people attended between 5pm and 9pm, and enjoyed reminiscing over drinks and nibbles about their years at the school. Memorabilia on display provided much to become nostalgic about. Brian Naylor, who attended 1945-46 (yes, he is that old!) was our guest, and his talk on "the rise and rise of Brian Naylor" was most interesting, having as its theme, how to be in the right place as the right time, and grasping an opportunity when it comes your way.

Later on, Graham Kinross-Smith entertained us delightfully with readings of his own poetry relating to his attendance at the school - I have no dates for him.

A questionnaire sent to all our members a couple of years ago showed overwhelmingly that reunions of form, year or decade, were the most highly desired form of entertainment for members.

With this in mind, it is proposed to hold a 1950s reunion of a similar type to the 1940s one, on Friday, October 25th, from 6pm to about 9pm. Anyone interested in helping with the arrangements for the evening should contact CHESS. Memorabilia will also be gratefully received and any suggestions for an appropriate guest of honour would be appreciated. Paul Lyneham for example?

Those members whose school years covered both the late 40s and early 50s are most

welcome to attend again this year!

SCHOOL DATABASE

Over the last year there has been a big effort to bring up to date the school records. Late last year we had a 40s reunion and our committee worked very hard to get the notice to as many ex-students as we could find. Later on this year, we will be having a 1950s reunion and with a lot of hard work and phone calls we will be able to fill in a few spaces.

Last year CHESS purchased a copy of the Victorian Electoral Rolls and this should be a great help with our tracing.

If anyone has any addresses of any ex-students who have not been receiving our CHESSMOVES, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Pat Douglas (Committee)

DECEASED

Barrie Raymond JOHNSON, died RMH 3.7.1990, aged 54 years (Class of 1953)

Richard Anthony OWEN, died in the UK 13.10.1995 (Class of 1953)

Ric PURSER, died early October 1995 (Class of 1956)

Alister J. BORRELL, died September 1995 (Class of 1949)

THE CURRENT SCENE

Last Friday evening, (March 15th), the annual reunion of the previous year's Year 12 class held its reunion. About 50 students attended and had a pleasant time catching up on where everyone else was and what people were doing.

Several members of Class of '95 were disgusted that a musical is on this year! Why not last year? (The musical is "Sheik, Rattle 'n Roll", and will be performed on March 27, 28 and 29)

Class of '95 were also aggrieved that the Sports Hall was completed in October of their final year at the school. To make up for this, they played an impromptu game of basketball after the barbecue.

The major event for this term is the fiftieth annual Choral Festival, scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd. That's quite an achievement, isn't it? A choral festival every year for fifty years. The festival will be held in the Assembly Hall, and you are, of course, welcome to come along. Ring the school and I'll reserve you a seat.

School Council has been considering the House names. Recently I asked teachers in our "Contact" meetings - held weekly for twenty minutes to discuss school affairs, amongst other things - to ask students whether they thought a change in the names of the Houses was warranted. Opinion was mixed. Certainly, there was strong support for the view that they shouldn't on account of the fact that they are part of the tradition of the school. Others would be happy to see a change reflect the nature of our society in the 90s - equal representation of men and women, preferably Australians of distinction.

No change is likely in the near future.

Geoff Sinclair, Assistant Principal