

The Egbertian

NEWS FROM THE OLD EGBERTIAN ASSOCIATION



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Editor's Comment

It is pleasing that we have kept to our planned schedule for this issue and that our new look

format has been well received. Our future newsletters will focus on social events and other 'snippets' so if you have something that you consider would be of interest to the membership then please send it in. Longer items of historical interest may be produced as a separate item. For example, Ray Mitchell has sent in an article about Stainsby Hall, which we will publish in due course and will become part of the Association's historical papers. The next newsletter will be in May and will report on the AGM.

Jeff Thomas

Socially... *by Brian Pieri*

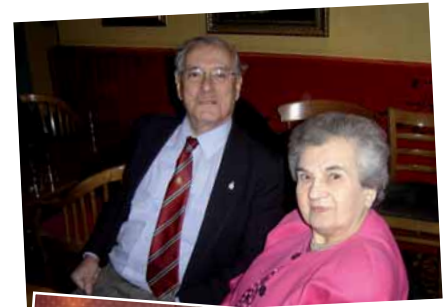
Once again the Christmas Social on 10th December 2006 was a great success.

This was the second year that this event has been held by the Association at the Queen Elizabeth Public house in Chingford.

The increase in the numbers of Old Egbertians was most encouraging and it was good to see so many wives and partners attending – we will soon have to take over the entire bar!

Forty six members attended together with their partners which as I understand is probably the best turnout yet and bodes well for the future of this event. People came from as far away as Lowesoft and Brighton which was a tremendous effort and everybody seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The Queen Elizabeth provided its usual comprehensive buffet and due to the proximity of the bar made for a very enjoyable time. The occasion enabled the Old Egbertians to meet old and new friends and capture the festive mood. Our thanks must be expressed to Ron Fellowes for arranging the buffet. Everyone departed looking forward to next year!



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Annual Memorial Mass

The Annual Memorial Mass was celebrated by Fr Chris Brooks at 9.00am on Saturday the 18th November at the Catholic Church in Chingford. The weather was fine and we had a good turn out of members and wives. In addition to remembering past pupils and teachers of the College we particularly remembered two members of the Association, John Gee and Roger Shaw, who sadly passed away during the last year.

Among members attending were Gerry Abbott, Mike Fitzgerald, Andrew McGovern, Michael Moore, Victor Mould, Tony Butler, Terry Piper, Martin Higham, Kenneth Gibb, Mike Tiernan, Howard Watling and Tom English, in addition I met up later with a fellow classmate, Derek Feeney. Quite a number of us had travelled a fair distance that morning so after the Mass we retired to

the 'Nero Cafe' in Station Road, where a vast quantity of coffee was consumed as members together with Maureen Fitzgerald and my wife Yvonne, chatted away on a variety of topics.

Come midday the last of us left and walked back to the Church Bazaar which gave me a chance to speak with Fr Chris who said he was impressed by the turn out and the distances travelled. I then mentioned we would probably have a better turn out in future if we could hold the Mass on a Sunday to coincide perhaps with the same Sunday as our Christmas Social –which is usually the 2nd Sunday in December. He thought this a good idea and saw no problem, so hopefully we will be able to start with this combination this year.

Andrew McGovern

History of the College and the Order of the Brothers of Our Lady of Mercy

Following my initial attempt back in 2002 I have collected various additional gems of information from both members and the Association's archives and am currently working on an update. Therefore if anyone has any information they feel might be relevant to an update please give me a call on 01284 850915 or email me at andrew@mcgovern2.freemove.co.uk

I am hoping to be able to circulate the updated version after the AGM as one of the Association's new series of historical papers.

AGM and Social

The AGM and Social event will be held at the usual venue, The Woodford Wells Club, on Friday the 20th of April 2007, so please make a note in your diary now and make it a good turnout. As has been our recent policy the committee would like to cordially invites member's wives and partners to this event as it really made a difference at the Christmas Social.

One item of interest that has come to my attention via Ray Mitchell, our Vice President, is that there is a large grave in St Pancras and Islington Cemetery, in the name of St Aloysius College, Hornsey Lane, where some 22 Brothers are buried. There will be more of this in Ray's historical paper which will be published in the future.

If any of you have articles, photos or anything that might be of interest to me as the Association's Archivist please let me have them. I will copy them and return the originals.

Andrew McGovern - Archivist.

The emphasis on the night will be on the social side, keeping the meeting as brief as possible so that we can all enjoy ourselves afterwards. A finger buffet will be provided. Full details of the AGM will be circulated in due course.

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