

# The Egbertian

NEWS FROM THE OLD EGBERTIAN ASSOCIATION



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## Editor's Comment

**T**here has been no takers for the vacant position of newsletter editor so for the time being I will temporarily assume the role.

**It has been decided that we will now endeavour to produce smaller newsletters (less pages) but more regularly in an effort to communicate with our membership more frequently, usually to coincide with a forthcoming social event and to cover those that have taken place.**

**While the larger newsletters have always been very well received, they do take a considerable amount of time and copy to put together and for this reason their frequency has dropped over the past couple of years.**

**We hope you enjoy this new look. If you wish to make a contribution then please do not hesitate to contact me (details on back page) as I would be happy to receive it.**

**Thanks for reading.**

**Jeff Thomas**

## A Chairman's view *by Peter Burke*

Chairmen come and go but the Association lives on forever – or does it?

An unusual start for the new Chairman – but the question is an important one nevertheless.

I was at the school at the start of the 60's, a golden age of endless summers and a Ridgeway relatively free of traffic – where the Poplar trees formed a perfect line down the entrance drive of the school. At the time we all felt that things would never change and if they did it was at a pace that would not be noticed.

Speaking for myself the thought never entered my head that the school would close and be turned into a housing estate – but it did and houses are there for all to see.

By definition the school is no longer there but we still are. Although there are no more old boys coming through as leavers, the Association has made up for this by providing remarkable fellowship since the rekindling of Association activities.

Our provision of trips, newsletters and events has I think catered for all tastes and our website has attracted worldwide interest. This is, I think, our reason for being, the fact that even after all these years there are still Old Eggs out there somewhere wanting to keep the spirit alive.

So is this what we are all about – probably, so let us celebrate this fact.

While I am Chairman with the help of an enthusiastic committee we will provide a varied programme of social events. I would particularly request the pleasure of your company at the

AGM next spring so that we can listen to what you say and respond accordingly. I would like formalities to be kept to a minimum making the rest of the evening fun with refreshments so please bring your wives or partners as it stops us going on about the past too much!



In the meantime rack your brains to think of an old classmate or two that you can contact to bring them along as well – if not, encourage them to join the membership.

We are holding a Christmas get together on December 10th at noon at The Queen Elizabeth in Forest Side, Chingford. Please try to come along with wives, partners or class mates. It is your Association so we must all look after it. If it is not to live forever then let us all make an effort to make it last a very long time instead.

There are a small number of members who have not renewed for this year. You will find a leaflet enclosed if you are one of them. We would appreciate you rejoining as we need you!

The next issue of *The Egbertian* will be out in the New Year.

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*The Waverley arrives at Southend*

## OEA takes to the Sea

The September 2006 social event was a sea trip on the venerable paddle steamer, *Waverley*. Our party of Association members and friends gathered on the end of the pier at Southend-on-Sea for a 12.30 p.m. departure (we were much relieved when Mike Jaselsky and family boarded at 12.29 p.m!).

The weather was absolutely perfect for the cruise (our Social Secretary, Brian Pieri, clearly has good contacts in high places!). Thus we found suitable seats on the upper deck and settled down for the usual memories natter whilst watching various craft pass by as the ship left Southend behind and proceeded across the Thames estuary towards the Kent coast. We passed by Sheerness and after one and a quarter hours we arrived at our destination, Whitstable.

We disembarked for a one and a half hour stay which gave us enough time to have a good walk round the town. It is a very quaint place and as yet unspoiled by major town centre development or the usual large

supermarkets. Then just time for a quick ice cream before boarding the *Waverley* for the return journey.

On the way back we passed close to the wind driven generators feeding electricity to the mainland – strange to see these 36 giant windmills rising out of the sea. The weather continued to be excellent all the way back to Southend where we left the ship to make our way home after another memorable social event.

*Bill Crisp*



*Mike Jaselsky, Roger Payne and friend*

## A Night at the Theatre

The association's social calendar includes a yearly trip to the theatre. In previous years we have seen dramas, comedies and even Old Time musicals! This year however something more serious was called for, so we went to the Kenneth Moore theatre in Ilford to see "Arsenic and Old lace"

Our group meet in the theatre bar and we were all looking forward to enjoying the play. After we show we all agreed the play was very professional and we thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

To finish off an excellent day we went for a meal at the Dick Turpin restaurant in Aldeborough Hatch, and spent the evening reminiscing about the old days, fuelled of course by copious amounts of alcohol.

*Mike Fitzgerald*

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