



## THE OLD EAGLE HOUSE SOCIETY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR) 2018**

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The summary is that we hold your name, your email address (your postal address if you receive the newsletter through the post), the year you started at Eagle House and your leave year, the secondary school you attend / ed. The database is not passed onto any third parties including the school and Wellington College.

### **THE NEWSLETTER – NEW CONTRIBUTORS**

We are aware the newsletter is dominated by our mature members and I am grateful for their contributions. I always appeal to the younger members to send in their anecdotes and / or what they have done since leaving Eagle House. We will always welcome information about charity work you do and this is an ideal platform for others to find out about them and may contribute to your causes.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Do remember we have entries in the following:  
Facebook – click [here](#). LinkedIn – click [here](#).

### **THE 1970s**

Mark Martin (OEH 1975 – 79) writes:

“Many thanks for your regular newsletter. Every time I receive it, it transports me back to the very enjoyable period of my life at Eagle House (1975-79). Mark Liley and Stephen Byass were friends and we stay in touch 40 years later. In the late 1970s the school was approximately 120 boys of which I’d guess 110 were boarders. The balance day boys, or ‘day girls’ as they were referred to by the boarders, given they went to home comforts every night! During my time we merged with Bigshott School, by memory numbers increased to about 160 or so. Interesting looking at the ISI Report attached to your email showed 377 pupils with 294 day students and 83 boarders.

Meal times, we ‘d walk in silence in a line into the dining room, with hands held out to show they were clean. We’d line up behind the wooden benches with teachers or prefects at the end to serve the food. A name would be called, Grace read then meals commenced. Rissoles were the least popular of the meals and at one time the Grace that was said – rather than “For what we are about to receive, may the Lord make us truly thankful”, was replaced by a witty fellow saying “for what we are about to receive,

pigs have just refused". I cannot recall the outcome, he was likely canned. Great laughter around the dining hall, even from some of the teachers!

I've lived in Sydney for the last 20 years and have not visited the school in at least 30 or so years. Next time I'm in the UK I will make an effort to do so. The old school look in fine form."

## **NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL**

- On Sunday Eagle House golfers took part in the Independent Schools Golf Association Wellington Junior Salver Competition at Wellington College. There was some great golf played. Teams from all over the UK took part and the golf was of a very good standard. Eagle House came 3rd in the school Nett team event as well as 7th; a very impressive result. Golf continues to grow in strength and so far the Golf Team are unbeaten in their tournaments this term.
- 30 boys and girls travelled to Antigua in the Easter holidays for a cricket and netball tour. The week long adventure saw each team play 4 matches against local opposition. The teams had some great games and being able to meet with local children and share the common language of sport was an undoubted highlight.
- The cast of The War of Jenkins' Ear came together over the Bank Holiday weekend to begin rehearsals for the Edinburgh Fringe show. 6 actors from Cargilfield School flew down for the weekend and joined actors from Eagle House, Wellington College and Reddam House. the cast are excited to be taking a world premier to Edinburgh. This new show that has been specially written for the festival, based on Michael Morpurgo's novel.

## **FINAL WORDS**

The summer has arrived in the UK and it is good to see that the summer sports and activities are now in full swing at the school. There are exciting plans for the refurbishment of the science laboratories, the extension of the dining room and the overhaul of the kitchen.