



## THE OLD EAGLE HOUSE SOCIETY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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This is another reminder of our thanksgiving service at the beginning of September. It will be wonderful to have your support. Do register as soon as possible.

### **An invitation to a Thanksgiving Service**

**Celebrating the lives of our old boys who sacrificed their lives in warfare**

*The Memorial Garden has now been completed and it is now in a prominent position which is next to the chapel where the swimming pool was located. The service will be on Saturday 9 September at 11:30am. Canon Joe Hawes (OEH 1973 - 77), All Saints Fulham will be leading the service.*

**Timings:** From 10:30am – welcoming coffee 11:30am The Blessing followed by a buffet lunch.

The garden is dedicated to past pupils who have lost their lives in any military conflict, not just the two World Wars. OEHS members and their families are most welcome to attend. To register your intention to be part of the ceremony please click [here](#) to fill in a simple response form.

### **Eagle House Remembrance Book**

The Remembrance Book is on the OEHS can be found via the home page by clicking on Remembrance (<http://www.oehs.org.uk/index.html>)

### **News from the school**

#### **The Edinburgh Fringe Festival**

This is the third time the school has performed on this wonderful “stage”. The Jungle Book opened yesterday at Edinburgh Festival Fringe. “Looking good, so do come along and see us if you are in Edinburgh this week.” Both Eagle House and Cargilfield School actors performing together. There are performances each day until Friday.

Click [here](#) to see last year’s venture.

#### **The Gardner Singing Competition 2017**

Click [here](#) to see the competitors in action.

## The Young Scientists Fair - Saturday 20 June 1998

The audience entered the Assembly Hall to the sound of Holst's Planets and a snow scene of the school which was a total contrast to the very muggy June day. One o'clock arrived and Helen Sharman was introduced by Vadim Mouravykh, a fifth-year pupil, in Russian and then she began her excellent presentation, "Life In Space". She gave graphic details of her trip to the MIR space station in 1991. Many of the audience were fascinated with the ablution facilities in space. Over 300 attended the talk and they were treated to an excellent delivery of the exciting life of a cosmonaut.



Forty-five exhibits were then manned by over one hundred young scientists and judging began in earnest. Each exhibit was inspected by a pair of judges and a short list was produced and the chosen projects were judged again. Meanwhile the public not only had the chance of seeing exciting science work done by young people but were fascinated with the electronic bugs which Jim Wyatt from the Cybernetics Department at Reading University brought.

Mike Chittleborough and a team of his colleagues from GEC Marconi, demonstrated electronic tagging devices which could be used by firemen, blind people and motorists. Children had the opportunity to program a journey anywhere in the country or watch a tagged car's path on the electronic map.

Thanks to kind sponsors, over £800 worth of prizes were presented by Helen Sharman. After the presentation Cliff Martin from Pangbourne College presented an action packed chemistry show with plenty of reactions, smoke and smells.

### Hard times at Eagle House

Ivan Stewart (OEH 1927 – 34) describes time at school in his autobiography, *A Life Remembered*. Ivan is our oldest member.

“The regime of the school was spartan with Greek and Latin being the highest priorities, followed by a run and straight into the swimming bath *puris naturalibus*. Roll call came next, for which I was usually late as I always had a great difficulty tying my tie. Rugger was the principal game and prefects were allowed to beat the young boys.”

In Ivan's time there were some interesting characters: “Granny' Williams was famous for being the first boy to climb the huge monkey puzzle tree that grew at the front of the house. He had a military parson as a father, who often conducted the services in chapel on a Sunday before taking the senior boys for a walk before lunch. My favourite walk was to Caesar's Camp.”