



## THE OLD EAGLE HOUSE SOCIETY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### An invitation to the Memorial Garden blessing

As published in last month's newsletter:

*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 telephone me (01344775680 / 07941951093) or click [here](#) to fill in a simple response form.



### John Kirwan (OEH 1951-56)

From Michael Kirwan (OEH 1949 – 54):

“I should let you know, in case you haven't already been notified, of the death of my brother, John Kirwan (OEH 1951-56) at age 73. He died of bowel cancer on 14th April after a long illness and his funeral and remembrance service took place in Worcester on 10th May. He leaves his wife Ruth, 3 children and 7 grandchildren. He is deeply missed by his family and at his local church (he was a committed Christian) and also by his wide circle of friends in the Midlands architectural and conservation communities.”

### Sir Brian Kenny (OEH 1942 – 44)

General Sir Brian Kenny, who has died aged 83, was the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander (D/SACEUR) of Nato at one of the most dramatic moments in its history – the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Kenny took up his appointment at Shape (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe) in 1990, when General John Galvin, a four-star general in the US Army, was the Supreme Allied Commander. President Mikhail Gorbachev had begun to defrost relations with the West but, in August 1991, there was an attempted coup against him by hard-line Communist elements of the Soviet government and military.

## Sports Day 1901



With the sophistication of sport these days and the formality of athletics meetings with all the “mod cons” I thought the piece below brings education and enjoyment back to basics. This extract was taken from a self-published book of Geoffrey Hopley’s memoirs, a victim of the Great War.

Dear Aunt Alice

In the covered court [now the pre-prep school] we had sports. It was fun. We put the play boxes round in an oval shape so as to mark the course out. We had some chariot races [*Were there chariot races in your time? What was the arrangement?*], that is four of the seniors had three horses each, and they raced each other. They also had a one pony. I was a pony.

The chariot everyone thought would win was disqualified, because a trace broke. There was the three horse and then the two horse chariot races and then came the PONIES races. I licked Davd in the first race the final was between James and me. By the way, the chap who owned us all (I mean the pony and the three horses named us all. I was called Kimberley Jack.

Other races during the afternoon was the wheelbarrow race, running race, three legged race, walking race, hopping race and the consolidation race.

Now I must stop with lots of love to you and granny. I remain your ever loving,

Geoffrey

Geoffrey William van der Byl Hopley (OEH 1899 – 1903)

Born in 1891 and died of wounds in France in May 1915 – aged 23

## **New members**

This is the time of the year we mix the new with the old and it is a great pleasure to welcome many new members to the Society. I hope you have a very long association like Ivan Stewart who became a member in 1934!

Welcome to:

**Bradfield College:** Katie Chambers, Elsa Chambers, Chloe Parry, Alice Saunders

**Bryanston:** Bethan Irwin

**Charterhouse:** Rohin Shingadia

**Cranleigh:** Isabella Pearn

**Grazalema (Spain):** Manuela Lopez de Carrizosa

**Holme Grange:** Miabella Gorden

**King's Ely:** Alice Fisher

**Lord Wandsworth College:** Paris McErlain, Sofia Albano, Christina Steer, Ben Wordsworth,

**Luckley House:** Amelie Bidston, Ellis Westby

**Millfield:** Lucy Chalmers

**Pangbourne:** Sebastian Dennis-Jones

**Queen Anne's, Caversham:** Charlotte Borthwick

**Radley College:** Hamish Rimmer

**Reddam House:** Tadhg Begley

**Repton:** Marcus Galley

**RGS Guildford:** Rohann Heeroo

**Salesian College:** Ferdinand Orleans-Lindsay

**Sherfield:** Olivia Brett

**St George's Weybridge:** Grace Brito

**Wellington College:** Dylan Byrne, Daichi Kahtava, Ben Nason, Sandro Sanadiradze, Locky ,Almanza, Isadora Bell, Charlie Crosby, Mark Dickin, Sophia Grillo, Matthew Groom, Katy Head, Adam Heal, Ollie Heywood, Bea Hindley, Sophie Hodge, Yash Jain, Gregor Maclaine, Laura Taylor, Evie Tipple, Jack Trotter, Benedict Trunck, Deuce Vatanatham, Egor Vert.

## **Final words**

The school year is over until the beginning of September and once again Eagle House had a very busy year and numbers in the school are flourish. 400 pupils is a far cry from many of your school days!