



THE OLD EAGLE HOUSE SOCIETY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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This month's newsletter is concentrating on the 'new' Remembrance Garden which has just been completed. We would like some members to do some research on the people who lost their lives in the Second World War – further details below:

Remembrance Garden blessing

The Remembrance 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.

We would be grateful if you would do some research on our heroes so we can compile a document for our members and archives. Maybe you knew the men when they were at Eagle House? The [school archives](#) has quite a bit of information.

Group-Captain CHARLES HENRY APPLETON C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., R.A.F.
1906 – 1944 Eagle House, 1915 -1917, and Malvern Royal Air Force. Croix de Guerre and Czech War Cross Missing presumed killed in air operations over Normandy, 1944

JOHN MARET BLANDY
1911 – 1942 Eagle House, 1919 – 1921, and Pangbourne Straits Settlements Volunteer Force
Taken prisoner in Singapore, 1942. Died in a Prisoner of War camp in Thailand

Major KENNETH WILLIAM BOLS
1913 – 1944 Eagle House, 1923 – 1926, Imperial Service College, Royal Military College, Sandhurst Prince Albert Victor's Own, Indian Army Died 19 July 1944 from wounds received in Italy

Pilot-Officer ARTHUR SYDENHAM CARGILL D.C.M., R.A.F.
1913 – 1940 Eagle House, 1920 – 1927 Royal Air Force Missing presumed killed, July 1940

Lance-Corporal ALASTAIR SCOTT CASSELS
1916 – 1945 Eagle House, 1924 – 1929, and Haileybury Died 4 July 1945 in Kuching Prisoner of War Camp, Borneo

Lieutenant-Colonel GEORGE GEOFFERY JAMES FENTON
1909 – 1943 Eagle House, 1917 – 1922, Cheltenham and Royal Military Academy, Woolwich
Royal Artillery Killed in action north of the Sangro River in Italy, October 1943

PATRICK PAUL DEANE FREEMAN
1920 – 1941 Eagle House, 1932 – 1934, and Aldenham Royal Air Force Shot down over the Channel on 13 June 1941, his 21st birthday

Flying-Officer JAMES DAVID SPENCER GOLDRING R.A.F.
1923 – 1943 Eagle House, 1931 – 1932, and Cranleigh Royal Air Force Missing presumed killed over the Bay of Biscay, 18 July 1943

Flying-Officer MICHAEL GILES HOMER D.F.C. R.A.F.
1919 – 1940 Eagle House, 1930 – 1933, Wellington and Royal Air Force College, Cranwell
Royal Air Force Killed in action over South East England, September 1940

Lieutenant-Colonel PATRICK LIONEL KIRWAN O.B.E.
1905 – 1944 Eagle House, 1915 – 1919. Scholar at Cheltenham, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, Royal Military Academy, Woolwich Royal Engineers Killed in action in Italy, during an attack on the Rapido River position, 9 May 1944

Lieutenant CARMEL STUART LEITCH

1922 – 1944 Eagle House, 1935 – 1936, and Wellington Royal Artillery. 1st Airborne Division Killed in action at Arnhem, 21 September 1944

Major HARRY LACHLAN LINDSAY

1912 – 1944 Eagle House, 1922 – 1926, Marlborough and Royal Military Academy, Woolwich Royal Artillery Killed in action on the Gothic Line in Italy, 18 September 1944

Major PETER GEOFFERY BOURCHER McNALTY

1909 – 1944 Eagle House, 1918 – 1922. Wellington, Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, Royal Military College, Sandhurst 3rd Cavalry. 2nd Lancers Killed in action in the Burmese Jungle, March 1944

Flight-Lieutenant ARCHIBALD IAN ORR-EWING R.A.F. V.R.

1884 – 1942 Eagle House, 1893, Harrow, and Trinity College, Cambridge Great War: Berkshire Yeomanry and Royal Flying Corps Second World War: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
Died on active service, 24 March 1942

Lieutenant-Colonel GEORGE ARCHDALE PALMER

1902 – 1942 Eagle House, 1913 – 1915. Scholar at Cheltenham, Royal Military Academy, Woolwich Royal Engineers
Died at sea, 3 March 1942, after his ship had been torpedoed

Lieutenant WALTER BRIAN STEWART (HEWESTON) D.S.O. M.C.

1908 – 1944 Eagle House, 1915 – 1922, and Brighton Norfolk Yeomanry. Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery Killed in action, August 1944

Major HUGH RICHARD STIRLING

1915 – 1944 Eagle House, 1924 – 1929, and Rugby Royal Artillery Killed on active service, August 1944

Lieutenant THOMAS EDWARD STREATFIELD-MOORE

1921 – 1945 Eagle House, and Charterhouse Grenadier Guards Killed in active service, 5 August 1945

Flying-Officer RICHARD LLOYD R.A.F. V.R.

1920 – 1941 Eagle House, 1929 – 1933, Marlborough and Clare College, Cambridge
Cambridge University Air Squadron. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Coastal Command
Killed on active service, 21 April 1944

Sergeant-Pilot WILLIAM HEReward WAKE

1919 – 1940 Eagle House, 1927 – 1932, Framlingham, and Loughborough College Royal Air Force. Coastal Command
Killed on active service, 30 September 1940

Major NEVILLE GLYN WILLIAMS M.C.

1914 – 1945 Eagle House, 1924 – 1927. Exhibitioner at The Leys School, Royal Military College, Sandhurst 14th Punjab Regiment, Indian Army Killed in action in Burma, March 1945

I am most grateful to Simon Kay (OEH 1955 – 60) for undertaking the task of compiling biographies of boys killed in The Great War. The end result will be a book of remembrance which I am sure some members may be interested in purchasing and copies will be sent to relevant organisations and archives around the world

The passing of David Stevens (OEH)

The following note was received from David's wife, Jane:

“You will be sorry to hear that David died, peacefully, at home on Saturday 20 May. The last few months had been difficult for him with failing heart, kidneys and an increasing lack of mobility.”

David's rugby coach in 1942 wrote: “Stevens was safe and reliable at full back and caught the ball excellently. He was slow in recovery however and his kicking was rather short.” He was also a keen cricketer and boxer.

School prizes – the tale continues

Simon Hodgson (OEH 1948 – 53): “I must have missed Hugh Rose's request about prizes at EH, as I was in the throes, finally last month, of completing the sale of a villa in Portugal. I believe I may have taught Hugh Rose maths during Summer Term 1959 when I taught at Eagle House for a term between leaving Wellington and starting my time with Shell International.

The Complete Works of Shakespeare, illustrated Tudor Edition still boxed, sits on my bookshelf. It was a prize for winning the Hughes scholarship to Wellington in 1953, and worth £50 per year. This particular award was made on a 5 year cycle. David Gittins also won an Open Wellington scholarship the same year, a senior award to mine. I had to take the exam from an isolated room as I had been ill at the time, and was given dispensation to sit the papers a day late.

A strange coincidence occurred in 1982 was that my eldest son, James won the very same award and is now Headmaster of Bedford School.”

John Strafford (OEH 1935 – 40): “For winners of school athletics events in the late 1930s. The prize was a pewter tankard engraved with the school crest, the winner’s name, date and relevant event. A welcome gift for the boy and an economical one for the school as the same tankards for the same boy was used in events won the following year – the only additional expense was the engraving of that year’s event.

I still have my tankard!”

Where are they now? – Anthony Bangay (OEH 1988 – 94)

“I went on from Wellington to study at Oxford before working in London for a few years. I then moved to the US and attend Harvard Business School to do my MBA. Since then I've been living in Los Angeles and currently work in a large design and construction company that has built things like the new World Trade Center. We also just won a project to build a 67 story building in Canary Wharf which will be 67 storeys high and second only to the Shard for the tallest building in London.”

Updating email addresses

This is the time of the year when we lose many members due to them moving schools or leaving university. Please do inform me of any changes so we can keep in touch. This is an exciting time for the school with us nearing our 200th birthday. A reminder that we, the Society, do not organise any appeals.