



THE OLD EAGLE HOUSE SOCIETY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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1914 – 1918 Roll of Honour

The Society has published a book covering all fifty-three old boys who lost their lives in The Great War. Much research has been done through various websites and with visits to The British Library and The War Museum. Because of some of the content, especially the photographs and maps, the book can only be found in the archive website (click [here](#)). We are aware this is not the ideal situation but there would be many complications with the copyright material if it went to print.

We now need your help – if you find any omissions or incorrect text please let us know and then we will change it on the original.

Fact: At the beginning of The Great War there were 53 pupils at Eagle House – at the end of the war 53 old pupils had lost their lives.

The memorial garden

A service of Thanksgiving was held at the beginning of the month conducted by Andrew Barnard (headmaster) assisted by senior pupils and talented musicians.

Andrew Bols (OEH 1951 - 56) and Rona Elliot who attended the service lost relatives in the Second World War'

Major KENNETH WILLIAM BOLS 1913 – 1944 (OEH 1923 – 26), Imperial Service College, Royal Military College, Sandhurst, Prince Albert Victor's Own, Indian Army, Died 19 July 1944 from wounds received in Italy.

Lieutenant-Colonel GEORGE ARCHDALE PALMER 1902 – 1942 (OEH 1913 – 15). Scholar at Cheltenham, Royal Military Academy, Woolwich. Royal Engineers. Died at sea, 3 March 1942, after his ship had been torpedoed.

The garden is situated next to the chapel where the open-air swimming pool was situated. The location is now a peaceful area where the pupils and staff can sit and relax.



Where are they now?

Jamie Allum (OEH 1997 – 2007) - Jamie is working as a gap student at Yateley Manor. He did his degree in biochemical then did a masters then went into pharmaceutical industry for a month and left. He has now decided his career path is in teaching.

OEH cricket

After an absence of two years the Society will be resurrecting the annual cricket match in 2018 with committee member, John Huntingdon (OEH 1980 – 83), at the helm. This is in collaboration with Chris Woodcock (OEH teacher) and his Pedagogue team.

The passing of Richard Burton Malcolm (OEH 1935 – 40)

It is sad to report that Richard passed away recently at the age of 91. His name was in the Society's database but I have not had any contact with him. With the help of the school's archive website (click [here](#)) I have found some details of Richard.

He was successful pupil both in the classrooms and the sports field. In 1947 school magazine in the OEH section this letter was sent by Richard.

R B Malcolm: "I have been out here (Singapore) almost two years now and I am hoping to get home within the next four or five months. I should be demobbed by October and then I am hoping to go in for medicine. I shall certainly be glad to get back home but on the other hand I would not have missed the experience for anything. I don't suppose I shall get another chance to travel and I have been to some awfully interesting places. I think the happiest time I have had in the navy was on a mindsweeper called the "Plucky". We went sweeping off North Borneo and I shall always remember anchoring in a bay to paint the ship. Victoria Peak, the highest in North Borneo, rose in the background above the jungle and really made a lovely sight. We went ashore on a hunting expedition but of course our blundering progress scared all the game for miles around. At the moment I am leading rather a monotonous life on a landing craft which is in the reserve fleet round at the Naval base here. As the ship never moves from its buoy it does become rather boring. However, I have been getting in a lot of hockey which is very nice. We play on hard pitches and as a result the game is very fast."

His cousin, John Toovey (OEH 1941 – 45), was also at Eagle House.

Final words

Once again I am aware that the newsletter is mainly concentrating on the pre-1960s members but they are the ones who send me information and images of their time at Eagle House. If you have any memories of your time at the school or you are doing something very exciting in your lives at the moment please do tell me.

Graham Stephenson (OEH 1947 – 52) sent this superb photograph of the old swimming pool. This is now the location of the Memorial Garden

