



The Old Collyerians' Association

Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your incumbent President, yes, yet another of the oldies. My years at Collyers were from September 1945 until December 1950 when I, together with another 30 odd (most of whom I can still name) went through 1A-2A-3A-4A-5A and into the sixth form. Here my Collyers days were to come to an end, since I at last realised that I would have to knuckle down to hard work.

After a short while in a solicitor's office, I had the crazy notion of joining the Royal Navy, but eventually in January 1951, I got a job in the sales office of a local brick company (The Sussex and Dorking Brick Company, later to become Redland Brick) at £2.5s per week, and was to spend my whole working life selling (and dropping) bricks.

While at school I was in the production of "The ascent of F6" and all my life my main hobby has been amateur dramatics and singing. In this play (Christmas 1946), the star was the late Eric Thompson of Magic Roundabout fame, father of the Oscar winning Emma and Sophie, and of course husband of Phylida (Law).

Oh happy days (yes they really were) and only in one merit detention too. No I was not a goody goody. I even did Greek in 4A and 5A.

Well greetings to you all out there and perhaps during my year of office I can get more of you to our get togethers and to our dinner in November.

Brian Sturt

Diary

Summer reunion

The OCA 2004

Summer Reunion will be held in the Snug Bar at the Mannings Heath Golf Club, on Friday 11th June at 7pm. Refreshments will be available. The location has been chosen in remembrance of the late Dick Tidey, as the Golf club was his second home in the latter years of his time as a master at Collyer's and from then on until his recent death.

I suppose in many ways this will be a re-run of the wake after his funeral, which was very much a celebration in remembrance of his life.

Anthony Barnard

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2003 winter reunion dinner

Sixty-seven Old Collyerians and guests enjoyed an excellent dinner in the Students' Common Room on the evening of 15th November. Prior to the meal, we had assembled in the Duckering Hall where a bar had been erected and our Archivist, Nick Weller had staged a fascinating look at our history.

Among our guests were the President and Secretary of the Old Mercers' Club. The President had attended Collyer's at the beginning of the Second World War when Mercers' School had been evacuated to Horsham and he had lived in Wimblehurst Road.

Following the loyal toast, Ron Glaysher proposed the toast to 'Collyers' and the

Principal, Michael Marchant, replied and gave us details of the new Learning Resources Centre which was just about to open. A cheque was presented to the Principal from the Fourth Centenary Fund to pay for the furniture in the IT Suite. The retiring President, Nick Weller, installed Brian Sturt as our new President who proposed the toast to 'Our founder' and the old school song was sung with heart and soul. The final toast was to the 'OCA' and was proposed by Helen Jones and Robbie Lowe of the College Council, to whom the President replied.

The assembled throng retired to the bar after a very successful Reunion Dinner.

Anthony Barnard

Editorial

I would like to start by thanking David Lees for putting together the newsletter over the previous few issues, and hope I can maintain the high level of reader interest. Putting it together from overseas is a bit of a challenge, mostly to our hard-working general secretary and the rest of the committee. Fortunately e-mail, a technology unheard of when I was at Collyers' makes this all possible.

I suppose it is an inevitable consequence of having been educated some 40 years ago that news of the passing of members of staff and pupils fondly remembered from those times becomes all too frequent. Many Old Collyerians manage to attain a ripe old age; masters who seemed elderly to us in the 1960s are still with us. Dick Tidey, however, whom I remember well never appeared to be an old man - certainly not when he

taught Latin alongside the legendary Fred Bennett (another who lasted remarkably well) and not even when we saw him at OCA reunions. It is fitting that the summer reunion will be held in one of Dick's favourite haunts.

The arrival of the membership secretary's report brought news of the passing of others I knew - often you can meet, and respect, somebody and not until some time afterwards discover that they too are an Old Collyerian. That was the case with Gordon Limbrick, whose death is announced in this issue.

On a happier note, that reminds me of a memorable discussion between half a dozen assorted people, of widely varying ages (and both sexes) in a pub near Horsham a few years ago when we discovered, quite by chance, that five of the six present had been at Collyer's.

We OCs seem to pop up everywhere.

Bill Thomson

Archivist's report

Many thanks to Tony Routley and David O'Connor for their contributions to the archive. These included a booklet of Sussex churches and cottages compiled by pupils in 1936, and a programme for the 1946 play, *The Ascent of F6*, featuring our current President playing the part of a pawn in a chess game.

Nick Weller



Jottings



The following was received by archivist Nick Weller, via the web site:

As a family of Duckerings we were very pleased to read of the resurrection of Duckering House, having read the OCA website.

My story is a little confusing. I grew up in Horsham and went to the High School for Girls, my two brothers attended Collyers School. In fact my twin brother (Michael Freeman) has his name up on your board for getting a scholarship to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. I went to Bristol University and then got my first job in Reading where I met my husband, Mike Duckering. He had grown up in Worthing although his family originated from Lincolnshire. After a while I mentioned the Duckering Hall at Collyers School, having heard of it from my brothers. He had never heard of it

and was not sure if it was connected with his family. Over the last few years a lot of work has been done on the family tree and we contacted Collyer's, having worked out the family connection. As a result we paid a visit in the summer holidays a few years ago, being I am sure the only Duckerings to set foot in the Duckering Hall. We were also given a book on the history of the School, which includes a chapter on the Duckering bequest. In fact there are not a lot of Duckerings around, and those that are, are all related if somewhat distantly. My husband's family are the only ones in Sussex being still in Worthing, but he also is the only one with a Horsham connection as my mother lives just off North Parade. We were amused to read of Duckeringos! Hope the House does well!

*Sue Duckering (Mrs),
New Malden, Surrey*

Your reference to the Sunday Telegraph relates to my youngest brother, Nigel Buxton, now retired. He too had his share of the painful; in his case it was a gentleman named Greenop, who had his favourites; needless to say, N was not one of them. In fact, as I recall, you had a great advantage at the Collyers of my day if your family were in any sort of business in Horsham or the immediate surrounds, Cowfold not being one of them. Three of my other brothers attended Collyer's: in chronological order they were: Murray, William, and Paul. Both Paul and I benefited from the presence of Mr Rivas on the staff, sadly, as you may know, he lost his life while an air gunner of Group Captain Cheshire's crew in Bomber Command RAF. Another gifted staff member in our time was a Mr Brearley, his readings of the *Thirty Nine*

Steps resound in our memories. Now a story comes to mind: as a young Flying Officer I was in the long bar in the Junior Officers' Club in Cairo enjoying my first local beer of the evening (the second never being as wonderful as the first!) when I felt a tap on the shoulder. Turning, startled (as junior officers often were), I found myself face-to-face with Mr Brearley - as you might expect, now a Flt Lt Intelligence officer. Great evening - he told stories of the Common Room.

I shall look forward to the literature and hearing from you again. By the way, the Brothers Buxton cycled to and fro twixt Cowfold and Collyers, come rain or shine, up Lower Beeding's hill, all the grim seven miles each way in the saddle, after a wet and muddy game of soccer, in the dark (trying to light first the paraffin bike lamp, then the acetylene lamp, in the

draughty bike sheds), in inclement weather attired in waterproof garments (so called) from head to toe, as they say, with school cap and tie from Apedaile's at the bottom of West Street. I do recall one return journey in the pouring rain cycling up Hurst Road only to be challenged by a prefect because I did not have my school cap on. I refused the punishment

(flogging) but the case was referred to the Head. He gave me the alternative: accept punishment or he would not recommend me as a suitable candidate to sit the RAF Entrance exam. I suffered the flogging. I only wanted to protect my cap from the weather!

Enough said.

Sincerely, David Buxton

The opening of Collyer's LRC

The new Learning Resource Centre opened to students on November 17th 2003, virtually on time and on budget.

During the week before opening, staff, parents and prospective students were able to have a preview and current students were offered a virtual tour. This certainly led to high expectations and when the doors finally opened just about every student used the Centre on the first day with very positive feedback and comments that it looked like a university library.

The official opening took place on December 9th when Sir John Blofeld, master of the Mercer's Company and Henry Ball, executive director of the Sussex Learning and Skills Council unveiled the plaque in front of 100 invited guests, including governors, contributors to the appeal and local dignitaries. Again just about everyone commented on how fine the building was and the fantastic facilities it offers our students.

After being open for three months the LRC staff are very pleased with the take-up of the facilities by teaching staff and students. The usage has gone from around 500 students per day in the old library to an average use of over 900 a day in the new LRC and with over 1100 students on the busiest days. On floors one and two we can offer students a variety of study facilities, from silent to group study with a bookable seminar room and audio visual room and over 60 brand new PCs on a new and very fast network. Teachers can now book

an IT room to enable class research and this has received a large take-up by many areas of the curriculum. Importantly we now have far more room to expand the book stock, which was a major drawback in the old LRC.

On the ground floor we can offer an additional learning support drop-in facility, student welfare advice and a coffee bar, so that students can take a break from their studies.

The improvement in facilities and the working environment is reflected in the rise of the overall satisfaction rate from 12.5% in 2003 to 77% of students in 2004 who are very happy with the appearance and comfort of the LRC.

During the recent half-term break we had good take-up by students wanting to use the facilities and we hope that this will increase when students from Collyer's leave to go on to Higher Education but return to use the LRC during vacation times.



Dick Tidey

Dick Tidey's death in December last year marked the passing of a link with much of Collyers' twentieth century history.

Dick's career at Collyers as pupil and teacher spanned almost fifty years, and he was without doubt one of Collyers' leading personalities during that time.

Dick started at Collyers in 1937 and at first found life at the school daunting. He later recalled: 'After the friendly microcosm of a village school, the effect of the company in class of Denne Road and Victory Road city slickers and the dozen or so begowned masters demanding excellence all the time was little short of horrific for me'. Foremost amongst his teachers was of course P A Tharp, and Dick was much influenced by the high standards PAT demanded and his stress on all-round development of character.

Despite his initial uncertainties, Dick soon settled into life at Collyers. He won a number of prizes and also excelled as an all-round sportsman, captaining the football and cricket first elevens and winning the senior cross-country race. Dick's all-round contribution resulted in his being appointed head prefect in 1943, although it must be admitted that his sporting interests almost brought his reign to a premature end, when G F W Hart caught him giving a boxing demonstration in the school library. 'Twitch' Hart however contented himself with giving the miscreant a clip round the ear rather than dispatching him to PAT.

Wartime conditions brought their own challenges, with shortages of paper and football boots, and Dick's career at Collyers culminated in his taking the Higher School Certificate sitting under the desk as the doodlebugs zoomed overhead. Much of Dick's time outside school was taken up with Home Guard duties.

Dick remembered the Home Guard being a serious force that would have given the Germans much trouble had they landed. He greatly disliked the television programme Dad's Army, regarding it as a travesty of history.

After gaining a commission in the Royal Navy and a degree at Queens' College Cambridge, Dick returned to Collyers in 1949. The post-war shortage of Science teachers meant that he initially had to take third form Science as well as Classics. This was quite a challenge, since he freely admitted to obtaining a School Certificate pass in science largely by 'cunning'. However the early years of his career as a teacher were particularly happy ones. Dick appreciated the camaraderie of the post-war staff room, built up through football and cricket matches and evenings spent solving the problems of the world in the Dog & Bacon.

In the classroom Dick's standards were rigorous. He regarded Latin as a demanding but valuable intellectual training, and was fiercely opposed to any external pressures to dumb the subject down. His weekly tests, or 'competitions', required his lower school pupils to know their Kennedy's Latin Grammar thoroughly whilst the 'typical A-level' unseens he set would be considered demanding by Classics finalists at university. He would be honest with his pupils if he felt that they needed to do a lot of work to bring themselves up to the standards required; if though they did make an effort, he was very quick to identify and praise improvements.

Dick's efforts helped ensure that Classics continued to prosper at Collyers after the retirements of PAT and FGB. In particular the team of Dick, Doc Hughes and Ed Tattersall made Classics one of Collyers' strongest departments as the grammar school became a sixth form

college. In the 1960s Dick also took on the teaching of Russian. Although this was his secondary subject, he did become quite evangelical about the language. A number of his lower school pupils chose to take up Russian, rather than German and Spanish, because of Dick's keen marketing of the subject when he was timetabled to be teaching Latin.

Dick's periods were never though too much of an academic pressure cooker as the demands on his pupils were mitigated by frequent deviations from the subject of the lesson. Dick's diversions covered a wide range of subjects, such as Collyer's in the 1930s, Field Marshal Montgomery's military tactics, the disappearance of the Sussex accent and contemporary pop music. His jokes and wordplays brightened lessons as well; anyone taught Russian by Dick will always remember the classic Eugene Onegin as Eu-gin One-gin.

These diversions might occasionally have been prompted by pupils in order to disguise their lack of preparation for his lessons, but they made his classes enjoyable learning experiences.

Dick's contribution outside the classroom was also immense. His reign as housemaster was one of the longest in Collyers' history. He continued to play a very active role in school sport, coaching the under-14 football XI and being a key member of the Staff cricket team, contributing match winning innings and bowling spells in the annual match against the school first XI. He also greatly enjoyed cross-country, seeing it as a sport that developed qualities of tenacity and strength of purpose as well as physical fitness. He appreciated the social side of the sport too, and runs alongside Dick were enlivened by a variety of colourful tales.

As well his contribution to school sport, Dick was in charge of the CCF Naval section for almost 30 years. Whitsuns were spent charting the recesses of Chichester Harbour, whilst in July the section explored the sea locks and mountains around Loch Ewe. Dick also started annual ski-trips in 1961. These perhaps

epitomised his play hard philosophy and also offered a type of holiday that many participants had not been on previously. He soon built up a group of regular attendees and readily welcomed female skiers when Collyers became mixed.

Undoubtedly Dick saw extra-curricular activities outside the classroom as an important aspect of his pupils' self-development and also as an important means of promoting pupil-staff relations. He was perhaps not too keen on major academic successes that were unaccompanied by efforts outside the classroom.

In the last house assembly of one school year, he rather shamefacedly admitted that although Hurst House had not for once carried off any of the major sporting trophies, it had equally unusually romped home in the Greenop Cup for academic achievement. Other housemasters would not have been embarrassed by this success.

Dick remained active on the golf course after his retirement, and remained a familiar figure around Horsham, always willing to chat to the many who knew him. He enjoyed reuniting with his contemporaries at OCA functions, and seemed to take as much pleasure seeing his former pupils at these as they did seeing him. His collection of magazines and photographs have been valuable additions to the OCA's archives.

Memories of Dick remain vivid for very many Collyerians, whether they be recollections of the classroom, the football pitch, the cricket ground, the cross-country course, the sailing boat or the ski run. Dick's history is an integral part of Collyers' history for half of the twentieth century. A former pupil, writing a couple years ago on Friends Reunited, proposed a toast to Dick, a sentiment which very many would share. Ed Tattersall, Dick's colleague for many years, suggested as an epitaph 'Percutiat pila quaeque tibi ima foramina campi' which, very roughly translated, means 'may your golf balls always hit the back of the hole'.

Nick Weller

Fourth Centenary Fund bows out

Most people associated with Collyer's know that the original boys' grammar school was founded under the will of Richard Collyer, and that he signed it in 1532. In 1965 the late Austen Willson, a former master, elegantly chronicled the school's ups and downs through the centuries until 1964. In the late 1920s even the biggest dunces at maths could tell that a pretty significant anniversary in the school's history was looming in 1932, its first four hundred years of existence. Although we have no record of our forefathers' deliberations on what to do about it, they ended up by opening 'the Fourth Centenary Fund', formed by a trust deed in 1928. Its objectives reflected the charitable spirit of Collyer all those centuries before, i.e.

'1- The relief of poverty among the past and present members, staff and employees of the school and their families;

2- the advancement of learning at the school and among its past and present members and their children.'

It is difficult for us to imagine the dire poverty and deprivation suffered by so many people around the time the fund was conceived. Philip Tharp had arrived as Headmaster in 1926, the year of the general strike, and economic depression began world-wide from about 1928 until its culmination in the annus terribilis of 1931. One suspects that Tharp was constantly encountering really bright Collyerians who were being held back from making the most of their talent and opportunity because of poverty at home, and that this was the driving force behind the creation of the fund. The management of the fund was vested in three trustees and five governors, all to be elected by the annual general meeting of the Association, an arrangement that endured over the life of the fund. Two well-known Horsham luminaries played an early part, John Ireland Eager and David Bryce. There was to be a capital fund which accrued income which would be distributed in the form of grants, or sometimes loans. The names of beneficiaries of the Fund were kept strictly private.

It is interesting to note from the early minutes that the very first application, from a boy for a grant to help to pay for a 14-day visit to France to improve his French, was turned down by the board, although the same applicant later received £5 to help him with expenses at Cambridge

University. The grants continued to flow, few of them for more than £10 at a time, and mostly to help boys to defray the cost of further education or their vocations. And so, year after year, the work went on, mainly helping boys and old boys who had fallen on hard times or who needed a little extra help to make the most of themselves.

Although the status of Collyer's had changed with the 1944 Education Act, the big upheaval came with its conversion to a sixth-form college in 1977. Collyer's ceased to be a boys' grammar school, now admitting girls and boys on a two-year higher education syllabus, often leading to the universities. At this time, the Old Collyerians' Association was opened to all students, and became the Collyerians' Association. There was a question at that time whether the assets of the original OCA Fund could legally be passed down to the succeeding organisation, but as the charitable objectives, despite the changes brought about by the reorganisation, were essentially the same, Counsel ruled that no reasonable objection could be made. So the Fourth Centenary Fund soldiered on, disbursing grants as and when valid applications came in.

However, as the twentieth century progressed, it became obvious to everyone that Collyer's and the world itself had changed dramatically since the grim days of the 'twenties and 'thirties. Compared with those days, there is now an abundance of help, financial and otherwise, available from so many quarters, so much so that any contribution from the Fund looked more and more like 'icing on the cake' to a student who, say, was raising thousands of pounds to spend six months on the other side of the world. It is a far cry from a £2 grant to enable a Collyerian to buy a rail ticket to Oxford or Cambridge to take a scholarship exam!

Although at meetings of the OCA and the annual dinner we still passed round the little wooden figure of the 'Old Lady' to collect donations, the Fund ceased to receive significant financial support from what had been 'the School'. And since the safety of its investments was paramount, the Fund was unable by law to benefit from the markets that were bringing prosperity to others, and increasing inflation in the process. (Of course, a cautious investment policy also means that though there's not much gain, there's not much pain either.)

So in the course of time, the trustees and governors began to wonder whether the really useful days of the Fourth Centenary Fund were coming to an end. Would it not now be better to roll up the capital and revenue funds and to donate the total sum to the College in a once for all gift, and so fulfil the second of the original objectives of the trust? These thoughts coincided with the launch of the College's appeal for funds for the proposed Learning Resources Centre, and after much deliberation this is what the Trustees and Governors decided should be done. Since the Fund was a registered charity, this process required the approval of the Charity Commissioners, who have been consulted at every stage.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association in November 2003 accepted the proposed winding-up of this 71-year-old charity 'with resignation and sadness', and a total of £12,973.30 was handed over to the College.

The money has bought the furniture of the IT Suite on two floors of this modern, high-tech centre. The donation is acknowledged in the foyer, and more detailed plaques are to be affixed in each of its two storeys.

Collyer's and the world that it serves have both changed mightily since those Old Collyerians met in a house in Wimblehurst Road in March 1932 to bring a 'Fourth Centenary Fund' into being. Without question, it has helped many Old Collyerians on their way, and it will be all our hopes that the new Learning Resources Centre will continue the tradition and do just that for many years to come.

John Snelling

At the time of its winding up, the trustees of the fund were R.A. Allen and P.R. Ticehurst (O.J. Street retired as a trustee in 2002. and the vacancy caused was not filled). The governors were R.C. Beckwith, R. Napper, R.W. Peay, H.J. Snelling and F.C. Tilling.

Music Department facilities upgraded during 2003/4

A new A-level Music Technology Course was introduced at Collyer's in September 2003. In order to be able to teach the course, a considerable number of changes had to be made to the existing music facilities. The department was well and truly ready for a refurbishment programme, thus it fell to subject leader (Roland Bryce) to draw up a specification for Music Technology.

A long storage cupboard was cleared and re-built, making room for two new studios: a partition wall separates the studios, with sound insulation and viewing windows to the main room. In addition the existing recording studio was re-fitted with new benching and XLR wiring. The performing arts office was converted into a fourth recording studio, with viewing windows enabling monitoring of students work from one position/vantage point. The whole complex was hard-wired with a coherent signal route to allow recording to take place in any of the studios, from the Duckering Hall, or from the main teaching room to each studio.

The floors were ripped up, and 'floating floors' fitted, to enhance sound attenuation; carpets and new ceilings with updated computer-kind lighting were fitted. A vast ring main of power was fitted, allowing equipment to be fitted that did away with the ungainly use of trailing sockets. The new recording equipment was now to be installed. Each studio has identical specification: a fully integrated Alesis Hard Disk recorder system in each room, plus Mackie Mixers, a 19in rack mounted CD writer, Minidisk, Amplification, monitors and Sound Processing equipment. An impressive industry-standard collection of microphones and professional wiring looms,



Right: The IT room in the new learning resource centre

makes the use of each room identical: students can record in one studio, take the hard drive from one machine to the others if required in order to maximise use of the facilities.

At the same time, a local network of PCs is being developed to allow traditional Music A-level students to use Notation and composition-based software. (Sibelius and Logic Audio)

The two older grand pianos were traded in for a brand new Yamaha C3 Grand Piano. This is a beautiful instrument and allows traditional A-level musicians to use a top-class instrument; accompaniments will sound rich and sonorous, whilst Music Technology students can tackle the challenge of recording a fantastic sounding instrument in its full Audio glory!

The main classroom has been fitted with perimeter benching, allowing rehearsals to take place without disruption to seating. HiFi equipment and DVD full screen interactive white-board technology was immediately praised by Ofsted in Feb 2004.

Final touches of furniture and fittings are being completed now: the fourth recording studio is home to a G5 industry Macintosh computer with a professional surround sound recording system. This studio is used for mixing and mastering the work undertaken in the other three studios. All of the above comes at a cost and will no doubt incur maintenance, but all are agreed that A-level music and music technology are well and truly up-to-date and cutting edge 2004.

Michael Marchant, Principal

MEMBERSHIP

Sorry - membership information is available only in the printed version of the newsletter

The Richard Collyer Masonic Lodge and Chapter

Dear Fellow Collyerians,

As I am nearing the end of my five year stint as Secretary of the Richard Collyer Masonic Lodge I thought it time that the Lodge claimed more than its usual back-page mention and your editor has very kindly allowed us more space.

I am pleased to report that both the Richard Collyer Masonic Lodge and Chapter are thriving and provide opportunities for Old Collyerians to meet as well as to pursue an interest in Freemasonry. The Lodge first met in April 1927, five years after the foundation of the OCA, and was probably formed for many of the same reasons as the OCA (besides of course its obvious Masonic purpose). The inaugural meeting was held at the Town Hall in the presence of nearly 200 masons and it has succeeded in meeting continuously since then, even during the war years, with regular meetings on certain Saturdays during the year (originally held in the old Black Horse Hotel in West Street but since 1939 held at the Masonic Hall in Denne Road). The Lodge celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2002 and is already looking forward to its centenary in 2027.

The Lodge encourages its members to pursue their understanding of the fascinating history and philosophy of Freemasonry and to make a commitment to charitable giving (to both masonic and non-masonic local and national charities). The Lodge is an active supporter of the Federation of Schools' Lodges which enables us to maintain

links with freemasons from other schools - from near neighbours such as Varndean and Brighton College to more distant cousins such as the former Mercers' School in London. There is also an active social side to our activities which takes the form of an annual Ladies' Festival (currently a residential weekend away in February), an informal dinner in October and a pre-Christmas Sunday lunch both at the Horsham Masonic Temple (now the Normandy Centre) in Denne Road. Non-masons are most welcome to attend all or any of these functions. Those of us who are members of the Richard Collyer Lodge find Freemasonry a very interesting and challenging activity and membership of the Lodge a very satisfying and enjoyable experience and would heartily recommend both to everyone.

If you are interested in finding out more about our activities please complete the slip enclosed with your OCA Newsletter and send it to me at my new address below and we will be happy to provide you with more details. Better still why not make a date to join us at our October dinner or our December pre-Christmas lunch to find out more about the Richard Collyer Lodge and to meet its members?

A history of the Lodge is currently in production and will soon be available.

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Civic Guild of Old Mercers

The Installation Dinner of the Guildmaster elect, M. St John Parker, will be held at Painters' Hall on 1st June 2004.

Social events have included viewing the Lord Mayor's Show and conducted tours of Young's Brewery and the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

Anyone interested in joining the Guild can obtain details from the Guild's Old Collyerian representative; Bob Smith, 95 Whitebeam Avenue, Bromley, Kent, BR2 8DN Tel. 0208 467 5217.

The OCA Committee would like to thank all contributors to this newsletter - we encourage others to share their memories, anecdotes, experiences and opinions to ensure that future editions are full and interesting. We apologise if space has prevented us using your submission this time - we try to use any unused material in later editions.

The next newsletter will be published in Autumn 2004.

