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Gentlemen,

Newsletter for the summer follows below.

News

I have the sad duty to convey that Gene Grube died in March. He attended EGS in the early 1940s. I was fortunate to speak to him just after Christmas and have a good chat about his time at the school, career and later life. I have enclosed the notice placed in The Times below.

GRUBE Eugene 'Gene' Ferdinand George C Eng FIET passed away peacefully on 5th March 2017, aged 89 years. Dearly loved by his wife Iris, children David, Gillian and Stephen, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and family. Funeral service to be held at St Asaph Parish Church, St Asaph, on Monday 20th March 2017, at 3.15pm, followed by St Asaph Crematorium, at 4pm. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, c/o Geoff Roberts Funeral Director, The Old Cottage, The Waen, St Asaph, Denbighshire, LL17 0DU. Tel: 01745 815226.

I also have the sad duty to convey that I received notice of the death of James Tong on 2nd February 2017, age 83. If any OB would like to send condolences, please advise.

I also enclose a note via Jim Hickman and Allen Harris with the latest news (from Christmas) on Charles Lowe.

We are writing this brief Christmas greeting on behalf of Charles, a proud Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad, to extend the compliments of the Season to all his friends.
Charles celebrated his 95th birthday at Halloween this year.

Whilst he says is 'fine', of course, Charles has had two emergency admissions to hospital since July and at the moment is too frail to continue looking after himself at home in Weobley. We are pleased to have found Dad a delightful residential care home in Leominster where he has his own room and, in our opinion, lives 'the life of Riley' with a small number of other elderly residents on the third floor.

His address is Waverley House, Etnam Street, Leominster HR6 8AQ.
Friends are always welcome if you are visiting this historic market town.

News from John Noble

I regret not attending either the Old Boys' Dinner or the Older Old Boys' Lunch this year, but certainly hope to attend in 2017.

I have been very busy opening the UK's 28th Emmaus Community for the homeless in Bridgend, South Wales - the first in Wales.

I stood in as Chair on a 'temporary' basis five years ago and we have now successfully created a £700,000 turnover social enterprise in the reuse and recycling of household goods. We say it has "*a triple bottom line - good for profit, good for people and good for the planet*".

We raised £1.5 million in the past two years, bought and converted a home providing en-suite accommodation for 24 people who work in the business, which was opened by the Rt Hon Carwyn Jones, First Minister, in January and visited by our Patron, The Duchess of Cornwall, in July.

We have recruited a number of good professional trustees so I can now return to a mentoring role and stop driving 10,000 miles a year visiting Bridgend from Cheltenham

Letter from the Headmaster

As many of you will know, the school has a new Headmaster and therefore the Association has a new President - Mr Chris Lamb.

I would like to place our thanks on the record to John Kerr for his enthusiasm and support for the Association during his period as Headmaster.

Mr Lamb writes:

It is a great honour to take on the responsibility of Headmaster of Enfield Grammar School. It has been a wonderful first term which culminated in a hugely successful visit from the DFE. They saw the unique nature of the school and were very complimentary about the progress the school was making on addressing the key areas for development.

I'm extremely excited about the future and look forward to meeting with members of the Old Boys Association to discuss this bright future and hearing about more of its past.

Events for the diary

School cricket matches

School Cricket Week again features four matches of interest.

Monday 26 OR Tuesday 27 June (tbc) - 1st XI v Old Boys

Wednesday 28 June - 1st XI v Staff

Thursday 29 June - 1st XI v MCC

Friday 30 June - 1st XI v Enfield CC (at Enfield)

Please let me know if you would like to play in the OBs game. All games are open for any OBs and friends to attend – please let me know so I can inform the school.

Tour of the Lower School with the Enfield Society

Stephen Gilburt is hoping to organise a tour of the Lower School site with the Enfield Society (as was the Enfield Preservation Society) one afternoon in the summer. Stephen can be contacted on 0208 363 0031 if you would be interested in joining.

Older Old Boy's Dinner

Brian Laming writes:

E.G.S. Older Old Boy's LUNCH: Wednesday 11th October 2017

I have booked our next Lunch, at the Enfield Golf Club, for Wednesday, 11th October 2017; for 12.30 arrival and a 13.00 sit down; until 16.30. The price will be £35. I am sending this notice, now, as a reminder by email, to electronic correspondents, and I shall also send it out in August, as hard copy to all those in my database, who have previously attended dinners. Please do remind all your friends, in case I don't have their current address. And please also put the date in your diaries (and tell your partners in plenty of time; so they don't go booking holidays in the Caribbean at this time).

As regards Dress Code, the only appropriate stipulation is the wearing of a Tie (preferably the Old Boys' one which I understand can now be purchased from the Association; via the Secretary, David Malleson secretary@egsoba.org.uk or from Peter Gross).

I was congratulated many times by those who so enjoyed our last Lunch and, with the Golf Club Caterers continuing to serve up a good meal, I am sure those attending the next one will not regret coming along; not least because of the wonderful fellowship with fellow old grammarians.

Kind regards, yours sincerely,

Brian J Laming

"1957 Dinner"

Ed Simmonds is organising a 1957 reunion Dinner, Saturday 21 October at the Marriot Hotel, Waltham Abbey 1830 for 1900 for any OB who was at the school in that year.

Ed can be contacted as follows for more information:

esds2ld@aol.com or Tel: 01787 378 124



Annual Dinner

Please note the revised date for the Annual Dinner is now **Saturday 4th November**, at the Upper School, 1830 for 1930 – more information to follow but please save the date and advise me of your interest soonest.

Events at the School

The school Music programme for the summer term has two excellent events,

Friday 12 May - Jazz and Acoustic Evening

Friday 30 Jun 2017 - Summer Music Soirée

Please contact the School Office office@enfieldgrammar.com or 0208 363 1095 if you would like more information. OBs are most welcome to attend.

Enfield Old Grammarians FC

Latest league tables for the teams are available as follows:

1st XI

<http://www.amateurfootballcombination.com/results-fixtures/match-centre/senior-devision-1/>

2nd XI

<http://www.amateurfootballcombination.com/results-fixtures/match-centre/intermediate-north-division/>

3rd XI

<http://www.amateurfootballcombination.com/results-fixtures/match-centre/4-north-division/>

4th XI

<http://www.amateurfootballcombination.com/results-fixtures/match-centre/8-north-division/>

Association Ties

Peter Gross has the stock of ties. Price £10 for collection in Enfield or £12 if posting is required. Email chairman@egsoba.org.uk

May we wish you a very Happy Easter, a pleasant summer and look forward to seeing you at the school for one of the cricket matches or at either of the Dinners in the autumn.

Best wishes,

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