

2013 REUNION

Saturday 27th April 2013

at

**Harrow College, Harrow Weald Campus
Brookshill, Harrow Weald**

Sign-in 1100 hrs • Lunch 1300 hrs

Carriages, alas, 1630 hrs



John Baker hard at work on the piano at the last Reunion.

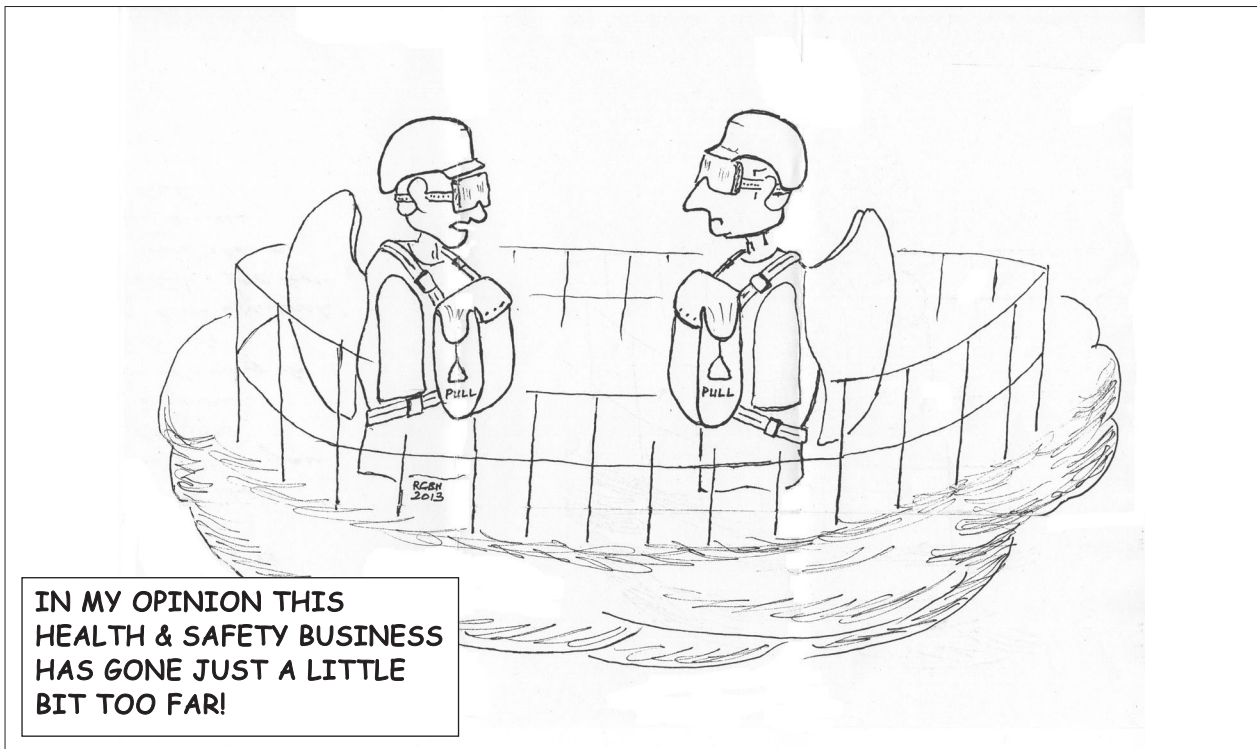
You will be receiving your order form for the 2013 Reunion in about a ten days. There will be some 'special' features for this 80th Anniversary: a glass of sparkling wine and a piece of anniversary cake included in the price.

Members must book for themselves, and any guests they bring along, on the form we send you. **PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORMS BY EARLY APRIL.**

We are working on the website and it should be up and running very soon.

And, of course, we love to get your news, your memories, your pictures, which can go on the website first and then in the next issue of News & Views, the copy deadline for which is the end of November 2013.

Ron Holroyd comments . . .



Some recent news ...

Derek and Mavis Hine have written to say that they expect to be resuming the North American OW Reunion this summer. They send best good wishes to all.



I must apologise to Marian (Frost) Freedman whose piece, which was sent for the last Newsletter was misfiled by me and didn't get into the last Newsletter. I give you a taster herewith and will print the piece in full next time. —PL

Volunteering in Kingston

An infant school governor for nearly 25 years, I'm also enjoying volunteering at the new Rose Theatre in Kingston. My son is very involved in politics so I find myself volunteering (again!) to be treasurer of the local party. I much enjoy walking in the Surrey countryside with a group of local friends, as well as playing social poker with an Anglo-French group of local friends every week. For the last 11 years I've travelled around Europe and UK with the Berkhamsted Choral Society's summer tour at the invitation of my school friend Jenny née Matthews who, like me, studied French, German and Economics A levels – but she was also a singer – I'm one of the groupies!

It would be great to hear from any other 60's Old Wealdens! – Marian



David Cobb (1937) has written ...

He is appalled that the idea of demolishing the school building was ever considered, as, I suppose were we all. David says: "I did once play, for a year or two, a real role in 'protecting' the school. I don't know why but I was put in charge of organising the fire-watchers' rota: two members of staff and two students from the Fifth or Sixth Forms made a team each night, through from 1940 to 1945. All very co-educational. Tea and biscuits. Students were supposed

to do their homework, teachers to mark books, but usually there was chat instead. Sunk in deep armchairs. Two hours on, four off. Sleeping bags in small rooms nearby. My job was to pin up the rota for the next week, this time on the notice board in the corridor near the girls' loo."

David sends a postscript to say that Wealden fire-watchers never had to deal with a single fire bomb, but there was a risk as one night over 200 incendiaries came down in the Boxtree Road area, about a quarter mile from the school.



Joyce (Reeve) Salter (1956) writes ...

"Another story about a penny springs to mind., this coin was accidentally dropped from the main line railway bridge by Kenton Recreation Ground and landed on the railway track between the four main lines and the two electrified lines. Of course, it had to be retrieved, a penny was the bus fare home, and my little friend crossed the two electrified tracks, picked up the penny and waited, sandwiched between a main line train passing her in one direction and an electrified one in the other and then returned without so much as batting an eyelid."

Joyce writes again with a quick response to Peter Murrell's poem on the back page:-

Memo to Peter Murrell from a bird lover

Your little birds aren't Jewish
The answer's clear of course
They've lost their taste for bacon rind
Since they've been eating horse.



Jennifer (Nunn) Brown (1949) has sad news ...

She reports the death of Wendy Eleanor (Cook) Cooke (1949) who passed away on September 24th last year.

Jennifer quotes from a piece Wendy wrote in the December 2008 issue of the Newsletter when they both attended the 75th Reunion.

Wendy wrote: "We moved to the Cotswolds over 30 years ago where I was employed at a local General Practice for over 20 years. It was a marvellous experience and I enjoyed being a member of a great team. We also ran a B&B which was fascinating, but now we have only non-paying guests.

"I was an Akela for a number of years and am now Chairman of the local Scout Fellowship. Since retirement I volunteer each week at the local day centre. I am also a guide at Snowhill Manor, our local National Trust property. My favourite occupation, however, is my role as Grandma to four delightful grandchildren.

"In six words, Life has been good to me."

Since that was written the four grandchildren have become six.

Wendy will be sadly missed.

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Latest from Ron Holroyd ...

**I'M GLAD YOU SPOTTED
THOSE BARGAIN HOLIDAYS
ON THE INTERNET!**

