



A message from our Chairman

Dear Old Fullarian,

Welcome to another edition of *Contact* which I hope you will enjoy. We are constantly looking at more ways to keep in touch, and this is still one of the most effective ways to do so. If I look back at the last year, I am extremely impressed by the amount of effort that the committee has put into improving communication with members and potential members.

Our mission is to be **"One of the most well respected, well run Old Boys Associations in England, which provides value to all its membership as well as playing an integral part in supporting the school in its future ambitions"**. Our 4s strategy is fundamental in achieving this and I wanted to update you on progress

Sales - Membership

The current economic environment in the UK is in a depressed state, however there are many examples of companies doing very well. Companies such as Apple and Amazon have increased their sales by putting innovation as core to their growth strategy. Amazon recently released an app that allows the user to go any shop and scan a barcode of any item and it then compares the shop price to the Amazon price!!! Effectively Amazon's shop window is now all its competitors. I am using this as an analogy on what we are doing with the OFA. We are innovating and creating better value for our membership. This year, we have, for the first time automatically allowed all sixth form leavers to become OFA members for four years without paying an annual subscription. This benefits all as the leavers can focus on university life, socialising and their degree courses knowing that they will still get all the information about what is happening in the Association. More crucially, and with the setting up of the OFA careers portal, when they start looking for a job the OFA is in a prime position to help. This is where you can help us. If you or your company are looking to recruit graduates please do get in touch with me and we can start the process of advertising your roles on our website.

Social - Networking

This year thanks to the efforts of Ali Dawson, Lenny Brown and Giles Wallis, the Old Boys Rugby is really taking off and the OFA is proud to be a sponsor. We wish the Old Boys rugby team success in their upcoming fixtures.



I am encouraged by the number of school leavers who are joining the rugby, football, cricket and golf clubs and this bodes well for the future. In recognition of the work that individuals at these clubs do all year round we will be having our second Chairman's awards evening in November.

We continue to grow numbers in the LinkedIn and facebook groups which we find invaluable in providing regular updates on what the Association is up to. We have also embraced twitter which we are making more use of as time goes by. Our website is still central as a one stop shop for updates

on all association clubs and activities

School

The OFA is committed to helping the School as much as possible. Thanks to your annual subscription, last year we were able to help sponsor the school rugby trip to Canada and the school cricket trip to Sri Lanka. This year we will be purchasing a scrum machine for the School as part of the Olympic Legacy Programme which the school ran.

One of the newer joint activities we have created with the School has been "Dragons Den" where we invest £2,000 on ideas that help the School. These ideas are generated by the boys in year 10 and then they present their pitch to the OFA and School dragons. Many thanks go to Jon Shafe who organises the boys ideas and to Roger Faires who runs the event for the OFA.

Succession

Our succession strategy is working well and Mike England the current Vice Chairman is working with me in readiness for his term as Chairman. We also have a number of new committee members who are working with existing officers so that there is greater continuity in the running of all aspects of the Association.

I am very lucky that I have such a hard working committee and their work and dedication is a continuous source of inspiration. Without their efforts we would not be able to grow the membership and help the School. We want to do more and that is why your £15 pounds a year is so important to us and I hope that you continue to support the Association and encourage other OFs to sign up.

Kind regards

Bobby Shome

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From the Editor

What a summer! The Jubilee, the Olympics, The Ryder Cup and rain more rain.

We were also busy on the Fullerian front - golf, cricket, quiz evenings, a river trip and the latest addition to the calendar - the initial meeting of the "Fullerian Chapter" at the "Cheshire Cheese" in Fleet street, details elsewhere in this edition.

The remainder of the Fullerian year will also be a busy time with the Chairman's Awards Evening in November and the Annual Dinner in January.

Our membership is increasing and it is particularly gratifying that we are attracting an increasing number of OFs. Do encourage any old boys who are not members to join us.

Many thanks to those of you who are sending material for future publication - keep it coming - and a special thanks to Peter Holden for his efforts in the design and layout of "Contact"

See you at the Annual Dinner.

John Cook

Old Fullerians' Cricket Club

In the worst summer for many years, no fewer than ten fixtures fell victim to the weather. Particularly depressing was July when only two matches were completed.

Our playing record for the season was: played 15, won 6, drawn 4, lost 3, abandoned 2.

There were several outstanding performances, but pride of place must go collectively and individually to the last match of the season against OMT. Set to score 213, we achieved this without losing a wicket - Bobby Shome 83 N.O and Liam David 119 N.O ensuring a memorable end to an otherwise frustrating season.

Although we did not record a victory during our tour of Kent, it was once again enjoyed by all who took part.

It is intended to tour again on 2013 and details of this and other fixtures will feature in the next edition of "Contact" and the Association Calendar.

John Cook

Old Fullerians' Football Club

A promising start to the 2012/13 season with two wins, two draws and one defeat in the league.

Not so good in cup competitions having already lost in both of our matches.

Top scorers to date: Ben Williams - 7 goals, Joe Rylett and James Sandford - each with three goals.

Under Jimmy Phang's continued stewardship, we continue to attempt expansive and attractive football and are pleased to have recruited several new members including John Shafe and Mark Needham, the former an old boy of the School and currently teaching there.

CAKE IN THE SKY

There were many cakes baked for the Queens Jubilee, the WI baked over a thousand for the Pageant in Battersea Park. Quantity was however not on the cards for four teams of structural engineers. Size, beauty, taste and design were the order of the day.

It all started four months ago when I saw an article in my trade journal appealing for Engineers to form teams to build a tallest cake for the Jubilee. The rules were simple, it had to be:

- Entirely edible, no sticks, dowels, plates, metal etc
- Cut with a knife - so no giant sugar spikes
- No wider than 1.5m
- Erected in Battersea Park in four hours without electricity

Structural engineers are trained to apply their knowledge of materials and physics such that buildings and bridges don't fall down. Applying "first principals" to food stuffs was an easy transition although finding a material that satisfied our ideal structure was much more complicated. The idea was obviously to find something strong, economical, workable and delicious. Stacking sponge cake was out of the question as it would deform under its own weight so we started thinking out of all the different types of food we could use:

Spun Sugar

A natural choice when paired with profiteroles to create a croquembouche tower, unfortunately it was deemed too difficult to transport, and fairly hazardous to make. Heating sugar to an exact 152 degrees Celsius (that's over 300 Fahrenheit) gave us plenty of burns. So we quickly threw that out.



Toffee Apples

Another idea was to create a toffee apple tower, dipping the apples in toffee and then stacking them in a pyramid structure. Unfortunately when calculating the quantities needed, we felt a ton of apples was not reasonable!

Our Design

Inspired from the photo taken of a team member standing on a 4" cube of chocolate and rice crispies we knew we were on to a winner. We went through a number of prototypes and played with different moulds. Eventually we formed columns out of kitchen roll tubes and balanced layers of flat slab on top of them. By multiplying this up to



six tiers, our cake looked like a giant cake stand!

The Build

We made all the components on the Friday before the event in a kitchen in Park Royal. Then transporting everything to Battersea Park on the Saturday meant our cake had to sit overnight in a tent, we wrapped them up well. Unlike other teams who suffered some ant attack!

On the day our plan was simple, go steady and precise. Our challenge was to ensure our cake remained stable but keeping each tier flat, this we

checked with a level and controlled using white chocolate

buttons as shims.

To bind the columns to the flat slabs, we melted chocolate over hot water from the local tea stand and used that to weld it

together. By 4pm it was taking shape and we started to decorate.

Each tier was to celebrate a previous jubilee decade, so the first tier had tin coloured balls, followed by china looking icing, pearl balls, ruby sugar cubes, gold balls, and of course diamond sugar sweets! This is when the rain hit

and we were left finishing it off taking turns holding the umbrella. When our topping piece, a truly amazing chocolate crown by the Master chocolatier Paul Wayne Gregory was placed on top, we measured in at 7ft tall!

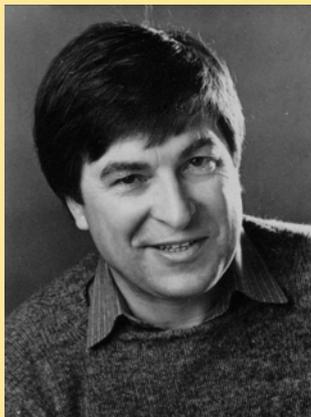
We hadn't gone tall enough and a 4.2m tall cake came out tops. Instead we won the most beautiful cake award! When it was over, our cake was fed to the hungry crowds.

What of the others I hear you ask... well take a look at the following video of one of the other competitors' cake collapse

<http://youtu.be/xiLjBM3SEfI>



Fred Bridgland. Journalist, Author and Old Fullerman



I recently paid a return visit to Watford after decades away in India, the Middle East, various parts of Africa, Brussels and, latterly, Scotland. I wandered right around the perimeter of the school

taking in old familiar sights - but, in truth, with special interest in the houses still standing of two old girlfriends in the Rickmansworth Road opposite the school! I have re-established contact with

one of those "girls", former Watford Grammar School for Girls pupil Dorothy Hume, who now lives in Canberra where she became a senior Australian civil servant. We're catching up on each other's lives regularly following our parting too too long ago and plan to meet again next year - current missus permitting!

How thoroughly delighted I was also to see a soccer pitch on the playing fields behind the school whose premises I had last glimpsed in scenes from the film of Alan Bennett's *History Boys*, in which the school figured prominently in location shots [allegedly in West Yorkshire].

I told my mother, as I sat the old 11+ exam, that I did not want to go to Watford Grammar School because soccer was not played there and my biggest ambition in life then was to become a professional footballer. Therefore, I insisted, I would go to soccer-playing, civilised Bushey Grammar School. No, my mother said, you will go to Watford Grammar School for Boys - and she won. Like many of my generation arriving as callow

eleven-year-olds, I hated rugby and the teachers who forced us to guddle in the New Field mud, with one particular little martinet [who on Mondays taught in the uniform of an army captain in advance of evening marching by the Cadet Corps, which I did NOT join] bellowing "Go low, boy, go low". I hated going low and until now have daymares about the little captain. I learned to dive the wrong way in tackles when some hulking brute was charging towards me and gave up rugby as soon as permitted to concentrate on cricket, hockey and, outside school, soccer. With many others I used to bunk off to watch Watford FC, where my heroes were Cliff Holton, Tony Collins, Jimmy Bowie and Bobby Cook. I received a bad eye injury at the bottom of a scrum at school and only took up rugby again in my final two years to prove I could do it. At university I played and loved soccer.

I used to irritate masters who argued that rugby was character forming [it isn't] by constantly asking why we could not play soccer. Anyway, I'm soooooooooooooo pleased that today's pupils have a choice. Now, that's civilised.

Rugby apart, my mother's choice of Watford Grammar School was the right one. Two masters in my days, headmaster Harry Rée and head geography teacher and my sixth form master John Rigg, hugely encouraged me and had profound and positive influences on my subsequent life and career as a foreign newspaper correspondent on three continents, winning several awards, and as an author. I am forever indebted to them.

Both John and Harry stimulated my already vivid imagination. Harry thrashed me a couple of times - once for thoroughly good reason after I had taunted mercilessly a French master who I came to realise, with

OFA LONDON GATHERING 11th October 2012

At The Johnson Club supper, December 13, 1892, 'an eloquent gentleman, present, an Irish Ex MP, pointed out that when Dr Johnson acted on his famous suggestion "let us take a walk down Fleet Street" the Cheshire Cheese must of necessity have been included among his places of call.'

And so it was that a group of Old Fullermanians acted on Dr Johnson's suggestion and made their way to Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese on Fleet Street for the inaugural OFA London gathering. On a Thursday evening, a group of around 30 old boys met, drank and swapped business cards whilst sharing stories from their days at the school and their time since. A great positive was the opportunity for some OFs who might not be able to make meetings or events in Watford due to work commitments to come along after work and renew their ties with the school and the association.

Chairman Bobby Shome said a few words to those present in the Johnson Bar on the future of the association, stressing the importance of bringing a new generation of old boys into the association. With so many OFs moving from university to pursue careers in London, it seems there is a genuine interest in old boys

maintaining their ties with the school through, in the words of Deputy Chairman Russ Deane, a "London Chapter" of the OFA. Given the success of the evening, it seems that by working at putting on events in London the OFA can usher in a new generation of Old Fullermanians and connect with old boys who haven't previously been involved with the association.

One common theme discussed on the evening was the opportunity for younger OFs leaving the school or university to meet with old boys now working in the city and elsewhere for advice on careers, in an informal setting over a beer. Looking round the room on the evening there was a selection of old boys pursuing a diverse range of careers in politics, law, surveying, accountancy, IT and banking. Many of these old boys have been through the graduate milk round and would no doubt be happy to lend some advice to the younger generations now coming into a tough job market. As we look to the future, it would be great to see more old boys who are leaving university and school coming along to these events to take advantage of the opportunity to meet and discuss careers and get some guidance and support from the older OFs.

hindsight and infinite remorse, must have been suffering from wartime post traumatic stress disorder. But Harry never gave up on me, telling me I should believe I could do anything; sending me to Borneo, where I taught in an interior jungle town and formed a soccer team, as one of the pioneers of Voluntary Service Overseas; and securing a place at university for me despite some pretty average 'A' level results, except in geography.

I was delighted to re-establish contact again recently with John Cook, my captain when I played cricket for the Old Fullers in university holidays [O Captain! My Captain! Rise up and hear the bells; Rise up—for you the flag is flung—for you the bugle trills]. John has reintroduced me again to the world of Watford Grammar School for Boys and all the saints and ne'er do wells who have passed through its rooms and halls. For that I am very grateful: I have been overcome with nostalgia for times that still seem like yesterday.

I lost touch with the school and with Watford for decades after leaving university to embark on a foreign reporting career, during which I was bombed by Pakistani warplanes in Amritsar; discovered mass graves in East Pakistan; was detained, interrogated and deported during the 1973 Middle East War by the Syrian Secret Service; discovered the 1975 South African military invasion of Angola; was put on trial in a jungle hut by an African guerrilla chieftain; survived air and train crashes; watched Nelson Mandela walk to freedom and wrote a book detailing the many murders carried out, or ordered, by his notorious wife Winnie. As I write, I am about to fly to South Africa for a month of research for a new book about Winnie Mandela and her victims.

Superficially, it sounds pretty rough, but truth be told it has all been enormous fun and better than working. I realised over the years, on reflection and after talking to people about their experiences at other schools, that Watford Grammar School boys of my generation were remarkably lucky. The school was exceptional by any standards, thanks mainly to Harry Rée. I remain for ever grateful to him, to Watford Grammar School, John Rigg, John Cook, Dorothy Hume and many, many others from those days in Watford Herts. My only regret is that for a period at school I was an unattractive rebel and did not take full advantage of all the many opportunities if offered: I would conduct myself differently if I could return.

These days I live and write books in Edinburgh, because Scotland is where most of my children and grandchildren live and because my missus loves the place. If you're ever bored and are sitting twiddling your thumbs, you can catch up on more of my vaingloriously tall stories on my website WWW.FREDBRIDGLAND.COM which I intend updating once I write "the end" on completion of this current book.

Ed: An interesting career! I was delighted to meet up with Fred again after many years, and look forward to seeing him at the Annual Dinner.

*Among Fred Bridgland's reporting awards, he has been commended for foreign reporting in the British Press Awards and has been Scotland's Journalist of the Year and Reporter of the Year. For a while, he says, he was assistant editor of The Scotsman but resigned when Andrew Neil arrived as editor-in-chief because it had been one of his greatest journalistic ambitions never to work for Mr Neil. That period of his working life, he says, was not fun.

After the success of this first event, the Association will look to put on a similar evening in the near future and hopefully get an even larger selection of old boys along. It



would be great to see as many of you as possible at the next event.

Sam England
(1999-2006)

Our Chairman with Duncan Hames MP

New Members for 2012 so far.

We welcome the following new members:

G Boxall (76-83)	R A Lewis (05-12)
F Bridgland	M G Macdonald (98-05)
N J Carr (02-09)	C Nicol (00-06)
A Christoforou (05-12)	J Patel (01-08)
T A Churchill (55-59)	C Perkin (62-69)
J Cozens (60-67)	P G Richards (54-61)
A Dawson (01-08)	M A Robinson (51-56)
A Dell (81-87)	A Shome
W L Donovan (06-12)	G R Sillwood (05-12)
H Ebrahim (90-97)	P V Townsend (47-53)
J Franklin (95-03)	S P Walker (63-70)
M R Harrison (98-05)	E D White (93-00)
A Hodgkinson (93-00)	S Witney (03-08)
M Johnston (77-86)	J Wyatt (80-85)
H Junaideen (01-08)	
A Kendall (02-09)	

School Events

Rugby Tour of Canada - with thanks to Gavin Herbertson 6FPg

On July 18th, thirty boys and three members of staff left for a rugby tour of Canada. Spirits were high but we were unsure as to what we should expect. Although Canada is lesser known as a rugby nation, we didn't want to underestimate them. As we touched down in St. Johns airport we really felt like a proper international side, partly due to the fact that our arrival was announced over the intercom system and partly due to our superb new kit. We spent much of the rest of that day undergoing Mr. Wallis' gruelling training regime, cunningly disguised as a 'walk' to look for food.

The next day would be our first match of the tour against Newfoundland U17s. They were a provincial team made up of the best players from the surrounding rugby clubs, so we knew that it would not be easy.

Despite the superior size of our opponents, some of whom possessed full on beards and mullets, they couldn't match our skill level.

Final score:

WBGs 23 – 15 Newfoundland U17

Our next game would be against their U18 side. We had heard rumours that they had five or six players from Team Canada in their ranks. Whether or not this was true they were certainly another very large side. The game was incredibly even, but again our superior skills showed. After lulling them into a false sense of security with 'simple rugby', our breakthrough finally came from a theatrical kick and chase by Pranav Amaranath. Two games, two wins for Watford.

Final score: WBGs 14 – 8 Newfoundland U18

After having had to wake up at three in the morning to fly to Ottawa, and undergo a gruelling seven hour coach journey to Toronto, the boys all sought vengeance for their suffering against our next opponents, Brantford RFC. We had now moved away from the mullet-clad giants of Newfoundland and found ourselves in Ontario, where the boys were of a more normal stature. Without the advantage of size, our Canadian opponents found us too much to handle.

Final Score: WBGs 31 – 17 Brantford RFC



Our final game came several days later against the suspiciously similarly named Brampton RFC. This was our last game on tour and many of the boys' last game for Watford as well as Mr. Kersey's last game as a coach. The game was really the perfect way to end the tour.

Final Score: WBGs 54 – 7 Brampton RFC

The rugby was immensely enjoyable but it was only one part of the tour. We were also fortunate enough to experience many of the other wonders that constitute Canada. Much of the time was spent staying with host families, so we became really immersed in Canadian culture and their way of life. We went to see the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Oakland Athletics in a highly enjoyable baseball game.

We ventured out on a boat to see whales and puffins in their natural environment. We visited Canada's Wonderland and had the chance to go on truly enormous roller coasters. We even saw Niagara Falls in all their glory. The undoubted highlight, however, was when we went jet boating in the Niagara Basin. The boat went at roughly seventy miles per hour through white rapids; it was as if an entire bathtub

full of water was thrown onto you every couple of seconds. The experience was truly epic. Ultimately, the weather was stunning, the people were lovely, the activities were enjoyable and we won all of our games. It was a pretty good tour if you ask me.

Most tries: Elliot Byefield (5)

Most Points: Harry Thor (30)

Men of the Matches: Miles Finnegan, Rory Akers, Miles Mcleod.



Old Fullieran Rugby Club

This new club is active. We hope to have full reports of its activities in later editions. Watch this space!!



Forthcoming Events - Please check the website for details

Friday 30th November

Chairman's Awards Evening at the Alpine Restaurant, Bushey Heath

Saturday 12th January

The Association Annual Dinner in the School Hall

Vice-Presidents' Luncheon

At the Alpine Resaurant, Bushey, on Saturday 27th October.

Ten Vice Presidents attended and we were pleased to welcome the latest addition to our number, Russell Deane, and as our guest, Bobby Shome, the Association Chairman.

Ed: Delighted to have the company of Peter Walker, our longest serving vice-president now ninety seven years young!

Do you not have an Association Tie or Cufflinks?

For ties, contact Bobby Shome (Tel 02084 322822)

Striped with crest (polyester).....£8.50

Striped with crest (silk).....£16.50

Black with crest (polyester).....£9.00

Price includes postage



Some members have enquired about Association scarves, comments would be welcome.



For cufflinks contact John Cook (Tel 01923 222829) or order via our website shop. Price is £15 including postage

From the Registrar

As most members must know by now, we have changed our bank to NatWest. Disappointingly, despite our publicising this, we still have about 200 members who have not reinstated their standing orders. We are therefore about £3000 short in our income which will affect our ability to support the School. If you have not already done so, please contact your bank to renew your standing order. A standing order mandate form is available on the website. The relevant information is as follows:

NatWest Bank plc,
Berkhamsted Branch,
Account name: The Old Fullierians' Association
Sort code: 60-02-21
Account number: 64087697

Peter Holden

THE OFA WEBSITE

The website has been up now for over three years. Progress with the new facilities is disappointing. The market place now has still six entries and we could do with more. We have just one entry offering advice and one career opportunity. Are there no more members who would like to advertise; it is free.

If you have any items which you would like to have included, please send me the material, text and photos. We had an encouraging start but the novelty seems to have worn off. Perhaps facebook and twitter satisfy any need. If there is any way that you think the site should change or expand, please come forward with your ideas.

One very pleasing and continuing aspect of the website is that all of our recent new members (30 since the beginning of the year) have joined and paid their first year's subscription via the site.

Peter Holden

Old Fullarian Golf Society 2012

A great day's golf was enjoyed by 28 golfers at Flackwell Heath Golf Club as Captain John Spicer welcomed us all to his golf club for the Spring Meeting. Despite a horrible day's weather, the scoring was very impressive. Teams of four balls were also playing for the inaugural John Ausden Team Trophy kindly presented by Grant Ausden. Grant assured all members that to be playing a Trophy in memory of his Dad was a real joy and a fitting tribute to all the hard work John had given the OFGS over many years. Results were:

- P.Nunn – Spivey Cup
- Deane, Ackerman, Edwards, Martin – J.Ausden Team Award
- I.Martin – Guest Prize



Our first team fixture was our 4th against WBGS for the Pete Ausden Cup and it was played on the hottest day of the year at West Herts GC where the OFGS were defending their win from last year. (See above) The School team, organised by Stu Williams, was a mixture of boys and masters and the teams were evenly matched.

The pairs and the results on the night were as follows:

- J.Spicer (Captain) & G.Bolton win 3&1 against Peter Franklin & Danny Cochrane
- M.Highfield & Dave Highfield win 4&3 against Patrick Noran & Nick Hatcher
- R,Deane & J.Tyerman loss 3&1 against Austin Bailey & Dillon Gadhia
- P.Shearring & S.Bird win 6&5 against S.Williams

Our second summer competition was against Old Albanians at Mid Herts GC. A beautiful afternoon spoilt only by one harsh rain shower on the front 9. Captain Spicer had picked a strong team, however the newness of the course and pairings did not work out for the team and they were narrowly beaten 3:1.

- Captain Spicer & S.Ackerman:
 - beaten 1 down by T.Bolton & J.Putterill
- J.Tyerman & P.Chiang:
 - beaten 4&2 by P.Redford & K.O'Donoghue

- S.Hendry & R.Deane:
 - win 3&2 against R.Drakard & A.McDonald
- P.Shearring & P.Hanson:
 - beaten 1 down by J.Cox & J.Lake

Our third summer fixture was against Old Merchant Taylors at Sandy Lodge GC. A beautiful afternoon with golf to match. Captain Spicer had picked a strong team and his astute selection paid off handsomely with a 3:1 win over the opposition. This builds on a draw against OMT from last year.

- I.Bullied & P.Shearring beat Captain M.Lupton & D.Hassell 2&1
- Captain Spicer & R.Deane beat R.O'Donoghue & S.Vaux 2 up

- G.Mapley & P.Chiang beaten 1 down by C.Nicholson & N.Tollit

- B.Pettifer & M.Groves beat S.Straddling & G.Woodley 2&1

Finally Old Fullarians' Golf Society entered a team for the 3rd year running in the Highgate Old Boys Golf Competition held on the 21st September at Highgate GC. The competition is a foursomes format with three pairs competing in each team. The competition comprised thirteen old boy teams with names as familiar as OMT, Haberdashers, Old Albanians, Old Berkhamstedians, Aldenham etc. Last year the OF team won the Competition and this year they were looking to defend their title.

Vice Captain Paul Shearring selected the following team with the following

results:

- Deane - Shearring = 29 points
- Price - Bullied = 31 points
- Groves - Pettifer - 34 points

A wonderful day's golf with a fine display of golf by the OF team. The record now stands at 2nd - 1st - 3rd in this Inter-schools Competition for the last 3 years

Our final golf meeting was the Autumn meeting that broke all records – 37 golfers attended (largest turnout ever!) – Mark Highfield shot 3 under gross on the day for 44 points (has to be a record!) – a sporting legend attended (Andrew Thornton the Cheltenham Gold Cup Winning Jockey who was a guest of Andy Needham) – the inaugural Dave Price Team Trophy was competed for!! – more guests than we have ever had before! (several of them OFs....Tim Sharp – Tim Constable – John Carvell)

A great day's golf was had by the 37 golfers at West Herts Golf Club as Captain John Spicer signed off his Captain's year. The Sun shone and the team atmosphere bristled with excitement. !! M.C. Chris Price entertained us with some more "Cooperesque" funnies and Captain Spicer revelled in his OFGS wins across the Summer – especially beating OMT at Sandy Lodge. Paul Shearring was announced as next year's Captain and so the OFGC circus rolls on into 2013.....