



OLD CAMBRIAN SOCIETY (UK)

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Thinking of Kenya

With the hostilities that have exploded across the country since the elections at the end of 2007, let us spare a thought and a prayer for the millions of ordinary people of Kenya who are caught up in this needless violence. We hope that all Old Cambrians & their families in Kenya remain safe, and that law & order (and normality) will soon return this wonderful country.

Treasurer to retire

The Treasurer of the Old Cambrian Society (UK Branch), **Ian Beaty** (Clive 1954-9) has decided to call it a day & says that "younger shoulders should now take over".

Many, many thanks to Ian for a job fabulously done over all the years, and he has agreed to remain in the post until the Annual Dinner on 11th April when his replacement will be announced. Any "youngster" fancy a job??

2007 Annual Dinner

On Friday 27th April 2007, 109 attended the Annual Dinner of the Old Cambrian Society (UK Branch) held at the Royal Air Force Club, Piccadilly, London. As usual, people came from all over the world (12 countries) to join in the fun. A full report and photos can be found on the OCS web site (<http://www.oldcambrians.com/Photos-Reunion2007RAF.html>), but here are two photos showing some happy "old boys".



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Nicholson House group photo

OLD CAMBRIAN SOCIETY (UK) 2008 Annual Dinner

Friday 11th April

at

The RAF Club

128 Piccadilly, London W1J 7PY

(see overleaf for more details and to reserve places....hurry!!)

If you haven't attended one of the many reunions that take place around the world each year, then why not try one of them in 2008. Reunions are advertised on the OCS web site as soon as the Webmaster becomes aware of them, and they are organised by enthusiastic volunteers.

During 2007, many memorable reunions took place, and they are all reported in full on the web site. The main ones were:

- * **Perth**, W. Australia in March
- * **London**, England in April
- * **Mississauga**, ON, Canada in September
- * **Durban**, South Africa in September
- * **Nairobi**, Kenya in September
- * **Sydney**, Australia in October

There were also many "mini-reunions" that took place, sometimes just between two or three Old Cambrians who decided to meet up and reminisce about the good old days. These are often the most rewarding, as you can spend quality time with your old pals.



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Old Cambrian Society (UK) 2008 Annual Dinner

Menu

Baby Pineapple & Melon Salad

*Filet of Pork wrapped in philo pastry
(served with apple, mushroom farce and glazed
button onions, grain mustard mash, French beans)
Vegetarian option will be available upon request*

Chocolate Tart with cream

Coffee and Petits Fours

Price - £36

(application form enclosed)

Reserve your place early to avoid disappointment
Maximum number of places - 120

6.00pm to 11pm - Cash bar in The Club Bar (ground floor)
7.30pm - Dinner in The Ballroom (first floor)

Slide Show of photos of "old boys" & the School
Old Cambrian Society blazer badges will be on sale

Old Cambrian Society Trust Fund

During 2008, the long-awaited Old Cambrian Society Trust Fund will be launched, with the aim of providing on-going funding for special projects at the school and also to help needy and able students to complete their education at the school. In September 2007, the Secretary held lengthy discussions with the Principal of Nairobi School, and was able to identify some of the key areas where funding from "old boys" could be best spent.

The school has a very good strategic plan for the future, which concentrates on the infrastructure required to support the needs of the students and staff. Ambitious plans are also in place to continue the improvement in the academic standards attained by students. However, all of these plans will have to be financed by fund-raising initiatives, and this is where the Old Cambrian Society will take centre stage.

The Secretary is planning to visit Kenya again in June 2008 and will use that opportunity to identify initial projects that the OCS can help with. More on this in the next newsletter.

Another newsletter will be published once the OCS Trust Fund is established, letting Old Cambrians know how they can help in raising funds. However, we are grateful to the Canadian Branch of the OCS who have already raised £110 during their annual dinner on 8th Sept 2007. A raffle was organised of (the late) Dave Drummond's superb book "Queen of the Mara" and Willie Curry (Nicholson 1948-52) was the fortunate winner of a signed, limited edition copy.

Prince of Wales School Medal

Dave Masheder (Clive 1965-70) has donated this unique piece of PoW memorabilia, and any money raised from it will go to the Trust Fund. The copper medal is 38mm (1½ inches) in diameter and was presented from the 1930s for achievement. The medal is "blank" and was given to Dave by the Bursar in 1970. It's a "must have" for all Old Cambrians. Bids for the medal can be sent to the Secretary, and final bids will be taken at the Annual Dinner on 11th April 2008.

First bid is £50 from the Secretary. If you wish to own this superb medal, send a higher bid to the Secretary/Webmaster.

For Auction (see details on right)

Prince of Wales School Medal



Contact details - please !!

So that the Secretary can maintain an up-to-date list of e-mail and "snail-mail" addresses of all Old Cambrians, please e-mail him with your **name**, the **house** you were in, the **years** you attended the school, **current address** and preferred **e-mail** contact. For those without access to the Internet, please write to the Secretary (address below).

If your contact details change, please inform the Secretary.

Please visit and use the Web Site and go to the "Register Here" page - send an e-mail to the Webmaster so that you can be placed in the Old Cambrians' Alumni. Send in your latest contact details, photos, stories so that "old" school pals can share them and possibly get back in touch with you after all these years.

If you don't have the Internet, post items to the Secretary.

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