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From the Chairman

Dear Fellow Members,

Thank you to those who voted for me, who wrote kind words on their *Survey* forms and who sent messages of praise for the Spring Meeting. March 8th 2008 was a momentous, bitter-sweet day. The proposal to close-down ECSOGA was a shock for many but, as Jean Potter explained, there has been frequent discussion in the past decade about the Association possibly ceasing to exist.

I wish to record the debt owed to those who have kept ECSOGA going in recent years. Without **Jean Potter** we would have closed in early 2000. With 10 minutes to consider her decision, Jean agreed to take-over the Chair when family obligations forced **Betty Archer** to give four weeks' notice of her resignation. Jean was the only Committee member willing to undertake the leadership role and, despite living 70 miles from Enfield, she did not hesitate to step into the breach. Four years later, **Mary Stevenson** was the only person prepared to assume the responsibility – and she did not waver either. We were most fortunate to find two such energetic leaders in Jean and Mary. Earlier we were equally fortunate: **Betty Archer, Ann Wickert and Helen Dordewic** staged the 90th birthday and got us back on track after the death of the Secretary, **Marjorie Reed**. But for Betty, Ann and Helen, we would have foundered in 1995. **Our thanks to these ladies – and their Committee colleagues.** The current Committee hopes they will not think their efforts were in vain. We believe the time is right for a dignified exit. We have in mind their examples of service and we trust that we can enable ECSOGA to bow out in a way satisfactory for the present Membership and appropriate to the memory of those associated with us in the past.

ONWARD - UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2009!

All good wishes

HARRIETT NAILON (Lott 1956-63)



Diary Dates

Saturday 13 September 2008

ANNUAL REUNION

12 noon until about 4 pm
Decade Marking for those
who entered ECS in
1931/41/51/61/71/81/91

BOOKING FORM ENCLOSED

Saturday 14 March 2009

-See page 8 for details

Saturday 12 September 2009

CENTENARY PARTY &
ECSOGA Farewell

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AGM and Spring Meeting Report

The 70 Members who gathered at ECS on 8 March 2008 brought brightness to the overcast day in blouses, scarves and lapel ribbons of purple, red, light blue, dark green or pale yellow. Nonetheless the AGM was a sombre hour, realism heavy in the air. Some had come with hope that last-minute volunteers would scupper the proposal that ECSOGA should be closed down. The meeting was reminded that the result of the recent *Survey of Support* was not binding but that the non-response rate of 70% could not be ignored. As 76% of those who had replied were positively in favour of closing down, and 20% were in favour by default, it was soon clear that the Committee's proposal would be adopted. Joint Chair, Harriett Nailon, assured Members that they will be kept informed of the progress of the winding up at the events remaining in ECSOGA's calendar and in the three Newsletters.

Sad decision made, normality asserted itself: lunch was customarily convivial but with added boisterousness as House Captains made sure that everyone had "registered" and then sorted out representatives for the afternoon's competitions. Ms Rutherford drew the raffle (£176 for the Memorial Fund) and by 2.05pm the assembly had arranged itself in the blocks of House chairs. There followed two hours of semi-serious examination and demonstration of *The Competitive Spirit at ECS*. Details and results of the votes and competitive tasks on Page 2. As always, the Committee is most grateful to all who attended: the good humour, sportsmanship (should that be sportswomanship – or even sportspersonship?) and enthusiasm displayed by everyone present was everything that would be expected of ECS girls of the 20th Century.

WELL DONE, ONE AND ALL – AND
THANK YOU!

2008 SPRING MEETING

Hockey as a preparation for Golf, Prizes, Tennis as a way to meet Men, Good and Bad Work Marks, Painting Hockey Balls, Double Gussets on Gym Knickers, White Girdles . . .

The above topics, albeit sometimes mentioned only in passing, are just a selection from the eclectic range of information and opinion that our speakers presented at the 2008 Spring Meeting on 8 March. The limited space available to your reporter cannot possibly do justice to the fun and high spirits that were evident in every corner of the Hall, so this account will concentrate on the essentials: words of appreciation for the main participants and the outcome of the House Competition and the various votes.

Firstly: many, many thanks to our keynote speakers **Mrs Pat Horrex (Newby 1947-49 + on teaching staff 1957-62)**, **Mrs Joan Hart, Carol Bostock-Smith (Masters 1956-63)** and **Brenda Liddiard (1946-53)** who regaled us with, respectively, *Thoughts on Physical Education* (that's where the Gym Knickers came in), *Hooray for Houses?* (which included some trenchant views on competition in general), *Saints and Sinners* (hilarious memories of the wide variety of non-sporting competition including people "being polite for the wrong reasons" in trying to win the coveted girdles and the scrum that sometimes ensued near the 629 bus stop as the would-be girdle wearers approached Miss Kirkby-Johnson and others to carry their briefcases) and *Sporting Reflections* which recalled the enjoyment, challenges and work entailed in being, House Captain, Hockey Captain and Tennis Captain in the same year.

Much gratitude also to our five House Captains for the day: **Diki Gleeson (Barbara Turpin 1943-50)** St Catherine's, **Margaret Meldrum (Clement 1956-63)** St Cecilia's, **Betty Archer (Young 1937-44)** St Margaret's, **Nan Whitman (Lucas 1943-49)** St Ursula's and **Thelma Sutton** St Winifred's. All were effective at keeping their Houses in order. –not one yellow or red card was issued, although Catherine's came close - for arguing with the judges. The Captains were very organised in marshalling their representatives for the three inter-House competitions. This greatly assisted the presenters, **Lesley Williams(1956-63)** and **Harriett Nailon (Lott 1956-63)** in keeping to time. Keeping score were Committee Members **Pat Clarke (Ascroft 1945-50)** and **Jean Savage (1947-53)**.

At the end of the afternoon the scoreboard showed that **St Cecilia's** were the winners by the narrowest of margins: **St Catherine's** were runners-up, with **St Winifred's** third and **St Margaret's** fourth, **St Ursula's** in fifth place, were

perhaps handicapped by having the smallest number of people present: only just over half compared to each of the top two Houses. Retiring Chair, **Mary Stevenson**, made the presentations: St Cecilia's received a valuable (Woolworth's £2.78) silver trophy surmounted by a green and white ribbon and specially printed label plus a 'champagne bottle' full of Celebrations chocolates. St Ursula's gracefully accepted a similarly be-ribboned and labelled wooden spoon.

In between the speakers and the inter-House events (a lemon and spoon race, a building exercise using Lego and some very complicated rules and instructions, and a mini-quiz), there was a slightly one-sided debate between the two presenters on Harriett's proposition (admittedly controversial, even preposterous), that "sport is an unnecessary and divisive aspect of school life". Early exchanges with the audience revealed the fact that there was no Debating Society at ECS in the late 1940s/early 50s and that, even in the Society's heyday of 1955 - 67, when Miss Millen, Miss Kirkby-Johnson, Mrs McConnell and Miss Pyett, successively, nurtured the budding orators, debating was very much a minority interest. Nonetheless, the assembled company participated eagerly in the pre-and post-debate voting, with almost unanimous opposition to the motion at the start of the afternoon. By 3.55pm, however, Harriett's radical ideas and passionate arguments had moved two people to change sides and a similar number to move to the abstentions camp. Harriett took public consolation in a quotation from an interview with Tim Henman on the value of learning to lose. In private she consoled herself with an opinion voiced in the 1960s by Harold Wilson to the effect that the actual numbers are not important – it is the trend that counts.

The other feature of the afternoon which involved voting was a survey of the relative popularity of two pairs of sports. **Dianne Crowder (1956-64)** was the advocate for Hockey, pitted against **Lesley Williams** for Netball. **Wendy Knowles (1957-64)** put the case for Rounders while **Brenda Liddiard** advanced the superiority of Tennis. Each of these speakers had just 60 seconds to convince the audience to vote for their particular sport. The outcome of each survey was clear: Netball was preferred to Hockey and Tennis was more popular than Rounders. A few rugged individualists maintained that they felt equal affection or equal loathing for one or both pairs of sports.

Spontaneous applause occurred at various points in the proceedings and prolonged clapping followed **Jean Potter's** official vote of thanks. ECSOGA Secretary, **Beryl Muffet** and Treasurer **Ann Wickert** presented bars of orange-flavoured chocolate to our speakers and House Captains (recalling half-time refreshments?). It was clear that, whether or not Members had enjoyed sport during their school days, they had certainly enjoyed our reminiscences and celebration of *The Competitive Spirit at ECS in the mid 20th Century*. **WELL PLAYED ALL!**

MEMBERS' NEWS

Firstly, an apology and a correction: the information given in the last Newsletter about **Maureen Sibley (Over 1967-74)**, daughter of **Betty Over (Cotterell 1940-47)** was rather scrambled and betrayed a woeful ignorance of geography on the part of our reporter. There are (at least) two places called Thameside: one in Berkshire, one in Cheshire. With the (understandable?) south-of-England bias of the editorial team, we assumed that Maureen lives in the former of these when, actually, she has lived in Poynton, Cheshire “for years” and is a consultant for that county’s Thameside. There is a Berkshire strand to Maureen’s life, however, as she was an undergraduate at Reading University but we erred in saying that her husband works there: he is, in fact, a Professor at Manchester University. Sorry for the confusion!

With fingers crossed that details are correct, the following items have been gleaned from various sources over the past few months. (There was no time to gather any significant information at the Spring Meeting: it was all just too hectic). Quite a few people have been experiencing inconvenience of one form or another. There seems to have been a frenzy of house renovation or repair: those ‘enjoying’ these activities have included **Jean Potter (Nightingale 1946-49)**, **Mrs Marjorie Taylor** and **Jennifer Caddy (1961-68)**. Other Members have, sadly, been suffering from illness or the consequences of accidents. In particular we wish a speedy return to full health to **Janet Naylor (Riley 1949-54)** and a return to complete mobility to **Margaret Meldrum (Clement 1956-63)**, whose arm was in plaster at the Spring Meeting and to her cohort colleague **Carol Bostock-Smith (Masters)** who was leaning on a stylish flower-patterned walking stick as she nursed a broken ankle. Carol has been feeling particularly constrained as she is a keen ballroom dancer, as is **Beryl Muffett (Egan 1954-61)**. G K Chesterton observed that *An inconvenience is an adventure, rightly considered*. We suspect that ECS-taught fortitude will incline these Members to try to agree with Chesterton but also that none will want their adventure to be repeated.

More traditional adventures have been undertaken by many Members in the way of overseas travel. Before she broke her wrist, Margaret Meldrum went to Australia for the marriage of her son. **Pamela Newton (Darroch 1956-63)** has spent quite a lot of time in Florida as, after 40 years, “the Canadian winter has finally got to us” and travelled to Prague with her singing group. She managed to spend a few nights in the UK Catching up with old friends including **Judith Chalmers (Carr 1956-63)**.

In March 2008, ECS novelist, **Nicola Barker (1977-84)** saw her Booker Prize short-listed novel *Darkmans* come out in paperback (Harper Perennial £8.99). The *Sunday Telegraph* critic was not entirely kind but did praise the book’s “ambition and energy.” Humorous, peopled with many characters and weighing in at 838 pages, it sounds good bet for a long-haul flight (via Heathrow Terminal Five?) or beach

holiday.

Mrs Joan Hart has long been a celebrity writer to ECSOGA Members and the publication of her latest book, *In Case I Forget*, has led to photographs of Joan appearing in three local newspapers in the early months of the year. In addition Joan held a successful signing session at Waterstones bookshop in Church Street. Clearly still rather 20th century in her grasp of the power of the media, Joan has subsequently been surprised at the number of people (check-out operators, passers by, neighbours she has never previously encountered) who have recognised and hailed her. Those of us who have read *In Case I Forget* have been greatly entertained by Joan’s reminiscences and are eagerly waiting for the next instalment. See Page 8 for purchase details and Page 7 for an item about Joan’s other book, *Onward Ever*.

To return to the list of people whose health has not been so good of late, a special mention must be given to **Lesley Humphrey (Mason 1955-63)**. Despite serious illness in the past year, Lesley is an indefatigable member of **The Historical Material Working Party (HMWP)** and has used her time at home convalescing to the Working Party’s great benefit. A retired librarian, married to a retired librarian, Lesley is terrier-like in her search for information and meticulous in recording everything accurately. Thanks to her work, the material in the **Doris Cox Bequest** is being thoroughly captioned. Some plays performed at ECS in the 1950s/ 60s were obscure at the time and are long out-of-print. Lesley’s knowledge of the library system means we have been able to trace such rarities as *The Golden Apple* by Lady Isabella Gregory. There are just two copies in the entire library system, one at King’s College, London, the other at Leeds University. At the time of writing we are waiting to see if one of these august bodies will lend us their copy. Lesley has also found some of the rare plays for sale on the Amazon Second-hand Book Sale at “various prices” – some in excess of £40! Two plays elude us: *The Imperial Nightingale* by Nicholas Stuart Gray and *Tudor Thorns* by Margaret Napier. Members clearing out bookcases who come across these works, please let us know – we will make you an offer, or be content to borrow the copy before you put it on Amazon or Ebay.

As well as photo captioning, Lesley is marvellous at analysing material in tables and charts (“Once a geographer always a geographer”). Over the last few years, she has provided the Committee with summaries e.g. distribution of Members. The HMWP aims to leave a record of the last months of the Association in the **Memorabilia Collection**, including Lesley’s charts and tables. We are aware, not least from Members’ comments about their other activities, that voluntary organisations are a dying breed: we wish to leave a substantial account of why and how ECSOGA came to an end in the hope that it may be of interest to a future social historian or commentator.

THE PARADOX OF 2009

As most building contractors will confirm, decommissioning and dismantling a structure is more difficult than constructing one, if only because it is a less exciting and optimistic task. For ECSOGA, and in particular for your Committee, the next 15 months will be a paradoxical time because we shall be attempting to run events and produce Newsletters which are simultaneously celebratory and elegiac, marking the 100th anniversary of the opening of Enfield County School whilst also bidding farewell to the Association. We are aware that the publicity and interest that our activities are likely to generate may have an impact on the image of the School and of *The Friends of Enfield County*. (See Page 5 for more about *The Friends*). We shall, therefore, be taking particular care with our press notices so that confusion and gloom are at a minimum and helpful mentions of ECS and *The Friends* take prominence. Press releases, however, can only do so much and, if truth be told, they are notoriously prone to metamorphosis with the resulting article bearing little resemblance to the original notice.

For these reasons we would like to ask all Members, especially those living in the Enfield area, to help us in two ways. Firstly, please, can ears be kept close to the ground, grapevine or village pump for negative or inaccurate information about ECSOGA's close-down. In the unlikely but not impossible event of there being silly rumours, can the Committee please be kept informed. (See Page 8 for contact details) Secondly, and more easy to do, please can everyone emphasise the celebratory aspects of ECSOGA's final months. Also, in the future, can the attention of those wishing to support ECS after September 2009 be directed to **the School's website** and, in particular, the pages concerning *The Friends of Enfield County* www.enfieldcs.enfield.sch.uk

To sum up: let the message go out – ECSOGA has had a long, eventful, successful life and will be closing down in good order and with happy events and marvellous memories – but ECS, the School, will be going onward into its second century, ably supported by its *Friends*!

Q: COULD YOU BE A CKP?

A: MAYBE – IF ONLY I KNEW WHAT A CKP IS

A CKP is a **COHORT KEY PERSON**.

Possibly this person is a mythical beast (like The Enfield?) existing only in the hopes of the Committee. More probably, there is a small (or even a sizeable) number of potential CKPs out there, waiting to be called into action. For reasons which will become clear in a moment, we hesitate to ascribe a collective noun to these valuable creatures but if an all-encompassing phrase were to be required we would choose "a pride of CKPs"!

Cutting to the chase and cutting out the whimsy, what the Committee would dearly like to happen in the next 12 months is this: **From each cohort** (aka year-group) – or from different sections of a cohort (e.g. the Arts bods, or the geographers, or a particular form, etc) – **volunteers will appear** who will be happy to be acclaimed as a CKP. The task of the CKP/s would be to facilitate the cohort's contacts with each other and, every so often, according to demand, **to organise a get-together**. (Before we are inundated with protests, let us acknowledge straight away that we fully realise that some groups already meet – and have done so for years. For example, to instance just a few, we know of the 1957-64s Arts/Maths types, the 1946-52s, the 1956-62 Secretarial form, the 1960-67s and the 1961-68s) These groups already have CKPs – although they do not know they have.

Our concern is for cohorts who do not, as yet, meet independently but who, with the demise of ECSOGA, may feel that they would like to keep in-touch as a year-group, in addition to their small-group meetings of close friends. ECSOGA is not intending to pressurise any group or any individual. If, however, some energetic, sociable people believe that their cohort would like to meet-up sometimes (i.e. theirs is a cohort who will, perhaps, particularly miss ECSOGA events?) then we urge these people to step forward so that we can help you. Aspiring or designated CKPs please contact the Chairman, Harriett Nailon by 31 October 2008 to discuss how ECSOGA can assist. For example, we can give your plans publicity in the following two Newsletters and at our remaining meetings, plus give ideas on how to contact and – equally important, maintain contact – with your special group.

A cynic might say the Committee is salving its conscience with this offer: such an observation might be partly right. What we are trying to say is this: ECSOGA may be facing its final curtain but many elements of the Association can live-on in gatherings which are smaller and, for the want of more elegant words, more targeted and focussed. If your circle of ECS friends wishes to keep meeting, **the stage will be entirely yours from October 2009** and the possibilities are many. You could meet for golf, a theatre trip, in a wine bar, at a garden centre, at a *Friends of Enfield County* event ... You can meet in threes and fours at frequent intervals, as many do now, and maybe in a large group annually or every three/ five years. So, if you think you could be a CKP, let's be hearing from you so that, for your group, **happy reunions can go ONWARD for as long as EVER you wish.**

Items of Interest on the Web

**Texts of ECSOGA Spring Meetings
*Glass Ceiling & The Feast of Languages***

**Amen with a T: ECSOGA
(Beryl Parsons 1951-59)**

**Life of Vilma by Bryan Ward
(Vilma Head 1948-54)**

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Enfield County continues to thrive, enjoying many successes both inside and outside the school. Some months ago the school was one of three in the borough to receive a letter of congratulation from the Schools Minister, Lord Adonis, for significant improvement in pass rates at GCSE. At ECS three in four students achieved at least five A-C grades at GCSE in 2007: an increase of 13% since the previous year. With the local press always giving prominent coverage to educational success, it is no surprise, therefore, that ECS is maintaining its position as a highly regarded school which many parents put as their first choice for their daughters' secondary education.

Not all Members will necessarily have heard of *PEACE FOR ONE DAY*. Founded in 1999 by Jeremy Gilley, an actor turned film-maker, the aim of *PEACE FOR ONE DAY* is to engage all sectors of society, on one day a year, to think about peace and stage practical demonstrations of non-violence. Participating in the 2008 day, Enfield County students held a balloon launch. Each class wrote messages of peace on white balloons which were released from the tennis courts at Holly Walk. In addition the School sold white ribbons in honour of the day. Some of a certain age who were CND supporters as schoolgirls will perhaps feel more than a little affinity with this youthful optimism and idealism?

A more well-recognised day of awareness is Holocaust Memorial Day, 27 January. In 2008 there was a Holocaust Memorial Day poetry competition run by Enfield Borough Council, *The Enfield Advertiser* and *The Enfield Independent*. The theme of this year's Memorial day was "Imagine, remember, reflect and react" and competition entrants were asked to base their poems around these ideas. The three competition winners included a 14 year-old ECS student, Corinne Lewis, whose poem was entitled *God Be With Us*.

AND NEWS FROM NEXT DOOR

Members with good memories (that's everyone surely?) and/or a taste for History (that's almost everyone?) may recall that as they passed by Enfield Grammar School, on the way to Holly Walk, they used to see a plaque commemorating the founding of EGS. Originally a chantry school, attached to St Andrew's church, the foundation deed was signed by Queen Mary I on 25 May 1558 (just six months before she died). A quick burst of arithmetic will reveal that 2008 is, therefore, the 450th anniversary of the school's foundation. To celebrate this fact, a range of events took place between May and July including a thanksgiving service in St Andrew's church on 22 May, a series of musical events, a concert tour of Croatia and an International Evening.

EGS became a comprehensive school, spread over two sites, in 1967, like ECS. In an interview for *The Advertiser* John Kerr, Headteacher since 2006, revealed there is still a House system at EGS using names of local historical figures and that "a lot of old boys have stayed in contact with the school. They have an annual dinner. Some are well into their 80s and 90s now, and remember the school's 400th anniversary". Makes ECS seem a mere slip of a girl at just approaching 100?



WHO ARE THE FRIENDS OF ENFIELD COUNTY?

Is it just a modern name for the Parent-Teacher Association?

For ECSOGA Members of a certain age (say 50+?) Parent-Teacher Associations were something we encountered as parents. When we were school-age, if we had heard of them at all, PTAs were something mentioned by Canadian cousins, encountered in goofy films (remember *Gidget* with Sandra Dee?) or, a little later, in the Country and Western song *Harper Valley PTA*. In 21st Century Britain it seems that the initials PTA are as rarely found as they were in the 1950s. The reason for this is simple: groups which support schools seldom use the words Parent and Teacher in their names. The change to warmer and more accessible nomenclature is not just fashion or an indication of declining formality but a recognition of the widening membership of such groups. On the ECS website www.enfieldcs.enfield.sch.uk *The Friends of Enfield County* have a page explaining their aim "to provide the school with the little extras in order to improve the quality of school life" and stating that "membership of *The Friends* is open to all parents, guardians and friends of the girls at the school." This means that for some recent school-leavers, particularly those with siblings still at ECS, the easiest way of keeping in touch with the school is to be a volunteer at some of *The Friends*' activities, including making cakes, preparing food for quiz nights, serving refreshments at school events or helping to organise other social events and the Christmas Bazaar. We shall be giving more information about *The Friends* in the next Newsletters including, we hope, details of how individual ECSOGA Members might become more involved. *The Friends* is a lively, sociable group which, like all voluntary bodies, is always looking for efficient and committed people to help keep the show on the road.

2009 ECS CENTENARY

Commemoration Gifts Appeal for funds

ECSOGA will be presenting some gifts to the School as a commemoration of the Centenary. It has been agreed that we shall purchase an honours board to list the Headteachers from the opening of the School in 1909 until the Centenary in 2009, allowing space for future incumbents.

We are also considering presenting plaques illustrating the appropriate school badges for the School buildings, this has yet to be agreed with the School.

We need to raise in the region of £2,000 to cover these items and we need your contributions. Please send donations, marked CENTENARY APPEAL, to ECSOGA Treasurer, 84 Hoodcote Gardens, London N21 2NE

Centenary Publication

Please send your news and views of events and people connected with ECS 1909-2009 as well as your reflections and reminiscences. A limited printed publication is planned, as well as a more extensive online version. A few contributions have already been received but many more are still wanted. Please send them to Mary Stevenson (address P8).

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF COPY
28 NOVEMBER 2008**

CENTENARY EVENTS

MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES NOW DON'T MISS ECSOGA'S FINAL REUNIONS

**Saturday 14 MARCH
2009
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING
&
SPRING MEETING**

DETAILS SEE PAGE 8

**Saturday 12 SEPTEMBER
2009**

SPECIAL CENTENARY REUNION

As this will be the last ECSOGA Annual Reunion we anticipate a considerable response and the deadline for booking will be 31 July 2009

If you need travel assistance or accommodation, please contact Mary Stevenson, who will try and assist you. -Details page 8.

DO WE OWE YOU SOME MONEY?

or

How to Claim a Refund on your Membership Fee

by Margaret Meldrum and Harriett Nailon

By our calculations, just under 30% of ECSOGA Members are owed £1 or more as a result of the planned closure of the Association. If your membership renewal is due on or after January 2011 you can claim a refund in accordance with the table below. If you have mislaid your membership card and so are unsure of your renewal date and/or class of membership please contact Margaret (see page 8) who will be glad to send you the relevant details.

To claim your refund please send a stamped addressed envelope to the Treasurer (see page 8) to arrive by 30 June 2009. (For overseas Members an addressed envelope will be sufficient.) Refund cheques will be despatched by 31 August 2009. We regret that we shall be unable to consider late claims: closing-down procedures for our bank accounts may have to begin in July 2009 to ensure that all our financial affairs are finalised by the end of September.

In total we believe that almost £350 is due to be returned to those who have joined ECSOGA in recent years.

UNCLAIMED REFUNDS WILL BE PUT INTO THE MEMORIAL FUND ACCOUNT*

MEMBERSHIP REFUND CALCULATION TABLE

BY EXPIRY DATE & MEMBERSHIP TYPE

<u>EXPIRY DATE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>O'SEAS EUR</u>	<u>O'SEAS OUTSIDE EUR</u>	<u>ONLINE</u>
2011 & 2012	£2	£1	£5	£6	£1
2013	£4	£3	£6	£7	£2
2014	£6	£5	£8	£9	£3
2015	£8	£6	£9	£10	£4
2016	£10	£7	£10	£11	£4
2017	£12	£8	£12	£13	£4

***NOTE:** The Memorial Fund will continue to exist – either as an independent entity or as part of another charity related to the School – after October 2009, and so will continue to award the named prizes and will also assist ECS and its students as it has done since 1940. Full details of the Memorial Fund arrangements will be published in the next few months, just as soon everything is finalised.

ONWARD EVER: The Book - Where to find a copy

The result of a search by Lesley Humphrey (Mason 1955-63)
Member of the Historical Material Working Party and retired Librarian

We know that quite a few Members, and their friends, have not yet been able to read **Mrs Joan Hart's** fascinating history of the School, covering the period from its foundation up to 1967. With the Centenary fast approaching we expect that more people will want to read about the first 50+ years of Enfield County. Sadly the book is now out of print but there are copies in a number of libraries in the Borough.

According to the Union Catalogue of London Libraries on the internet (WiLL – What's in London Libraries) Enfield has ten copies of *ONWARD EVER* in stock spread across the following branches: Bullsmore, Edmonton Green, Enfield Town (2), Library Resources Unit, Ordnance Road, Palmers Green, Ridge Avenue (2) and Southgate Circus. No other London boroughs appear to have copies.

If you fancy purchasing a copy, early in 2008 there were several available on various second-hand book sites on the internet, ranging in price from £12.45 to £52.25.

ECSOGA Committee for 2008/9

Date in square brackets [] refers to year elected to present post. Some members previously co-opted.

Elected - Chair: Mrs Harriett Nailon (Lott 1956-63) [2007], Tres: Miss Ann Wickert (1954-59) [1992], Sec: Mrs Beryl Muffett (Egan 1954-61) [2004], PR Officer: Mrs Carole Howell (Dyer 1962-69) [2000], M'ship Sec: Mrs Margaret Meldrum (Clement 1956-63) [2004], General Members: Mrs Pat Clarke (Ascroft 1945-50) [2005], Dr Wendy Knowles (1957-64) [2003], Mrs Janet Naylor (Riley 1949-54) [2004], Miss Jean Savage (1947-53) [2005], Miss Thelma Sutton (1945-50) [2003], Mrs Maria Walker (Constantinou 1979-84) [2007], Mrs Nan Whitman (Lucas 1943-49) [2003]

Co-opted – Website Manager: Dr Jennifer Caddy (1961-68), Mrs Alev Cozimoglu (1979-84), Ms Jean Endean (1958-63), Mrs Mary Stevenson (Bruno 1946-52) [Chair 2004-08] whose special responsibility is to co-ordinate our Centenary celebrations. Mrs Barbara Thompson (Elkington 1957-64)

Contact addresses below and on our website
www.onwardever.org.uk

News items always gratefully received.

ECSOGA HISTORICAL MATERIAL WORKING PARTY

Chair & Secretary: Harriett Nailon (Lott 1956-63), General Members: Lesley Humphrey (Mason 1955-62), Jean Savage (1947-53), Thelma Sutton (1945-50), Marion Wiley (1951-58)

IN CASE I FORGET Letters to my goddaughter by Joan Cherry (i.e. Joan Hart)

Joan Cherry's letters capture the essence of the pre-war world between 1922 and 1939 and document the past vividly.

Copies are always available from Joan Hart, 23 Curthwaite Gardens, Oakwood, Enfield EN2 7LW At £8.99 plus £1.60 postage & packing, or may be ordered from bookshops (which will take longer but may be cheaper).

Will make a Good Christmas Present!

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Meeting: Annual Reunion –
Saturday 13 September 2008 –
Booking Form Enclosed

Spring Meeting 2009: Saturday 14 March 2009

AGM and buffet lunch, followed by

LET US NOW PRAISE ENFIELD WOMEN – and a few men

In recent years ECSOGA Spring Meetings have memorialised and celebrated several of the key figures of Enfield County School in the period approximately 1937 – 1985. In the Centenary year of the School and the Association's penultimate meeting, we aim to remember and pay tribute to the whole teaching staff of the past 100 years and as many of the support staff about whom we can find some information. Clearly we shall not be able to include items to cover every single person: we will not even be able to name or mention everyone. We do, however, plan to have a board displaying the name of every teacher from 1909 to the present day (plus such support staff as we can identify) and, after the event, the sheets containing these names will be gathered into a special folder and lodged in the ECSOGA Memorabilia Collection, as a permanent memorial to the staff of the first century of the School's history. On the day itself we shall have a series of speakers who will recall and assess the impact of as many staff members as we can fit into 85 minutes. Already booked to contribute are: Lesley Humphrey on **Mrs Wooldridge** and **Miss Coster**, Carol Bostock-Smith on **Miss F Sharp** and **Mrs Parker**, Jennifer Bath on **Miss Hodgson**, Harriett Nailon on **Miss Kirkby-Johnson**. In addition there will be some archive reminiscences from the very early years of the 20th century, remembering Miss Broome, Miss Florence and their contemporaries. There will also be some musical interludes and a display of photographs and relevant mementoes.

PLEASE PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

More details + booking form with next Newsletter in early February 2009.

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All former students and former staff of Enfield County/Enfield Chase School are warmly invited to the

ANNUAL REUNION

in the Hall of the M C Sharp Building, Upper School, Holly Walk

Saturday 13 September 2008

from 12 noon until about 4 pm

(there should be ample parking for everyone)

PROGRAMME

12.30 Opening Address by ECSOGA Chairman Harriett Nailon

12.40 Address by Ms Pamela Rutherford. Head

1.00 Buffet Lunch served

Sale of raffle tickets, old school magazines, M C Sharp booklets
Memorabilia display

2.00 Raffle Draw

2.15 Tour of NEW Building - optional

3.45 Farewell and Jerusalem

A special welcome is extended to those cohorts celebrating their
Decade Marking i.e. all who entered ECS in the following years:

1931 1941 1951 1961 1971 1981 1991

This is a very informal event with the emphasis on giving people time to talk and socialise. We look forward to welcoming you and your friends but don't be concerned about coming alone: Committee members make a point of introducing themselves and helping you to find your contemporaries. Carers (male or female) are welcome to attend.

£12 per person for the day

to include generous buffet lunch and drinks

Capacity of the Hall is limited. To reserve your place please complete the slip below and send with your cheque to the Treasurer a.s.a.p. CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS: Friday 5 SEPT

Please note: Lunch can be guaranteed only for those who have booked in advance

Any questions concerning the Reunion or Decade Marking please contact Membership Secretary, Margaret Meldrum on 01920 461826 OR VISIT OUR WEB SITE: www.onwardever.org.uk

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To: ECSOGA Treasurer, 84 Hoodcote Gardens, London N21 2NE Telephone: 020 8363 1676

FROM: Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Years at ECS _____

Please reserve _____ places @ £12 for the Reunion on 13 September 2008

Cheque / PO enclosed for £ _____ (Please make payable to ECSOGA)

We do not send out tickets or receipts. If a receipt is required please send a s.a.e.

If you are NOT a Member of ECSOGA please write your address on the reverse of this slip.