Those who were paying attention last year, will have read in the last edition of Notes and News an account of how two significant and irreplaceable links with the schools’ past, the Honours and the Head Boys/ Captains Boards, were exhumed from the obscurity of Bury College, into whose so called care they had passed when the school was demolished in 2000. Weather beaten and dilapidated and with the substantial cost of repairs beyond the means of the Association, following the rescue, they languished for sometime in the comparative safety of a storeroom in Philips High School, the former Stand girls school on Higher Lane. An astonishing and most generous donation by Dr Roger Hodkinson, an Old Standian now living and working in Canada, was sufficient to pay for the Honours Board to be completely restored and this is now proudly displayed in the main Hall of Philips High. In the article last year, a rather tongue in cheek suggestion that some prosperous former Head Boy may wish to consider a similar philanthropic gesture, prompted Peter Oldfield (Head Boy in 1976-77), to initiate a campaign which involved his approaching as many ex Head Boys as could be traced, asking for their help. The result was beyond expectations and apart from a small shortfall in the full costs, which has been made up from Association reserves, the Captains Board has now been restored to pristine condition. Our thanks must go to the following past Captains who donated so generously in order to achieve this happy outcome.

Bill Barton  
John Brogden  
Harvey Brookes  
Derek Dearden  
David Foulkes  
Johnathan Hughes  
Ged Lockley  
Waren Marshall  
Frank Martin  
Peter Oldfield  
Peter Thorpe
The names of those boys from Stand whose achievements it was felt were worthy of some sort of lasting recognition, are recorded on several memorial tablets, Rolls of Honour from two World wars and the Honours and the School Captains boards, all four of which have been saved from obscurity by a number of initiatives undertaken by the Association committee within the last few years. That these monuments are now proudly displayed on the walls within Philips High School for the benefit of future generations, is due entirely to the good offices of the recently retired headmaster, Mr Chris Trees.

Born in Bury, Mr Trees was a pupil at Heys Boys School in Prestwich but completed his formal education in the sixth form at Stand. After leaving school, he worked in construction and in a newspaper advertising department before embarking on a career in teaching.

“ I wanted to be an English teacher as I have always had a love of literature and I was fortunate enough to get a job teaching English at Bramhall High School in 1972” he said. “ It was tough because it was a former grammar school with high standards, but a challenging intake. I really enjoyed it and it gave me a very good grounding as a teacher”. Mr Trees has been head teacher at Philips High for twenty one years and was deputy head teacher there for ten years before that.

“ I am truly grateful to the young people who are here” he said. “ It’s been a delight to work with them and I feel very privileged”.

Chris Trees, who retired on the 24th of March this year, was guest of honour at the annual dinner and re-union in 2014. A truly modest man with a sense of the importance of tradition and in whose debt the Association will always remain. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

The Association would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony Holt, the caretaker at Philips High, himself an Old Boy, not only for his generous donation to the restoration of the Captains Board but for his part in safeguarding these important records of our past and making them so readily accessible.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2016

The Association A.G.M. was held this year on the 9th March at the Whitefield Bowling Club. All twelve members of the committee were present together with two Association members. The meeting began on a rather sombre note with the news that our President John Davies, whose health has declined rapidly over the last couple of years, is now a permanent resident in a local care home. Although traditionally, the post was very much at the heart of the Association's make up and indeed, the list of past Presidents, the first being George Longman 1906-17, illustrious, the committee, after some discussion, resolved that the role of President be suspended and replaced with a Committee Chairman, who would be appointed from time to time by the committee. A notice of a motion for the next A.G.M. to amend the constitution to accommodate this change was made. The Treasurer reported a satisfactory state of financial affairs eliminating the need for any austerity measures this year. (The Income and Expenditure accounts for the last financial year are, as usual, to be found at the end of this issue of Notes and News). The membership now stands at 423.
In the absence of any signs of a military coup or applications from enthusiastic volunteers, the existing committee was unanimously elected to serve for a further twelve months.

THE COMMITTEE IN FULL

Paul Latham (Hon Treasurer). Harry Wilkinson (Membership Secretary).
Howel Evans (Stock Controller). John Lillie (Minutes Secretary). Geoff Minshull,
Brian Fogg is the Hon Auditor.

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Next year's Annual General Meeting will be held on 8th March 2017, as usual, in the agreeable surroundings of the Whitefield Bowling Club on Church lane.

I was always in trouble at school for handing in my homework late - so I bought a book on excuses. Unfortunately, the dog ate it.
ANNUAL DINNER AND RE-UNION 2015

Although the Association annual dinner and re-union has retained a basic format virtually unchanged since 1927, many attempts have been made over the years to vary the entertainment provided with the intention of increasing the constantly fluctuating number of members who support the occasion. In the 1930's a concert party theme was introduced, and entertainment was provided by the likes of Uno's Concert Party, the Minnie Haha Minstrels and in 1935 there were two entertainers; G.Fraser “Humorist” and F. Jackson “Card Manipulator”. With the same objective in mind, a number of different venues, including The Boars Head in Radcliffe, The Royal in Bury and The Village in Prestwich were all tried, but with little or no evident effect on the attendance levels. Over the last few years, Stand Golf Club, with its excellent catering and comfortable layout, has established itself as the default venue, and on the 23rd October 2015, thirty one Old Boys and two Old Girls, were entertained by David Brooks, who, as the guest speaker gave us the highlights of his colourful life in the world of amateur and professional football. The raffle was again in the masterful stewardship of Jack Walton, who, obviously stung by a rebuke in last year's Notes and News, had invested in a new joke book, which, to judge by the audience reaction, was worth every penny.

LIST OF THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE 2015 DINNER

Geoffrey Bancroft
Barry Benster
Eric Bloodworth
Peter Bramah
Tony Bramah
David Brindle
David Brooks
Barry Carr
Jim Cowburn
Alan Dodds
Alun Evans

Howel Evans
Micheal Hamilton
Ian Hanson
Vera Haydock
Barbara Hope
Ray Hulley
Rowland Kirkman
Paul Latham
John Lillie
James Lomas
Warren Marshall

Geoff Minshull
David Monks
William Mundy
Phil Myers
Tony Patton
Ian Rayner
Joe Rich
Tony Sheldon
Ray Sims
Graham Smith
Jack Walton

Amazing these reunions, some of the Old Boys I was at school with are now so fat and bald they didn't even recognise me.
A reunion is planned for September 2017 to mark the 60th anniversary of the schools intake of 1957. This group of boys did their O levels in 1962 and for those who stayed on, their A levels in 1964. Of course some joined the Class of ’57 later, either by transferring from other years in the school or moving to this area. But if you think you would feel at home in the company described above, then this reunion is for you. It’s the brainchild of a group of Old Standians who have been meeting several times a year since the Friends Reunited craze of the early 2000’s brought them all together again. As well as the five pictured below, Paul Howarth is a regular member, while Dave Yates, David Johnson and Phil Higgins also attended occasionally. For next year’s evening reunion, to take place in the Prestwich and Whitefield area, they plan an informal buffet, a slide show (or the 21st century equivalent) of pictures from the past including masters we all knew and, er, loved - and plenty of time to catch up with old friends and acquaintances. “We’re trying to cast our net as wide as we can and bring together as many as possible” says John Hudson. “About 120 boys joined the school that autumn, and we feel that if we get a quarter of that number or more it will be well worth doing. In the school song we used to think Forty Years on was impossibly far away, and I imagine most of us today find it just as hard to think we’re approaching another 20 years on top of that”.

If you are interested in principle - or even if you’re not, so that you can be omitted from future searches - call John on 01453 884381, email jhudson@homecall.co.uk
Or write to him at The Triangle, Chalford Hill, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 8EJ

THE QUALITY STREET GANG (SOUTHERN DIVISION)
Dobbies AFC continued to play on the memorial ground during the 2015/16 season. They had high hopes for the season, as they had just gained promotion to division 2 of the Lancs Amateur league in 2015. In the end, they had to settle for a mid-table position. They did finish in seventh place (out of 12), after a bad start, winning 9 of their 22 matches, drawing 4 and losing 9. Their problems were made worse by their reserve team folding. They lost in their cup competition 2-0 to Old Boltonians. They did play our old rivals Bury GSOB Reserves, winning one and losing one.

They had plans for two teams again for the new season, but while having enough players for two teams, they could not find a manager to run the reserve team. A sign of the times. On the bright side, one of their junior teams won their league. The club currently has plans for work on bare patches and goalmouths, and is looking to improve the drainage. The shrubbery, which was originally planted to stabilise the bank between the football pitch and the golf course, seems to be spreading rapidly and could do with cutting back.

As regards the Old Standians AFC, in October, a further Re-union Dinner was organised by Malc Adamson and DB Lea at Stand Golf Club. About 50 former players attended, speakers were John Earl and Harry Wilkinson. On a sad note, members were upset to learn that Dean Ogden, a very popular player for many years, had died too early of cancer. A large number of former footballers were present at his funeral at Blackley, as well as many of his colleagues in the Fire Service. On a happier note, Roy Campbell has just retired from work on his 80th birthday! His brother came over from Australia especially to celebrate the occasion.
GOLF REPORT

On a fine afternoon in early September last year, a few of the remaining active members of the Old Standains Golf Society met for what had been predicted as probably being the last event the Society would ever organise. It was held appropriately fifty years on, almost to the day, when the first competition, heralding the birth of the Society was played. After enduring both the physical and the mental peaks and troughs of the Stand golf course, an exceptional dinner was followed by presentation of the President’s Trophy to the winner of the competition, Steve Keighly (37 points) with Duncan Smith declared as a worthy runner up (32 points).

In the meeting that then took place there was a unanimous declaration that the hard core of loyal members, most of whom were present, would prefer that the Society should stagger on until virtually the last man was left standing. Although for many reasons the Society was in a critical condition, the treasurer reported that finances were in good shape and capable of subsidising to some extent, future events. It was agreed that the Society be moved to intensive care, where its state of health could be monitored on a year by year basis. A sort of temporary, mark II society would now function and those members who took part in future events would assess the situation at that time. Should it be considered that euthanasia be deemed appropriate, the sum total of the accumulated wealth of the society at that time, rather than just being spent on stimulatory products for John Gorton, will be used to fund an occasion appropriate to the demise of an association that has brought so much pleasure to so many people over so many years.

The competition for the President’s Trophy will be fiercely contested this year on Friday, 26th August at Stand Golf Club. Non golfing Old Boys will be assured of a warm welcome should they decide to attend the dinner in the evening.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Once more we are appealing to those members who change their address to inform our Membership Secretary as soon as practicable. The cost of postage when sending out notes and News now constitutes one of the Associations main items of expenditure. Could those members who would be happy to receive the magazine via email please let Harry have the appropriate address without delay.

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NEWS OF OLD STANDIANS

RAY HULLEY

After he left Stand in 1953, Ray had virtually no contact with the old school, until last year, when he travelled all the way from his home near Hemel Hempstead, to the annual re-union dinner where, after all those years he was able to rekindle his friendship with several old classmates. In 1961 after his National Service, Ray left his job as an apprentice printer in Manchester and joined Henry Blacklock (printers of the Bradshaw's Railway Guides), initially as a printer and then as a Work Study engineer. He moved to Walkers Tannery in Bolton in 1963 but then in 1969 made the transition to the Home Office prison Service, where as Work Study team leader he introduced a successful incentive scheme into the numerous prison workshops, including clothing manufacture, shoe making, weaving, engineering and many others.

(No mention is made by Ray of his meeting any Old Boys during this period, but this could of course, be attributed to his natural good manners). Having achieved the post of Head of Work Study at the main Home Office H Q in London, Ray retired at the age of 49 and after a few years in the retail business, he finished with all this working nonsense altogether and was able to indulge himself in his main hobby, that of family history. Ray is vice president of the Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society and as their Southern representative, he attends various family history fairs and open days in the South East, mainly acting as a help desk signing up new members. Ray was project leader between 1991 and 2005, spending two days a week on a major task that was involved in the recovery of the water damaged 1851 census returns for Manchester and District. Of the 220,000 unreadable entries, 180,000 were eventually recovered. A website at www.1851-unfilmed.org.uk gives the full story of the project. Ray is now a committed member of the Old Standian's Association and we look forward to seeing him at future re-unions.

PETER OLDFIELD

I was asked to submit this article just one year short of 40 years on since leaving Stand. I left Stand in 1977, having enjoyed seven years there, the last as School Captain. I am now a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers, working as a Project Director managing a project to extend an oil refinery in Sweden for an international engineering procurement and construction company. What happened in those 39 years? I studied Civil and Structural engineering at the University of Sheffield before taking a job with an international firm of consulting engineers.
At the age of 23 I was working in Qatar where I was involved in coastal protection work around Doha’s west and south bays; and I also became a useful windsurfer. On 2nd April, 1984, I was in a sauna with the ambassador in Qatar asking what was happening in the Falkland Islands, not realising that a few months later I would be back in our Reading office undertaking designs for the Mount Pleasant Airfield. Many servicemen have stayed in the accommodation blocks, have seen the air traffic control tower, and been given orders from the Command Ops building; all of which I designed and the latter was used for my submission to become a Chartered Engineer.

I met my wife, Dagmar, at University. She joined me on my next assignment to Bahrain where I worked on building projects at the airport and in constructing private facilities for the royal family. Our son was born in Bahrain and our daughter followed soon after our return to Reading. After a year working on the London Docklands development, I moved to Foster Wheeler Energy Ltd. to develop my career in a company that offered wider opportunities. My career has developed there over a 28 year period, from Civil Engineer all the way up to now, Project Director. This development took place working on a variety of projects, including pharmaceutical building projects in Scotland and Ireland. I progressed into engineering management roles on oil refining projects in Thailand, Wales (after the Pembroke refinery’s explosion in 1994) and Fawley. My first role as a Project Director was working on engineering design for a gas fertiliser project for Petrobras in Brazil. This was at a time leading up to the 2014 World Cup and before the issues that have severely impacted that company and country. It was a fascinating job that illustrates the impact on major projects of international economic issues, politics, language barriers and differing cultural styles. That said, my post project presentation to the company used ‘Alice Through the Looking Glass’ as its theme, ending on the chess board, as I described the surreal close-out negotiations.

Life is not all work and I have continued my love of sport that I enjoyed at Stand. An injury in a game at University ended my football career, but I still play golf, and started rowing on the Thames near my home at Reading at 40. The rowing took me into competition and coaching, and then using my building and project management skills into organising the lease extension, funding and development of the club. Nearly 40 years on, I am now reaching a stage in life where the children are grown up and are making their own way in life, but there are exciting times ahead as my wife joins me in Teeside where I am currently assigned before we travel to Sweden for a year during the construction phase on my current project.

No problems yet with shortage of breath or memory thankfully! I guess Stand gave me the opportunity to develop my ingenuity and organisational skills, which have shaped my career into project management of multi million pound projects, the development of my rowing club, and sticking my oar in to obtain contributions from Old Standians to renovate the School Captains’ board.

Thank you to all who contributed.
Deep within the reams of nostalgic school day reminiscences that make up so much of Martyn Arnold’s wonderful website, is a rather embittered contribution from a pupil who, after leaving Stand felt that......“the education there lacked some elements essential to understanding the dynamic state of the world - almost Dickensian on character. The realities of the emotional life were repressed - keep a good old stiff upper lip. It’s a wonder any of us ever formed loving marriages.”

Dickensian seems a little harsh; certainly the regime at Stand was always firm and somewhat formal by today’s standards but it very much reflected the moral codes that prevailed in those days long gone. Discipline was in the hands of stiff upper form masters, who, in their formidable bat capes and with their three hundred and sixty degree vision, imposed order by the twin threats of sarcasm or physical abuse, the latter frequently involving ear lobes. In contrast to the current fashion for self serving, gratuitous public displays of grief, emphasis then was on the much more worthy principles of courage and fortitude in the face of adversity, ideals that set us apart from and rendered us superior to our more excitable and lachrymose continental cousins. These admirable standards were very much at the heart of the oath that the school prefects were obliged to accept before handing over their five shillings for the coveted badge of office, and included an undertaking to “.... protect the weak, to admonish the slothful and fight any evil that may appear”. They represented the thin blue line of authority that enforced the school rules in those areas of potential anarchy that lay outside the class room and beyond the beady eyes of the masters. Such secondary surveillance was, it seems, justified in order to combat an apparent festering cauldron of petty crime that was threatening the good name of the school and moved the headmaster, Mr A Williamson to include this grave warning in his address at the Annual Speech Day ceremony in 1962.

“In common with all schools these days,” he announced, “and I do not wish to say that we are any worse or any better than any other school, we suffer from the so called ‘borrowing’ of articles, I would call it stealing, and when I catch a culprit I deal with him in no uncertain way. But this light hearted attitude to other people’s property, normally involving such things as gymnastic shirts, caps and pens, causes me such annoyance and I am sure causes many of you unnecessary expense. Investigating such cases takes time and I appeal to all of you to help stamp out this practice of taking other peoples gym shirts or caps or pens. But I also give you this warning: hence, anyone caught doing so is in danger of the ultimate penalty”.

This, it should be remembered was in the days when hanging was still acceptable’

A cursory examination of the Prefects Punishment book for that era reveals what appears to have been a rather over zealous campaign, no doubt inspired by the head masters disquiet and an urge to eradicate all such villainous and unworthy conduct.
The list of recorded offences shows that just turning up for school seemed to constitute 'evil and sloth'. The identities of the miscreants who are named and shamed in these catalogues of iniquity, cannot in these sensitive times be revealed, particularly as many are still alive and some may even now be strolling around in stolen gymnasium shirts or wearing caps that have someone else’s name stitched inside. There can be no argument that the punishment meted out to the two second year pupils for 'eating their lunch on the railway embankment' was well deserved. There can however be only sympathy for the third year pupil who was detained for 'doing his home work in assembly' or the first former charged with 'disgusting behaviour' (not specified). Four dangerous agitators in 1964 were apprehended for 'throwing sods' (from where and at whom is not recorded). The list of 'crimes' is long and bewildering and includes such anti social activities as 'flicking his tie at people on the bus', 'firing a missile' (presumably the culprit did not join CND after leaving school), 'abusing a prefect' (?) and surely, most evil and slothful of all, 'eating a hamburger on the bus'.

Unfair? - certainly. A permanent blight on the emotional sensibilities of the victims of such injustice? - never! There seems to be no evidence of the workhouse conditions that so exercised our disgruntled online protestor, more a prudent preparation for life in an unfair world beyond the gates of Church Lane. Despite the worry the older generation may have for what will become of the young people of today, mired as they are in what is perceived to be a morass of moral incontinence, is the comfort of knowing that without doubt, they will eventually grow up and inevitably start worrying about the younger generation.
BATTLE OF THE SOMME - 100 YEARS ON

We are indebted to Mr Chris Trees for, amongst other things, this account of his attendance at the 100th Commemoration of the opening of the Battle of the Somme.

As you are no doubt aware, the Battle of the Somme affected communities and families across the United Kingdom and what is now The Commonwealth. The opening day of the battle - July the 1st - is especially notorious, it being the day of the highest casualties ever suffered by the British Army - just over 60,000, of whom a third were killed. The harsh reality is that by far the majority of these casualties occurred in the opening hour of battle. When the fighting finally came to an end in November 1916, there were 72,000 men who were deemed “ Missing believed Killed”. Their names are all recorded on the Thiepval Memorial, where this commemoration was held. On the memorial are recorded the names of young men from Whitefield and Prestwich, some of whom attended Stand Grammar School. In particular can be found the names of Private Frank Holt and Corporal Arthur Worrall, both in the Manchester Regiment, and who died on the 1st July 1916, without their bodies being either found or identified. Their names are inscribed with those of their comrades who suffered the same fate. In recognition of this sacrifice on the part of former Standians as well as that of young men from Prestwich and Whitefield, Mr Chris Trees - who recently retired as Headteacher of Philips High School and was in the sixth form at Stand, together with Mr Tim Regan, who taught history at Philips High, laid a wreath at the memorial after the Commemoration service. The service was attended by 10,000 people whose names were drawn from, we were told, over 500,000 applicants in the presence of The Prince of Wales. The Duchess of Cornwall, the Princes William and Harry with William’s wife Kate, David Cameron and Francois Hollande together with numerous U.K., Commonwealth and European dignitaries. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, British and French bands, choirs and singers together with actors Charles Dance, Jeremy Isaacs and Joely Richardson and readers from the Services produced a moving and fitting tribute led by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Mr Trees is shown with the wreath that he laid in the very busy time after the service.

When war begins, hell opens.
Proverb
LIVES REMEMBERED

ALAN NORMAN CREWE 1929-2015
Alan is fondly remembered by fellow Old Standian Clifford Hughes, who tells us that Alan, along with Harvey Brooks (former Head Boy and President of the Old Standian’s Association from 1974 to 83), was his longest school chum beginning at Whitefield Junior school and continuing on to S.G.S. and beyond. Alan married Nancy Parker at the beginning of the 1950’s and they immediately emigrated to Canada. He was a life member of the O.S.A. and played soccer for the Old Boys and for Bury Reserves. His older brother Geoff, who died relatively young, was an Old Standian and played cricket at Unsworth in the early 1950’s. He taught at S.G.S. when Alan and Clifford were in the lower forms. Alan qualified as an architect in his early years in Canada and this remained his profession until he retired. He leaves his wife Nancy (also an Old Standian) and an extended family in Canada.

(Thanks to Peter Bramah for this image from his extensive archives)

JACK BARRETT 1946-2015
We are indebted to David Monks for passing on the news that Jack Barrett, who left Stand in 1962, died in September last year. Although not the most academic of pupils, Jack’s one GCE O level pass in maths, earned him the nickname of ‘Prof’ when he joined the army after leaving school. Jack was a fervent socialist and worked hard for the Labour party, notably in general election campaigns. He was chairman of the Prestwich and Whitefield Heritage Society and was instrumental in setting up the museum which is on the first floor of the Prestwich library. He visited schools where he gave talks to pupils and will be remembered as “someone who would do anything for anyone”. Not a bad way to be remembered.
Sometimes the first notification we have of the death of an Old Boy, is when the Notes and News magazine is returned, occasionally with a note from a relative. Such was the case last year when our membership Secretary received a touching letter from Mrs Beryl Lewis telling us that her husband Edmund (Ted) had died in November 2014.

**EDMUND (TED ) LEWIS**

In her letter Beryl tells us she thinks Ted was at Stand from 1941 to 1948 and although she can’t be sure of the dates she knows that without any doubt Ted loved his time there and was always proud to be an ‘Old Boy’. They were together for 68 years, 6 courting, 62 years married. (Beryl appreciates that the word ‘courting’ is now out of fashion but makes no apologies for looking back on those years which were filled with so much happiness). Ted, before he retired, was a Company Secretary and Group Accountant. Peter Bramah was able to confirm that Ted started at Stand in 1940, as he started as a third former with him in that year. After leaving school in 1947, they lost contact with each other, until, one day in 2002, Peter received a call from his son David, who had been in Ludlow Crown Court as a police witness in the case of a vandalised car. The elderly volunteer usher, who had urged David to be ready when called, had, upon learning his second name, told him that he had “been at school with someone called Peter Bramah”. Other than the name Edmund Lewis, David, who was then called into the court, had no other details. Peter, who was baffled for a while as he not known anyone at Stand called Edmund, but then realised it must have been his old chum, Ted. He was left with an intriguing mystery which he was determined to solve. His telephone enquiry to the Magistrates court was soundly rebuffed – “We don’t employ aged ushers here”, he was told. Having obtained the phone numbers of every E. Lewis in the Shropshire area, Peter rang all fifteen of them without success. ( One of those called phoned back a few days later to say that her daughter had been at an infant’s school in Prestwich, where she had a friend called Julie Bramah. This was in fact Peter’s sister- small world). Eventually, Peter and Ted met again in Ted’s home in Church Stretton, where he was persuaded to join the Old Standians Association and attend the annual dinner in 2002. There was no doubting his enthusiasm as that November night he drove the 99.6 milers to Prestwich and then drove home immediately afterwards.

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**G. HARVEY CHURCHWARD**

An issue of Notes and News was returned in 2014 by the current occupant of a National Trust house in Stanton, Worcestershire. In a later phone call to Harry Wilkinson, our membership secretary, he notified him of the death of Harvey , who was at Stand from 1926 to 33. Stanton is a picturesque village on the edge of the Cotswold hills escarpment and it seems that Harvey did not want the village spoilt by tourist short lets. So he left the house to the National Trust and the story is that, being a bit of a character, he named the house, Jester Cottage after himself.
Donald Lockett was known to most people as DON, but to the family it was always Donald.

He was born just before the Second World War and his early years were dominated by the war and the effect it had on civilian life. His father was a Civil Defence Warden so Don saw little of him during the week. He attended Grosvenor Road Primary school and in 1948 went on to Stand Grammar School. From the start he was sports mad and was never happier than when playing with a ball or swimming and at times Don regarded school lessons as a necessary evil to be endured so that he could get back to the gym or on to a playing field.

He loved all aspects of sports and played cricket at Swinton Cricket Club, which was close to where he lived. He approached his 'O' level exams with a degree of reluctance because all he wanted to do was Physical Education - PE. But he needed another subject to accompany the PE and after re-sits it was decided he would leave and he became articled to a Chartered Accountant in Manchester. This gave him plenty of time to pursue his numerous sporting activities. Don's major love was for football and the Old Standian's Football team was his passion. He played each match as a club match and was never intimidated by any opponent. Equally, he could be a fearsome opponent himself. Don loved all ball games and it was only the onset of a sight problem, caused by Glaucoma that meant he had to try new areas of interest.

Donald did his National Service in the army where he made sergeant in the Royal Signal Corps and he had numerous overseas postings which he enjoyed. When he was in Kenya he discovered that he was one of the unlucky few who had to do an extra six months after the normal two year period. On his return he resumed his career in accountancy and joined Leesona Holt, an international textile company based in Heywood. This involved European travel and in 1972 he and his wife Pat, moved to Holland for a number of years. In 1979 he returned to Manchester and joined the family textile processing company and remained there until it closed in 1999.

He always retained an interest in the Old Standians and became a very active member of the Rotary International movement where he served as District Governor and in many other roles. It was through the Rotary that he started a lifelong crusade to help school children achieve the full potential that they had but which they needed help to develop.

He and Pat had many dogs both large and small and once he was offered a job in America, but when he found that walking his dog was going to be difficult to achieve without hassle from the local police, he decided that returning to Bury was far more enjoyable.

 Thanks to Dr Peter Lockett for this remembrance of his brother.
Ernie Schofield, who left Stand in 1947, is seen here in a photograph of the Stand Grammar School cross country team that won the Daily Dispatch Northern Schools Cross Country championship in 1946.


Not a lot is known about John, who died in June this year, other than he was a pupil at Stand from 1960 until 1964, and that he was a scratch golfer from an early age. He moved to Scotland shortly after leaving Stand but in the late sixties and early seventies regularly turned out for the Old Standians Golf Society. The Bury Times in 1974 reported, in almost reverential terms, how John scored nine birdies (six in the first nine holes) to break the course record that year, at Stand Golf Club, with a final score of 64 in the clubs Jubilee Trophy competition. There are surely many golfers who would consider being remembered for such a feat, if for nothing else, acceptable.
DR DEREK WRIGHT

Derek Wright who died earlier this year at the age of 93 was described in his obituary in the Burnley Express as ‘a highly respected doctor of the “old school”’. It will come as no surprise to those fortunate enough to have shared an education that had its core in such unfashionable values as service and duty, to learn that Derek’s “old school” was in fact Stand Grammar. Paying tribute to his father, his son Paul said, “he will be remembered for being an old fashioned doctor who would stay up all night with an expectant mother when she went into labour. He would take it upon himself to visit his patients if they were in hospital. It was said that he so well trusted that keys were left at the practice so that he could let himself into houses when somebody was elderly or unwell”. He married Joyce in 1949 and worked in general practice before moving to Victoria Hospital in Burnley as house surgeon. He leaves his wife, his son Paul, his daughter Phillipa and five grandchildren.

ALSO REMEMBERED

We have also been told of the deaths of the following Old Boys.

C.N. Bryce, Eric Burrows (left 1940), Harold Corney, Bill Hall, Frank Hardman, Graham Heywood, C. Barry Robinson, Neil Thompson, S. Townley.

WELCOME

The following Old Boys have seen the light and have now joined the Association.

David Brindle, Roger Hodkinson, Mike Holden, Ray Hulley, Peter Leyland, Mike Hamilton, Chris Minta, Steve Rivkin.

WEB SITES

For a fascinating collection of reminices and glimpses of the past from former pupils and masters try:-
http://homepage.newnet.co.uk/martynarnold/stand.htm

or just google stand grammar school
TONY SHELDON CONSIDERS THE COST OF DEDICATION

I can hardly believe that it's fifty eight years since I left Stand, and to make matter worse, I now seem to have lost my cap!

The Munich air disaster cast a shadow of deep gloom over the sports fields of Manchester that day before my mock 'O' levels on the 6th February, 1958. As news of the tragedy filtered through the top deck of the green Salford Corporation Daimler No 73, late that afternoon, the gaggle of noisy schoolboys fell silent. I was a United fan and such was the depth of my support that the next day I felt too traumatised to go into school. Although there were certain other factors involved, this decision precluded my taking 'A' levels and without them, my plans and dreams of going to University evaporated.

To live life to the full, you must take the ups and downs and deal with what's in front of you. Despite what was undoubtedly a life changing decision not to go into school that day, looking back now, who knows, it may actually have been for the best. I've had a good life and having recently celebrated my seventy seventh birthday, like Geoff Boycott, I will always carry my bat.

Some thoughts on coming to terms with the past from Tony Sheldon

OLD GIRLS RE-UNION

The Old Standians Girls Association 2017 re-union will be held on Sunday 24th September, 2017 at 11.00am at Philips High School, Higher Lane, Whitefield. There will be a short assembly with speaker Betty Morris (nee Hayhurst), followed by a buffet lunch. Old Boys will be most welcome.

SALES DEPARTMENT

The following collectors items are for sale at give away prices:-

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BIG SOFT NELLIE *

Have you written, erudite
Essays blurbsome, without spite?
Have you quoted apt citations
From Aristotle’s meditations?
Chaucer, according to some Maudlin don
Was a Chelsea vinters son,
Have you said so? Or that Burns
Had three loves mislaid by turns?
Do you know the lives of Willy
Do you care that Chesterton
Had his ale laid duly on?

These evocative lines, entitled *The Philistine or Art for Art’s Sake*, appeared in the 1948 issue of The Standian magazine and were penned by Henry Livings in his last year at Stand. They must surely have bugled his innate ability to shape the language in a manner that raised his efforts way beyond the level of schoolboy doggerel. He went on from Stand to achieve fame, though not necessarily fortune, as an actor, broadcaster, screenwriter and prolific playwright. Born in Prestwich in 1929, one of his early acting roles was in the first ever Carry On film, *Carry On Sergeant*, as a raw recruit alongside those mahattas of mirth, Kenneth Williams, Bob Monkhouse, Charles Hawtrey et al. In May 1964 he appeared in *Coronation Street*, playing Wilf Haddon, who, for those too young to remember those grainy pioneering episodes, was the son of Martha Longhurst. His first love however, and that for which he was universally acclaimed, was as the creator of numerous short stories, dramas and screen plays, that were often written in a quirky, somewhat surreal style that reflects his own anti-authoritarian instincts and love of eccentricity. He seemed to have been singularly unimpressed by his time at Stand, describing that period, along with his short and unproductive years at Liverpool University as his ‘unfocused past’. In *The Rough Side of the Boards*, a memoir recounting his younger days as a struggling actor, he writes that ‘...the grammar school which I attended threatened to lock so many doors, and to direct me to serve and even to join the Establishment, the officer class, in whose ranks my shabby teachers so fervently wished to stand’. Possibly in order to support his contention that the masters at Stand were out of touch with working class sensibilities he describes an exchange when -

‘Mr Cottrell (sic) the French master at the Grammar School, had spotted a boy whose attention had been caught by something beyond the playground railings. The master followed the boys gaze. It was a man sweeping up leaves. “So, a man sweeping up leaves is of more interest than your studies, is he boy? You carry on like that and that’s what you’ll be doing in a few years time, sweeping up and fit for nothing better”.

“It’s my father”, said the boy.

Henry died in February, 1998 at Delph, near Oldham.

* Big Soft Nellie was one Henry Living’s first plays, written in 1961.
## OSA INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31/12/2015

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ANNUAL DINNER AND RE-UNION 2016

The Annual Dinner will be held this year at Stand Golf Club on Friday 21st October 2016
Please assemble at 7-00 pm for a 7.30 pm prompt start

COST £25
(Please, no Euros)

The guest speaker this year is Warren Marshall, former Head Boy, promising footballer, eminent architect in later life and jolly interesting chap. No heckling please.

If you require the vegetarian option please indicate this on the return slip below, otherwise it will be assumed that the standard option is required. Please forward the attached slip together with your remittance to:-

Hon. Treasurer of the O.S.A.
Paul Latham
7 Alkrington Close
Sunnybank, Bury. BL9 8NP
Please, no later than 12th October 2016

I would like to attend the Annual Dinner on the 21st October, 2016, and enclose my cheque for the sum of £25.00.

I would like to make a donation to the Association for the sum of £........

I require the vegetarian option: YES/NO

NAME: (capitals please).

ADDRESS:

PLEASE ENTER THE YEAR THAT YOU LEFT STAND

Please make all cheques payable to OLD STANDIANS ASSOCIATION