

*The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
of the Old Danensians' Club  
11 am April 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 in the School Library, Thorne Road*

Chair: Roger Williams

**Present:** Paul Ablett, Richard Flint, Dorothy Ford, Angela Gibson, Alison Martin, Heidi Morris, Gaynel Munn, David Porter, Joan Reasbeck, Mr and Mrs John Roberts, Carol Speakman, Roger and Elizabeth Williams, Peter Wood. (15)

**Apologies:** John Brew, Pippa Dodgshon (Head), Henry Hargrave, Muriel Bingham.

1. Roger welcomed the members present and apologies for absence were noted. Our sympathy was expressed to Carol on the sudden death of her husband two weeks before.

2. **The Minutes of the last AGM** (April 26<sup>th</sup> 2008), having been previously circulated (last May), were agreed and signed as a correct record. Any 'Matters Arising' were covered by the agenda.

3. **Treasurer's Report:**

(i) Heidi presented the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008, properly audited (copy in minute book). Various questions were answered and the accounts accepted with thanks to Heidi and Carol and to Gaynel for auditing.

(ii) It was agreed that Peter will ask possible sponsors about paying the web site annual fees in return for advertising on the site.

(iii) Roger will see Pippa about increasing the Gurney prize to £25 p.a.

4. **Secretaries Reports:**

(i) The **Doncaster Dinner** will be on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July** at the Holiday Inn, 7 for 7.30 pm  
Peter has yet to finalise costs and menus but hopes to keep the price under £20.

*(See attached sheet of details - please return the reply slip to Peter asap)*

In due course Angela will find out names of Head Boy, Head Girl, the medal winners and any retiring staff (serving the school 25 years or more) for Peter to send invitations. In addition, 10 6<sup>th</sup> formers will be invited - these to pay £10 each, the Club paying the rest of the cost.

After some discussion, it was agreed to sound out members about the date of the Doncaster Dinner - whether another time of year might be preferable?? - though a July date fits well with the other OD events in London and Oxford. *Please send any opinions on this to Peter.*

(ii) It was with great sadness we heard earlier in the year of the deaths of past Presidents Judge Frank Lockhart (in December) and Lord Ron Dearing (in February). Our sympathies were sent to their families. (see obituaries)

(iii) Joan spoke of the need for the Club to find new secretaries from 2010:

Peter Wood will retire after this year's Doncaster Dinner (July 2009) and Joan Reasbeck will retire after NEXT year's AGM 2010. The club urgently needs people able and willing to take on these jobs - vital if the Club is to continue.

**Please note the following and consider carefully if you could commit yourself to any of the jobs in 1 and 2 below mentioned.**

It is proposed to **break the job into more manageable parts:**

1. *Doncaster Dinner - liaise with the Holiday Inn, arrange bookings and menus, send out invitations (with the AGM mailing in May), receive replies and organise seating plan taking notice of special requests etc .....*

2. (a) *January Newsletter editor - to collate / write (see any January Newsletters for ideas), get printed (in school by Joan Riordan), send e-mail copy to Richard Flint who will send it to those on e-mail. \**

(b) *Minutes secretary - AGM + any committee meeting (at present only in January). Again collate / write information to be sent out - usually the London Dinner report, obituaries, changes of address etc*  
*Arrange printing (in school, thanks to Joan Riordan again), send e-mail copy to Richard Flint. \**

*(2a and 2b could be done by the same person as now, or separately by different people)*

3. *Membership - Dorothy Ford will carry on keeping the membership list up to date - with Joan R to help, especially when producing the 4 yearly membership list, and perhaps also helping with correspondence / phone calls / information.*

\* Angela suggested that the time consuming job of enveloping might be done by Year 10 school children on duty at reception each day. She will ask about this and enquire if our mailings could go through the school's postal system.

Up to the present, a team of volunteers has done the enveloping and the mail then taken for posting through the Taylor Bracewell office, courtesy of Fred Curtis. The Club is grateful to him and all who are or have been concerned in this.

We are also grateful to Richard Flint, who sends out the OD mailings to those on e-mail and to Angela Gibson who is our liaison with the school, its pupils and the Head, and organises rooms / refreshments for any meetings we have.

**Anyone interested in serving the Club as above please contact Joan Reasbeck on 01302 852521 or e-mail to [secretary@old-danensians.org.uk](mailto:secretary@old-danensians.org.uk)**

Lots of help will be forthcoming from Joan and Peter to new secretaries in their first year!

5. Much discussion took place on **attracting younger members**. Positive suggestions included

(i) Making the ODs' Club better known to children in earlier years - Angela will explore ways of including the ODs' Club on the VLE (virtual learning environment) work done in IT. The history of the school could be emphasised more, encouraging a proper pride and sense of belonging.

(ii) More OD prizes throughout the school years will advertise our existence (see item 8 (iii)).

(iii) In the next few weeks Angela will speak to school leavers in Years 11, 12, 13 about the ODs' Club ("5th, Lower and Upper 6th" to those not conversant with the modern naming system). They will be invited to give her their e-mail address and will receive mailing for 3 years, then removed from the list if, after that time, they have not joined the Club and paid a subscription.

(iv) Some wondered if those going into the 6th form could be called 'Danensians', becoming 'Old' Danensians when they left? - the 6<sup>th</sup> form tie is already the traditional red lion on a navy background. Roger will mention this idea to Pippa.

(v) Stephen Brookes has recently presented the awards at the annual hockey dinner and flagged up the ODs' Club.

## 6. Election of Officers:

**President: Alison Martin** (nee Cunnington) (77-82)

In the absence of retiring President John Brew, Roger presented Alison with the President's Medal. Alison thanked the Club for the honour and spoke briefly of her family's connection with the school (father John and all four children). Alison is Head of UK Border Force and based at Gatwick and travelled up to Doncaster for today's AGM. She hopes that many friends from her school year, as well as all her family, will be present at the July Dinner.

**President – Elect: David Porter (55-62)** (proposed: Roger Williams,  
seconded: Joan Reasbeck)

David, who studied PE at Carnegie and taught at King’s Pontefract for many years, thanked everyone for the nomination.

**Chair:** Roger Williams  
**Secretaries:** Joan Reasbeck and Peter Wood  
**Membership Sec:** Dorothy Ford  
**London Sec:** Brian Woodley  
**Oxford Secs:** Paul Kent and Robert Fox  
**Treasurer:** Heidi Morris  
**Asst Treasurer:** Carol Speakman  
**Auditor:** Gaynel Munn  
**Archivists:** Bob Steward and Clive Howarth  
**Committee:** all the above and Elizabeth Williams, Fred Curtis, Angela Gibson,  
Henry Hargrave, Richard Flint, Paul Ablett.

**7. Head’s Report:** In Pippa’s absence, Angela spoke of

- (i) Recent highly successful school productions - several ODs were able to attend the musical ‘Bugsy Malone’.
- (ii) A charity fashion show organised by Duke of Edinburgh Award youngsters raised £1800.
- (iii) The football / basketball teams enjoyed a visit to Chicago.
- (iv) Several 6<sup>th</sup> formers went on skiing trips to Italy and Barcelona.
- (v) The Rugby teams are doing well.
- (vi) Next year the school will begin a “2-week timetable” having 5 periods a day – 3 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon.
- (vii) Press reports of the Thorne Rd site’s closure are grossly exaggerated!! ie. untrue!!  
(see Pippa’s letter)

**8. 200 Club:**

- (i) It was proposed and agreed that 200 Club Prizes be as follows:  
Doncaster Dinner: £500  
both AGM and London: one of £50 and two of £25
- (ii) Thus today’s 200 Club draw was as follows:  
No 196 S Roberts £50  
No 151 Eleanor Cunnington £25 (Alison’s sister!)  
No 162 Ted Smith £25
- (iii) It was agreed that the 200 Club donate £750 per annum for awards / prizes in all years (Year 7 to Year 13). It was agreed also that they should be not just for achievement but some also for effort / behaviour / service to the school and that they should not be monetary awards but e.g. books – a book sticker “awarded by the Old Danensians’ Club” would bring the Club to recognition throughout the school. Roger to discuss with Pippa her ideas and wishes in this matter.

**9. AOB:**

- (i) The London Dinner next year to be in March 6<sup>th</sup> 2010, again at the Civil Service Club, Great Scotland Yard.
- (ii) Robert Fox has written to say that he and Paul Kent are hoping to organise another lunch in Harris Manchester College, Oxford in 2010. Details will follow in due course. Robert is lecturing in America for most of this year.

The meeting closed at approx 12.30 pm, with thanks to Angela for refreshments.

The Club's Revenue Account and Balance Sheet, for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008, have been removed from this version of the newsletter.

If you are a Club member, and wish to receive the unedited version of the newsletter, please contact Richard Flint (e-mail [website@old-danensians.org.uk](mailto:website@old-danensians.org.uk)).



# HALL CROSS SCHOOL

## *Science and Mathematics College*

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20 March 2009

Dear Parent, Prospective Student, Friend of the School,

You may have seen a recent article in Doncaster's Free Press about the future of Doncaster schools and in particular about proposals for Hall Cross. It might be helpful if we provide you with a more up-to-date and accurate picture of the Building Schools for the Future current position.

Hall Cross would not be due for any material investment under BSF until 2014, at which point we have been informed we will receive one of the largest investments within the Doncaster programme. Any resulting building programme is most unlikely to impact on our existing population of learners until after 2014. For those students aiming to study at Hall Cross as a Post 16 student this September there will certainly be no impact.

Regular meetings between senior staff, Governors and LA have established an agreed position that reflects the broad views of parents and other stakeholders; including concerns raised about the future of the Thorne Road site and the eventual size of the school. We have been given assurances that these aspects of the BSF programme will continue to be debated and negotiated.

The proposals are for a significant investment in rebuilding the Lower School site or other suitable Bessacarr site. Work is ongoing into how elements of Upper School can continue to be used to deliver post 16 and community learning and we are further investigating the catchment arrangements for Hall Cross.

There is a real desire to retain Hall Cross's historic brand within an exciting and innovative future.

In the meantime, we will continue with our wholehearted endeavours to deliver both outstanding learning and student outcomes at Hall Cross. In this way we will best secure the brightest future for our students and our school.

Yours sincerely

Pippa Dodgshon  
Headteacher

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**Headteacher: Pippa Dodgshon**

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Obituaries sent to us:

### **His Honour Judge Frank Lockhart**

(at school 1945-50 and President of the ODs' Club in 2004-5)

Frank passed away suddenly in the Royal London Hospital on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December following a short illness. Our thoughts are with his family.

Brian Woodley was sent this tribute from the Southend Rugby Football Club -

“His love of rugby had been apparent from the early days when he played for his home club Doncaster RFC. He moved to Southend as a solicitor back in the early 1960s and joined Southend RFC. He played in most of the club teams until his retirement from the game in the 1970s but still supported the club regularly, sharing his leisure time with his other love, golf.

Frank was a County Prosecuting Solicitor before he became a partner in Jeffries Solicitors, where he concentrated on a criminal practice but also sat as a part-time Chairman of the Industrial Tribunal and from 1985 as a Recorder. He was appointed to the Crown Court Bench in 1988, sitting mainly in Essex and retired in 2007. The funeral service was held at Holy Trinity Church, Southend on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January.”

*(ed: have you any pictures or memories of Frank to share?)*

### **Lord Ronald Ernest Dearing** (at school 1942-45 and President of the Club 2000-01)

Ron was a life peer, a civil servant and former Chancellor of Nottingham University. He died on 19<sup>th</sup> February at the age of 78. He had been diagnosed with cancer. He is survived by Margaret and two daughters to whom we send our deepest sympathy.

The following is written with help from Roy Hattersley's obituary in the Guardian of Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

*(ed: throughout, his article Roy speaks of 'Dearing' - here we use 'Ron')*

Ron was born in Hull. His father, a wharfinger's clerk, was killed in an air raid in 1942. Ron and his older brothers were sent as evacuees to rural Yorkshire where the housekeeper was a Methodist and loved cricket - Ron caught both enthusiasms. He was educated at Doncaster Grammar School and Malet Lambert school in Hull. Going to university was never discussed, instead Ron took the civil service clerical exam and started work in 1946 in the labour exchange. Within weeks of becoming a clerical officer, he began to prepare for the executive class examination but, before the course was finished, he was called up into the RAF. Demobbed in 1949, he was promoted to executive class and posted to the Ministry of Fuel and Power, where he stayed until 1962 and lodged at the Bermondsey Methodist Settlement where he met Margaret Riley. They married in 1954.

Ron began to study for entrance into the civil service administrative class and also enrolled for a London University external degree, applying for a scholarship to University College Hull to complete the course. Whilst there, he electrified his contemporaries and slightly embarrassed his teachers by taking on Professor Milton Friedman, the guru of the market economy. Friedman had drawn a cross on the board and told his audience that it represented all they needed to know about the housing crisis. If rents were allowed to rise, the demand would fall. Ron, white-faced, earnest and slightly nervous, told him that he was talking nonsense. The incident was typical of his character. For years after, officers of what was then the Postal Workers Union remembered his time as chairman of the PO (81-87) as an epoch in which he often resisted their wage demands, but was equally tough in his determination to prevent privatisation.

The years that followed Hull were marked by steady progress: in the treasury (62-64), with the ministries of power and the dept of trade and industry (65-72), under-secretary in the DTI (72-76). Although he supported the corporatism of the Wilson and Callaghan governments, he always insisted that he had no political allegiance and claimed he was pathologically incapable of supporting any one political party. He worked in cooperative harmony with ministers as diverse as Keith Joseph and

Tony Benn. By 1983 he had risen to the rank of deputy secretary and was knighted the following year.

He chaired the Post Office after the Thatcher government split its telecommunications activities away to become BT. Then education secretary, Kenneth Baker asked Ron to become the chairman of the Council for Academic Awards (87-88), validating degrees for the old polytechnics. Ron also moved into the private sector, with various directorships - Whitbread, Prudential Assurance, Imperial Metal Industries, Ericssons and English Estates. To universal surprise he became chair of Camelot (93-95) - a Methodist sponsoring the National Lottery!

Ron is perhaps best known for his work in education. In 1994 the first Dearing Report slimmed down the national curriculum. In 1996 his second report, on the schools exam system, recommended that the distinction between technical training and education should be blurred.

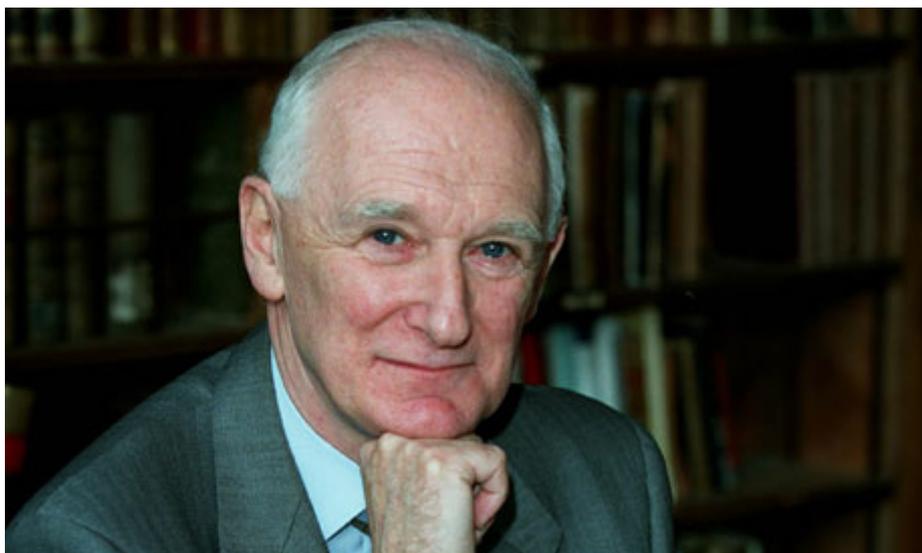
It was in 1996 that Ron Dearing and his National Committee of Inquiry into Higher Education began work on what became the report 'Higher Education in the Learning Society'. After 240 meetings and 380 public submissions and some 14 months later, the 2000 pages of report on H.E. was published - this set the agenda for higher education ever since. There were 93 recommendations in all, but it was the proposal to make students pay for their university education that caused shock waves. David Blunket, incoming secretary of state for education, accepted the report though swept aside the report's recommendation to maintain grants to poorer students.

The universities had been in a state of chaos and underfunding. Were they to expand or contract? Student numbers were rapidly increasing and the amount a university spent on each student for teaching was rapidly reducing. There was also a massive decay in research infrastructure. Ron's views (as throughout his years of public service) were both compassionate and practical, and, along with students paying towards their education, he advocated protecting the global reputation of British degrees, more research funding, greater professionalism in university teaching, a pay review and a stronger regional and community role for universities. This Dearing report had the effect of increasing funding and the standard of teaching in universities.

Throughout the 90s, constantly interrupted by illness, Ron worked his way across the whole spectrum of English education, revising the Crowther, Newsome and Robbins reports. In 1998 he was made a life peer.

Ron was described by virtually every minister with whom he worked as the 'almost perfect public servant'. To those who worked with him, his enduring characteristic was integrity. It was the virtue mentioned by postmen as well as permanent secretaries, and secretaries of state. His most important attribute was his belief in hard work. In that he was essentially a Victorian figure, who right to the end, lived modestly and spent his little spare time on odd jobs about the house.

Later in life he discovered poetry and, speaking of Matthew Arnold's 'Dover Beach', asserted his refusal to believe that it had been written on the poet's wedding night. It was not the nature of the poem which gave him doubts but the quality. "Anything as good as that must have taken weeks of work." Nothing could more adequately have revealed the true Dearing character.



Ed: I re-print Lord Dearing's speech at the Doncaster Dinner, 2000 - thought you might like to read it again

## President's Speech - Lord Ron Dearing

Hi! I've begun to realise that one of the great privileges of being President is to be the first to be offered a bankers order to become one of 'the 200' (congratulations Roger). I've also bought a tie and I've escaped buying a plaque so far. Of course fund raising is very much in the Headmaster's mind, as it has to be in any Headmaster. I'm going to tell him what neither he nor his wife may have learnt in their days as a postman or postwoman. (They are honourable estates.) Once upon a time while I was Chairman, a letter was received in the sorting office in London town. It had a rather difficult address, addressed to 'God in heaven.' The rule to the sorter was - if you're not sure which of the 48 boxes to put it in, put it on top of the frame and at the end of the shift, you call upon the supervisor for advice. The first you do then is look at the back of the envelope in case there is a return to sender address. There wasn't. The next rule is - if it's a 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamp you throw it in the waste paper basket. This had a 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp. So they thought in duty they'd better open this letter to see if there was an address inside and, being a bit human, they read the letter. It said 'Dear God, I am a good Catholic and go to Mass regularly. I have a problem. I need £20 and I need it fast. I have faith and am sure you'll see me right.' As you know, her Majesty's postmen are a good lot, and the bucket went round. They had £15 and 16 shillings. An envelope was dispatched with this amount. A reply came by return of post (if you believe that you'll believe anything) and the lads gathered round the 'God in heaven' letter - 'Dear God, I got your letter and the £15 and 16 shillings. I asked for £20. I know what it was. It was those b... thieving postmen.'

It is a great pleasure to be invited to be your President. I recall as an 11 year old youngster in your school having high aspirations but perhaps not high expectations. While I did aspire to play for Yorkshire and the school, I certainly didn't aspire to make a speech in front of my Headmaster. Those of you who were at school in my day may remember our Headmaster, Dr Best. I remember the terror of seeking to read some text accurately in his awesome presence, and I remember what happened to that poor little soul when the great doctor was reading a text and he went to sleep! So Headmaster I speak with some diffidence in your presence.

It is a special privilege to speak on this 650<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is an awesome passage of time. As I was reading the history of the school again, I noticed that until 1900 all our Headmasters had been men of the cloth, clergymen of the Church of England. And yet as I reflected this school had been in existence some 200 years before Henry the Eighth created the Church of England! It really brings it home. If you treble the age of this school we would have been looking over the shoulders of Matthew, Luke or John. It's wonderful to be part of a tradition of some 100 generations, to be involved with such a school and to feel part of it. One tends to look back on the old days as good days. Certainly I do in spite of sweet rationing and queuing for an hour at the Gaumont in order to get in. But it wasn't always so good. One Headmaster kept up his dignity by seldom appearing in the schoolroom. He would be in his library, or in the dining room, in a large Moroccan covered armchair, holding a book in one hand whilst the other was always ready to clasp the cane that he kept close by. He was able to use that cane with great vigour. Thank God that was before my time (1845), and thank goodness that we weren't here 40 years earlier when starting time was 6am! But it became a fine school with great traditions and we were fortunate. I felt it. I came as an evacuee from Hull, of no distinction, no academic record. You welcomed me and I had 4 very happy years and I am in debt to the school for that. A school is a living entity and, as I look back to Doncaster Grammar School, I am no less delight to be a member of Hall Cross School. I make no value judgement in any political way between the Grammar school tradition and the comprehensive tradition, but, as some of you may know, I've been knocking about in Education for a dozen years. What has become so clear is that, while over the generations, we served well those who, like us, had a certain kind of talent, a cognitive talent, we did not serve well the great majority and especially those whose talents were not academic but came from the vast kaleidoscope of talent which this country has regarded below the top - to its disadvantage.

I have felt for a dozen years, how imperative it is to continue to serve well those who have our traditional academic talent - our whole future depends on it - but also to nourish the other kinds of talent, the practical application. I spoke of my GPO days. I really came to that job after a long

number of years in the cerebral kind of game to the management game. I learnt the kind of talent I had had its role, but I learnt about this vast range of different talents I met through my Post Office colleagues. How much I had to learn from them and how much they gave to me. I feel that it is imperative for the future of this nation that we have schools that take in the whole range of talent, respect all kinds of talent, and feel that they are at the centre of things, privileged to take in the whole variety, welcome and achieve through them and with them. That I see as the role of our school, Hall Cross School. I am appalled at the national scandal that 7 million adults in this country cannot effectively read or write or do basic arithmetic. There are 7 million, who, if asked to find a plumber in the Yellow Pages, can't. They are disabled for effective participation in life. We've got to say to ourselves, we can't go on like that. Those people must be brought fully into society. Otherwise we will have a fractured society. Increasingly fractured because, with India and China coming massively into world markets, with 40% of the world's population, what chance have they of earning a decent living in the next 50 years? So there is a great responsibility on our schools to help those kids to develop what talents they have and to acquire basic skills. There was a debate in the House of Lords some weeks ago about the lassie in Newcastle who couldn't get into Oxford. I said to them, 'Look friends, you're not going to solve the problem of University admission when the lass or the lad is 18. The battle has to be fought many years before that. This is an incident of minor importance. Let's focus on the needs of the mass people, the 7 million.' I described it in the Lords as a national scandal and so it is. So I'm saying that we tonight are part of a great tradition but I'm delighted to be part now of a wider tradition. When one talks of what one's got out of education, they tend to say that education is what remains when you've forgotten what you've been taught. I tried to prove last year that I had not forgotten Archimedes Principle. I may not know what it means but I can say it faster than anyone else in the room. I asked myself on the way here if I could define the moment about a point? - I could rattle off the definition - so I have remembered the odd thing. But there is great truth in that saying - that it's what remains. What remains has to do with the values of a school which it imparts to us. An increasingly difficult issue in society where philosophers have led us over the past 400 years from the tome of Locke and Kant and so on - to relativism in values. But this school in my day and your day knew where it stood on these issues. I took away from this school an attitude to life and a way of behaving. It wasn't taught, it was lived by the school, the teachers. I'll boil it down to one thing in particular - living life, accepting life. It was a school which encourage you to get involved, whether on the playing field or in the classroom. I think the highest compliment I ever had was from Captain Bales, who at the end of my report as form teacher wrote, "works hard, plays hard". It was that kind of encouragement - that you could do it. There was once an old Boy on the stage at Prize giving - he looked down the hall at those of us who'd not gone up to get a prize. (I was happily 20<sup>th</sup> in the class!) He said, 'those of you who haven't been up here, you can if you want to.' It was possible. I got my name on the list though I never got my form prize - it was in the post and still is! It was this kind of attitude - 'go for it' - lad have a go - that's what the school did for me, and it's a message I try to get across to others. 'I can and I will.' It's served me well. It's taken me through some hairy corners in my time. I won't confess them all, in fact I'm not confessing anything tonight, but thank you school.

Now a final word. It's my privilege to propose a toast to the school. In doing so I'm not only thinking of the distinguished people we have here tonight, or of the building, but the teachers and the Head. They create the school. I can't recall a time when the task of teaching has been so stressful and burdensome, or so much subject to external criticism. The level of achievements expected of them are ratcheted up every year. I feel for them for they are not getting the recognition or praise they deserve. I want to say that our own future lies in their hands more than any other members of the community. I say to the Headmaster thanks for all your profession has done for me and may you have great success with today's and tomorrow's generation of pupils.

So Danensians will you rise and drink a toast to "Our School".

*In the minutes of the 2001 ODs AGM, Lord Ron Dearing said his year as President had been wholly pleasurable. A challenging moment came at the Doncaster Dinner when he had to pin the Ornesby medal on Kathryn Stephen's dress - such was the nature of her dress that he didn't know where to pin it!*

## The Old Danensians London Dinner on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009

We had another well attended dinner this year and as last year met in the main dining room which is much more amenable for the occasion. After the pre-meal drinks we had a minute's silence as respect for the late departed Lord Ron Dearing and Frank Lockhart both of whom had been regular attendees at the London dinner. However we know they would have wanted us to enjoy ourselves, which I believe was managed by all the attendees. Once again there were several newcomers to the dinner, including the school's new head who with her husband accepted a belated invitation to the dinner (for which I was most grateful!)

After a very enjoyable meal we had a few words from our President, John Brew, reminiscing about school chums and teachers, interspersed with some recollections of Ron Dearing from David Gadsby. John invited the Head, Pippa Dodgshon, to give us a summary of the recent school activities. Pippa gave us her view on the future of the school and briefly told us the latest news on academic and sporting achievements, and also all the extra curricula events that take place. Finally John introduced and welcomed the new President from April 09, Alison Martin.

There were a number of apologies from some of our regulars who weren't able to get here this year. Finally, having cajoled a few attendees to join the 200 Club, we made the draw, and the winning

numbers were no. 9 for £25	G Walker
no. 36 for £10	M Backhouse
no. 43 for £10	IW Broadhead
no. 7 for £10.	ER Silverwood

Attendees were Mr and Mrs N Birkbeck, Mr and Mrs R Breislin, Mr and Mrs J Brew, Mr and Mrs M Brew, Mr S Brooks, Mr A M Burbanks and Mrs B Wolff, Mrs M Campion, Miss E Cunnington, Ms A Dale, Ms P Dodgshon and Mr M Shevill, Mr and Mrs J Finlay, Mr and Mrs D Gadsby, Ms R Gregor, Mr S Hamilton, Mr A Holmes, Mrs A Martin and Mr A Gordon, Prof H Marsh, Col and Mrs R P Pierce-Price, Mr and Mrs Pierce-Saunderson, Mr and Mrs B C Woodley.

I hope I'll be able to receive the same sort of numbers next year - I've already provisionally booked the main dining room! The dinner will be on **Saturday, 6th March 2010**, so book it into your diary now and don't be disappointed!

Please contact me for further details by post, telephone (details in this newsletter) or Email me at [london.secretary@old-danensians.org.uk](mailto:london.secretary@old-danensians.org.uk)

Brian Woodley

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Don't forget !

*The Doncaster Dinner is on Friday July 10<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn, Warmsworth Doncaster, 7 for 7.30pm*

**President this year Alison Martin (née Cunnington - at school 1977- 82)**

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*Please do send any interesting information about Old Danensians for publication in the January Newsletter to Joan Reasbeck – we can only include what you send us! ([secretary@old-danensians.org.uk](mailto:secretary@old-danensians.org.uk))*

*The next membership list will be sent out in January 2010 – Please let us know if your address or any details are incorrect – before November 2009. Also can anyone tell us of the whereabouts of any of our 'Gone Aways' ?? please contact Joan Reasbeck,*



John Brew speaking to those gathered at the London Dinner, 2009



## Changes since January 2009

Members' contact details (postal and e-mail addresses) have been removed from this version of the newsletter.

If you are a Club member, and wish to receive the unedited version of the newsletter, please contact Richard Flint (e-mail [website@old-danensians.org.uk](mailto:website@old-danensians.org.uk)).

### **Changes of Address:**

Malcolm J Cunnington  
Harry Marsh  
Chris Kelsey  
Dr Linda Pooley  
Brian Witherden

### **Deaths:**

EM Webb died July '08  
Frank Lockhart died 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 2008  
Lord Ron Dearing died Feb 2009

### **"Gone Away":**

Paul Chambers  
Miss S Walker

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Mrs JA Cartwright  
Walter Hudson  
Rev Doctor Edward Baty  
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