

# THE KALIMPONG ASSOCIATION (UK)



## *Winter 2009 Newsletter*



### *Christmas Wishes from the Kalimpong Association (UK)*

This is always a magical, mystical and memorable time of year when we welcome the festive season and celebrate Christmas. Family is always at the heart of Christmas and getting together for the festivities is what makes this a special time of year. When everyone leads such busy lives, it's often hard to find time to spend with loved ones. Christmas is therefore a great opportunity to chill out and really enjoy spending refreshing quality time together. Familiar rituals over the holiday period, like dressing the tree/cooking /going for a walk/skating/shopping together, help bring out the Christmas spirit and makes us appreciate those we sometimes take for granted.

What is the meaning of Christmas? Every time a hand reaches out to help another....that is Christmas. Every time someone puts anger aside and strives for understanding...that is Christmas. Every time people forget their differences and realise their love for each other...that is Christmas. May this Christmas bring us closer to the spirit of human understanding. We at the Kalimpong Association (UK) wish you and yours what we wish ourselves and our loved ones, a year of peace, blessings, good health and a good life. To our loyal supporters and volunteers who work so closely with Dr Graham's Homes, we thank you for your energy, talent and resources; for providing a life of dignity, a life of quality, a life worth living to hundreds of needy children of all ages who pass through the foothills of the Himalayan Mountains. The act of giving is what defines Dr Graham's Homes and what Daddy Graham was all about. May we be given courage, strength and fortitude to continue in Daddy Graham's footsteps, to continue to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Margaretta Purtill (Byers)*  
*President*

### *From the Editor's Desk*

This past year has very been difficult for our family. Our Mum has been, and still is very ill and our sister Glynis has been ailing for over two years and is currently awaiting an operation. I am sure there are many OGB's and friends who have also endured sadness, illness and bereavement this year and our thoughts and prayers go out to all of them.

I hope you will find this winter edition of the Newsletter interesting, even though it is a bit longer than required by the Committee. There are a few articles about the Birthday celebrations in Delhi, London and Perth though I am sure this special day was celebrated in most countries where there are a number of OGB's.

Caroline Eckersley and Tina Dennis are looking for sponsors for their bike ride from Kolkata to Kalimpong in February 2010 and a short request appears on Page 5.

With the increasing cost of postage, we are grateful to those who receive the Newsletter via e-mail and once again we would encourage more OGB's/Friends to take up this option. Please contact Margaretta or any of the Committee Members.

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that this will be my last Newsletter. Unfortunately, I have found that I cannot work effectively within the constraints laid down by the Committee and sincerely hope that another Editor is found soon.

All that remains is for me to wish each and everyone of you a Happy and Blessed Christmas and a Very Happy 2010.

Take care of yourselves and each other and keep those articles coming in.

*Yolande Fegredo*  
*Editor*

# **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

## ***DELHI – ANOTHER NIGHT TO REMEMBER***

Perhaps I should make it clear from the start that the only reason why I am writing this account of the Delhi OGBs 'Birthday Ball' is because it went off so successfully that had one of the members attempted to do so, it may have been taken as blowing one's own trumpet!

So, what made this so special? In one phrase: planning and a joint effort. Of course it helped to have it at a private Club in an air conditioned banquet room attractively decorated with masses of blue and white balloons – the Homes colours, need I add. However, what set it apart were little touches like all present wearing a 'band' on the wrist – blue for OGBs and white for others; and a dress code laid down in the invitation that added a 'touch of class' to the proceedings. A special 'side show' organized by Peter Baker entitled "Down Memory Lane" with pictures of Cottages, 'kids' and buildings old and new, produced the usual 'oohs' and 'ahs' from time to time. Pictures of the McRobert Tower in its glory years when its Westminster Chimes could be heard all over the compound, drew a special cheer – from me! This was perfectly understandable because at least 97% of OGBs present spent the greater part of their school life at the Homes in the 1970s and 80s although special mention must be made of two ex-students who left as recently as 2007 and so were younger than some of the children of OGBs present!

With regard to the actual programme, school master Tony Magnum (he teaches at the famous Frank Anthony Public School) got the ball rolling with a warm and well thought out speech of welcome. In my response I drew attention to the fact that until three years ago, the only Birthday celebrations held outside the Homes were by the London OGBs Association, in Auckland by Thuten Kesang, in Toronto – the only celebration organized entirely by an Overseas Committee – and of course the Birkmyre Hostel in Calcutta. Today, in addition to those already mentioned, the Homes Birthday was celebrated in Bhutan, Dubai, Perth WA – and here in India's Capital. (Perhaps the next London Newsletter may reveal other places where this piece of 'history' was observed.)

Douglas and Claudette Framjee (former House Parents of Calcutta Cottage) cut the traditional 'cake' very kindly donated by Glen and Glenda Johnson, and this was followed immediately by an excellent rendering of the School Song: "Forward O Youth, forever advancing, Look to horizons far ....." - the only version known by these predominantly under 42 year olds. Care had been taken to have the words of the School Song printed on a background of the Homes Crest – another delightful touch.

The more formal side of things having been completed, music provided by professional DJs came into its own, loud and clear. The dance floor was 'invaded' and proceedings kept at fever pitch by the M.C's – the Rajan brothers: Vilan and Leonard. Generous prizes were given away and I was asked to judge the best 'mod' dancer – an event for which I felt woefully unqualified being one of those old fashioned people who still dances with his feet, and not the pelvis. I was also asked to judge the 'Best Dressed' person, and felt far more comfortable doing so. Both prizes were awarded to teen-aged 'children' of OGBs and it was interesting the way all the youngsters fitted into the entire programme.

If the drinks went down well, the buffet dinner was superb and served – believe it or not – from 10 pm to 1.30 am so that one never felt the need to have a solid meal at any time, but kept pecking away at the various 'goodies' throughout the evening. I am talking from experience having had my final helping of a hot jelibie smothered in ice-cream at the bewitching hour of one in the morning!

But while all good things come to an end, memories linger. One can remember an evening of fun, music and food – but more importantly, one of laughter, friendships renewed, stories and incidents exchanged, and that feeling of oneness that exists whenever OGBs come together to share an experience that only school days spent on the Homes compound can provide.

***Bernard Brooks***

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## ***LONDON***

Another successful Birthday Reunion took place on 19 September in London with attendees totalling sixty two. There were all the usual familiar faces, plus some new ones. Eric Pattison from Toronto, Canada, was there with his wife Connie. Elspeth (Dunlop) Lamb came from Birmingham, but Eddie wasn't well enough to make the journey and we missed him and his piano accompaniment for the old Homes Rallying song, which was sung with the usual gusto.

A special welcome was given to Mr Jim Simpson, the new Sponsorship Secretary in Scotland. Jim is the grandson of the first headmaster in the Homes (also Mr Jim Simpson), whose photograph I remember on display in the Jarvie Hall. Jim's interesting and informative talk on the sponsorship scheme, and his thoughts and plans for it, appear below. Jim had compiled an album of early Kalimpong photographs he had found among his grandfather's papers, which were interesting to look at. I am sorry that I didn't get a chance to see them all, as my own mother was a pupil in the Homes during that era.

The raffle, always a good money-spinner, was very well received, with lots of interesting prizes. Cynthia Munro with the help of her sister Linda are the enthusiastic sellers of raffle tickets at the reunions, and she and Linda kept an eye on the prize table during the draw. Members and well wishers donate most of the prizes.

Lastly, but not least, a special mention must be made of the delicious chicken curry and pilau rice meal prepared by Leonie Appleby and Juliana Duckworth, fellow committee members (and some husbands) and other helpers in the kitchen. The meal replaced the usual afternoon tea of samosas, sweets etc. and was enjoyed by all. We specially thank Leonie and all in the kitchen (Pat Crowfoot, Rosemarie Baker, Diana Nuttall and Maureen Lucas) who always miss out on so much at the reunions by giving their time in the kitchen so we can all be well fed.

Thanks also to Margaretta and Vince, John Christie, Juliana Duckworth, Roger and Jenny Willes, Sylvia Woodward (Tucker) and Donald Edwards (Photographer) for their time and effort. Apologies to those whose names I have missed.

***Pat Hardie***  
***Trustee***

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### ***KALIMPONG ASSOCIATION FOUNDER'S DAY PARTY, 19 September 2009***

Although I was very pleased to be invited by Margaretta Purtill (President) to join the Kalimpong Association's 109<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day Celebration Party in London, I was alarmed then to learn that I would be expected to address this illustrious gathering! Alarmed not at having to speak, but at having to speak to an audience of OGBs all of whom would have so much more personal knowledge of Dr Graham's than I could ever have. I need not have feared; everyone made me most welcome and I hope that I have made many new friends despite a few "Homes truths" from myself.

I thought that I had better open with some small justification for my presence and by good fortune had to hand the St Andrew's Colonial Homes Magazine of October 1909 and its report on the 9<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Celebration held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September that year – almost exactly a century ago! to the loyal greetings to The Homes that arrived that day *"the children responded most enthusiastically to messages"*.... And there was also *"special interest from the children in the letter of congratulations from Mr James Simpson, Headmaster of the School, who is at present at home on furlough in Scotland"* – most probably because they were, for a time anyhow, safely out of his firing line! I only ever met my grandfather when I was a small boy; but I did consider him a somewhat fiery character. I know so did Eddy Lamb, as in the late '20s he knew him far better than I!

I stressed the drive for Extended Sponsorship of Students and set out the important new operational changes taking place within The Homes itself under the direction of CEO Mr Philip Gibson. But from my immediate point of view as Sponsorship Secretary I wanted to ensure that everyone present appreciated the extent to which the current economic climate is affecting our Fund, and consequently our top issue is that of the ever-present difficulty of both finding and retaining new sponsors as the cost of supporting each child continues to rise. My approach in response to today's difficulties is that it is most important that we secure sponsorship for each child at almost any viable level - i.e. within the individual's means - so ensuring that every child we support can talk to his or her friends about "my Sponsor". To my mind part sponsorship of the many is far more important than full sponsorship of the few. A parallel to that is the quest for groups of enthusiasts who contribute individually but together become "Friends of Kalimpong", fully supporting one or more children. This I see as the way forward for dealing with our present situation. Today we could readily absorb new sponsors sufficient to support those thirty or so children that we look after but who as yet have no directly corresponding sponsor.

I closed by thanking all the OGBs for listening to me and for accepting my views without any apparent dissent! I did over-run my time but everyone was far too polite to complain! Moreover, I was happy: already I have had at least one new sponsor whom I know has come forward as a direct result of the 109<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day Gathering!

[OGBs and supporters alike, please try very hard to attend next year's gathering in London for I know that numbers are already forecast to be down since many OGBs plan to be in Kalimpong to attend the 110<sup>th</sup> Celebrations at The Homes!

*James Simpson, Sponsorship Secretary (Edinburgh).*

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## **PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA**



**L-R: Coleen Oehme, Betty Robinson, Brenda Haseldine, Irene Webber, Enid Fonseca, Rita Saunders, Yvonne Hughes, Linda Cameron, Yvonne Van Steensel, Joy Surin.**



**L-R: Michael Oehme, Terry Powell, Richard Stokoe, John Dempster, Errol Webber, Douglas Van Steensel, Ronald McDonald & Ivan Smith.**

The Homes Birthday celebrations were held once again in Dave and Betty (Langham) Robinsons home on Saturday 19th September. There was quite a show of OGB's, well, a bit more than the usual suspects, anyway. In addition to the above two, there were Douglas and Yvonne Vansteensel (Samson), Albert and Joy (Samson) Surin, Richard and Charlotte Stokoe, Irene Webber, Coleen Oehme, Enid Fonseca, David and Yvonne Hughes, Andy and Rita (Warner) Saunders, Brenda (Stokoe) Haseldine, Michael Martin, Ivan Smith, Linda Cameron, Terry Powell (Assam Cottage, left 56) with his lady. Terry was meeting up with OGB's for the very first time since leaving India. He migrated to the U.K. and I think he was married to Diana Duff. Anyway, his lady, knowing how much he loved DGH, googled the name DGH whereupon she was confronted, in a sense, with so many entries...she was home alone that afternoon and excitedly phoned the news through to her man that she had a lot of info about his old school. Now, trying to make up for lost years, he is diving head first into the be-with-Homes-guys-as-often-as-possible syndrome. Names left out are as follows; Colleen and Michael Oehme, School teachers in the 70's, Yvonne Hughes, who was Neal, Ronald MacDonald, Assam, left 62 and his wife Joy, Enid Macey and husband Russell Fonseca

Anyway, each of us brought a curry and you should have seen the spread. There were curries for every taste (we brought a prawn and vegetable curry), and there were so many, plus parathas and papadoms and vadais (made by an ex school-teacher after our time whose name escapes me at the moment). Charlotte brought along a large cake and Douglas and Yvonne cooked up the largest number of jelibies you have ever seen....abs much and abs delish.

Rouse up Lads and Lassies to the tune of Heart of Oak was sung, followed by the later version of Follow the Youth or something like that, and we even got stuck into a fairly good rendition of Jana Gana Munna... a good thing was that there were not many ums and aahs or da daas, as most seemed to know the words.

Incidentally, I visited Mr Crow when we were in Edinburgh in June, and, at 94 years young, he was a revelation. He looks so good and moves and talks so easily it was simply great. Like so many other school boys, I owe him so very much. He took an interest in my well-being and it was because of his endeavours that I managed to get into a good job which turned out to be a great, happy, rewarding and fulfilling career for me. He single-handedly, and with a lot of persistence, managed to get jobs for a large number of Birkmyre blokes and gave them a start in life, and loads of us owe him heaps for precisely this.

He was visited by Peter Matthews....now, Peter Matthews was a small chap in Calcutta Cottage with me and it turned out that Peter had a hole in his heart. Mr Crow took him down to Calcutta and an operation was carried out on the little bloke. Well, I don't remember too much after that but Peter is now in Glasgow, is a qualified cabinet maker I think, and is making, I would guess, bucket-loads of money from his own business, good luck to him. Peter married an Indian girl and is happily set up in Glasgow, and Mr Crow showed me a photograph of him. I think he has changed his second name to Johnson, but I am not sure. Mr Crow gave me details of Peter's address and I will write to him and see if I can get some communication going with him.

My dear wife Christine, joins me in wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

May peace, joy and harmony visit you all in the New Year.

***John Dempster, Perth, Australia***

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## ***BIKE BENGAL for DR GRAHAM'S HOMES***

Charity registered in Scotland SC 016341 - Just visit [www.justgiving.com/tina-dennis](http://www.justgiving.com/tina-dennis)

This is a genuine **NEVER EVER** to be repeated offer to sponsor Caroline Eckersley and Tina Dennis to bicycle 665km from Calcutta to Kalimpong in February 2010. The aim of this rather foolhardy (on our part!) undertaking is to raise as much as we can for the desperately under-privileged children from West Bengal who are cared for and educated at Dr. Graham's Homes.

Luckily for us, the first six days of our ride (after we have negotiated the traffic of Calcutta) will be crossing the flat plains of West Bengal before the very daunting climb up the winding roads of the Himalayan foothills to Kalimpong. We shall be part of a twenty strong group, camping as we go, arriving finally on day seven to the usual wonderful welcome from the children and staff of the Homes which will make it all worthwhile.

**Any amount that you are able to give us for this fund-raising ride will go directly to Dr. Graham's Homes - all expenses are covered by ourselves. We are already busy in training - PLEASE support us!**

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## ***OGB'S WHO ATTENDED THE AGM, EDINBURGH***



**L-R: Vanda Fraser, Rosie Maharjan, Leslie Walker, Florence Snell, Ken Hammond, Sonam Lhatoo, Margaretta Purtill and Sedhar Ball**

There were 50-plus people at the AGM (followed by an informal lunch), of Dr Graham's Homes UK Committee, in St Georges West Church, Edinburgh on Friday 5 June 2009.

Attendees were:

OGBs: Lady Sedhar (Chozam) Ball, Vanda (Goodwin) Fraser – Batch 74, Ken Hammond, Sonam (Lhamu) Lhatoo-Batch 78, Rosie (Minto) Maharjan, Margaretta (Byers) Purtill-Batch 62, Florence (Hopper) Snell-Batch 62, Leslie (Minto) Walker: Staff: Bertha Barclay, Ann Colquhoun, John and Jennifer Webster.

This is the first AGM I have attended in Scotland. I felt it really heart-warming to be among friends and supporters of the Homes. The generosity of our beneficiaries, through fundraising activities (e.g. West Bengal Cycle Run in February 2008 raised £46,000) and sponsorship is truly amazing. The Chairman and Committee reports were well presented as well as the pictures shown by Ken of the Bike Ride fundraiser.

*Florence Hopper (nee Snell)*

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## **OBG RE-UNION FOR ROSALIND AND PEMMA FOX**



*Linda Johnson, Rosalind Fox & Norman Freeman*



*Louise Kennedy and Pemma Fox*

It was a beautiful Saturday in August when Margaretta and Vince Purtill very kindly opened their home to a gathering of OGB's to meet Rosalind who was visiting the U.K. and her sister Pemma (Pam) from Canada.

I hadn't seen Rosalind since 1972 when we were briefly in Commercial together but for Charlie Johnson the re-union was extra special as he and Rosalind were class mates, fellow Prefects and partners in crime when the year of 1970 put peroxide in their hair! It is strange when OGB's meet as the years apart don't seem to make a difference and one can pick up where we left off.

The OGB's present were Pemma (Pam) Fox, Margaretta Purtill (Byers), Rosemarie Baker, David and Jean (Harrop) Gundlach, John and Julianna (Benbow) Duckworth, Rosa Foo (Nicholls), Dudley Simmons, Kevin Tucker, Louise Kennedy (Kane), Norman Freeman, Malcolm and Charlie Johnson and myself.

Our thanks to Vince and Margaretta for their hospitality and delicious food and to everyone who came to meet Rosalind to make the reunion extra special. We are a unique bunch!

*Linda Johnson (Pratt)*  
*Swindon*

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## **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

Viola Speed would like to know the whereabouts of Meggie Johnstone, ex Mansfield, or her brother Sandy Johnstone. If anyone has any details please contact Margaretta Purtill.

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## **OBITUARIES**

***Wendy Grant – 14 July 1937 - 15 October 2009***

***Thanksgiving Service – 11 November 2009***

On behalf of my Father, my brother Jonathan, and my sister Amanda can I firstly thank you all for coming here today to join us in this service to remember and give thanks for the life of a truly good person. She was a devoted wife and a wonderful mother – full of love for us all.

You will all have your own memories of her; you will each know the different parts of her life and her interests and will have forged your own friendship with her. I am not going to give an account of her life but would like to take a few moments on behalf of her children to pay tribute to her and how we will remember all she did for us.

I would like to start at the end. As you will all know some four years ago she suffered a cruel stroke followed by a crueller accident that left her paralysed down her left side. She was someone who had lived with pain and discomfort for most of her life without complaint. As a child I remember her swilling her mouth with disprins to combat the pain of ulcers – she said “brought on by childbirth” and in later years the constant ringing of tinnitus. She bore the pain of her new state with equal stoicism – rarely complaining. She hated what she had been forced to become, in particular the loss of dignity, but she rose above it. As she recovered her health she built a new life. She tackled her physio classes with relentless determination, took great pleasure from every phone call or visit from a friend, looked forward to her shopping trips and relished a lunch party or a picnic with Dad or tea at the Hogs ground in Warnford.

She once said to me “darling – if you don’t expect anything you can’t be disappointed”. There was no greater disappointment than the effect the stroke had on how she and dad expected to spend the later years of their lives. But with typical determination she managed to find the best in the worst of circumstances.

She loved my father very much and her love for him was one of the great constants of our lives. Occasionally there would be “a moment” between them but it would always be settled. To us as watching children she would just explain – “darling –because I love him”. I think that she had a traditional view of her role as a wife, to be the support to Dad and to run the family and she devoted her life to that role. Dad always referred to her as the “matriarch” and he was right in that. But after the stroke the caring roles reversed and he had to devote his life to caring for her. I think it brought them closer than I had ever seen them and I know that she took enormous pleasure and comfort from their love that seemed to blossom again amidst their adversity. He was her world.

Just over a month ago I was fortunate enough to be married to Olivia. From shortly after I met her Mum had swiftly worked out that she was pretty special and every weekend when I went to visit asked – “Should I be getting a hat yet?” Come the day she arrived at the church looking fabulous but not wearing a hat – I asked where her hat was? She replied “this is a fascinators – if I wore a hat I wouldn’t be able to see everybody!” Whereupon she drove her chair into the church and parked at the top of the aisle and proceeded to greet everyone as they arrived, chatting and laughing and quite the centre of events. It was a wonderful day, full of happiness and she loved being at the heart of it surrounded by her family and friends, old and new. I will always give many thanks that she was there on that special day.

***Andrew***

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Although only 72 when she died, Mum had suffered a stroke when she was only 66 which had left her paralysed down one side. She remained incredibly cheerful for these last years and only on the 3 October was at Andrew’s wedding where she was surrounded by friends, family and her six adoring grandchildren.

Mum devoted a large part of her life to raising funds for Dr Graham’s Homes, Dr Graham having been her great grandfather. She worked tirelessly with the UK Committee for a long time organising the Christmas Cards, the annual Curry Lunch and one year masterminding the inclusion of the Homes as one of the Daily Telegraph’s featured charities which was a massive success. It is impossible to know how many children benefited from Mum’s efforts but it must run into hundreds if not thousands, and she would be delighted to know that any donations raised as a result of her death would help this remarkable school flourish and grow. Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving – they will never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they will send your money directly to the charity and make sure GiftAid is reclaimed on every eligible donation by a UK Taxpayer. So it is the most efficient way to donate – to raise more whilst saving time and cutting costs for the charity. So please dig deep and donate now. <http://www.justgiving.com/Wendy-Grant-Kalimpong>

***Jonathan, Andrew & Amanda (Wendy’s children)***

***Bobby Wong – Died 18 November 2009***

Bobby was on a business trip to Siliguri when he had a massive heart attack and died on the 18 November. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family at this very sad time.

A write-up will appear in the Obituary Column of the next newsletter.

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***NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL***

On the 13 October 2009 we were privileged with the visit of His Excellency Shri Gopal Krishna Gandhi, Governor, West Bengal and his charming wife. The school children lined up from Graham Bend and the school band escorted the distinguished VIP's to the Katherine Graham Memorial Chapel. At the Chapel the Governor and his wife were welcomed with Khadas (scarves) by our school children wearing traditional dress. The choir presented an excellent repertoire of songs with "Vande Mataram" making the Governor extremely proud of the choir.

His Excellency and party left for Darjeeling after a cup of tea and fellowship at Graham House.



***David Foning  
Bursar***

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Mrs Jayshree Pradhan opened libraries at Lucia King and Wales Lodge on the 20 September 2009.



***Wales Lodge***



***Lucia King***

***David Foning  
Bursar***

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Peter Brown has written the following letter to me which I would like to share with you:

“I am Peter Brown, also known as Barney. I was in Laidlaw Cottage, then Fraser in 1956. I left DGH in January 1957.

Thank you for the Newsletter. I am always pleased to hear of the old place. I also have a photo album, which I often look at to remind me of the best days of my life.

I am in constant touch with Stephen Jabous, who lives with his wife Joy in Woolwich. We first met in DGH as five year olds and now we are approaching 70! He drives down to visit at least once a year. Are there other friendships that have lasted so long?

I could go on forever, but I will close now.”

He also asks about Ginger Clark, John Duckworth and Yvonne Gieleskey. If anyone would like to get in touch with Peter please let Margareta know.

*Yolande Fegredo - Editor*

***DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES***

<b>Forthcoming Events</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Venues</b>
<p><b>The Kalimpong Association Dance</b></p> <p><b>Bring your own food and drink and dance the night away to a fantastic Band</b></p> <p><b>Tickets £12.00 from all Committee Members.</b></p> <p><b>Book Early. Tables can be reserved. Free Car Park</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday 29 May 2010</b></p>	<p>Archbishop LanFranc School Mitcham Road, Croydon</p>
<p><b>AGM</b></p> <p><b>The Kalimpong Association (UK)</b> <b>The Kalimpong Association (UK)</b> <b>Charitable Trust</b></p> <p><i>Donations of items for the Raffle would be greatly appreciated</i></p>	<p><b>Saturday 19 June 2010</b></p> <p>Doors open at 2.00 p.m. AGM commences at 3.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Methodist Church Hinde Street, London W1</p> <p>Tube: Bond Street</p>
<p><b>BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION</b></p> <p><i>Donations of items for the Raffle would be greatly appreciated</i></p>	<p><b>Saturday, 25 September 2010</b></p> <p>Doors open at 2.00 pm</p>	<p>Methodist Church Hinde Street, London W1</p> <p>Tube: Bond Street</p>

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**Sadly, we have lost our printer, Mr Webber, as he has retired from the printing business. If there is anyone in the UK who would be prepared to take on this job please do get in touch with the President/Secretary.**

