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"Hail" to thee, blithe spirits and members of the I.A.C., and a special "Hail" to all of you who have found this unaccustomed epistle on your breakfast tables. There is, of course, a special reason for the decision to enlarge the distribution of this particular edition of the Ivanhoe Circular, namely our desire to acquaint as many as possible of our members and ex-members of the results of our long months of planning in connection with the recent orgy at Barrington House, to wit the Club's 50th Anniversary Dinner. A full report of this function is given below; I hope that those of you who were unable to come will be suitably regretful of your non-attendance and will resolve henceforth never to miss another Dinner.

In addition to the Dinner news, we have also a report on the activities of the football section, including an account of a recent game and, always providing the necessary information has been received by the time we are ready to go to press, some details of the exploits of the cricket section during the past season. Incidentally, we hope to introduce some new features into the Circular in the near future, so keep reading it, won't you?

Once again we have to report a prospective Ivanite. I overheard some snippets of conversation on the Oxford tour to which naturally I paid no attention being a gentleman of single status, but it was later confirmed by the lady concerned that a (further) addition to her family was expected. I am afraid, Mr. Crispin, that your prospects for coming to Weymouth next Easter may now be considered "dodgy".

Also to be congratulated is Mr. John Barnett, one of our eminent half-backs, who got married a few weeks ago. We wish him all happiness in the future. By the way, it seems that we have lost John's brother Roger who is moving to Northampton shortly. It's a pity, isn't it? We shall be lucky if we ever get such a good goalkeeper again!

The Reunion Dinner

Well, it's all over! The special Reunion Dinner to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Club was duly held on the 17th of last month and, apart from the photographs, only the memory remains.

The total attendance was 178, rather less than we had hoped for perhaps, but still quite good considering. For those of us who were fortunate enough to be there it was indeed a memorable occasion. It might be thought quite an achievement in the circumstances to be able to produce after 50 years 6 out of the 12 founder members and it must have seemed rather strange to Charlie Scott, Tommy Appleton, Stan Tooth, Herbert Newling, Walter Cushing and Wally Holman to be so reminded of that day in March, 1916. It is extremely doubtful that the idea was with them then that they would still be together 50 years later. It was, of course, primarily a night for the older folk and there were many whose memories of the Club went back to the 20's and 30's. These included, apart from the gentlemen already mentioned, Messrs. L. Barnett, W.H. Davis, S. Dietman,

~~R. Hooper~~, S. Gaylard, G. Gardiner, R. Hart, J. Hardy, R. Hanslip, R. Jones, F. Leverton, A.M. Knight, W. Newling, R. Pitt, G. Simms, T. Whitbread, A.G. Pearce and G. Whitnell. There were also the following ladies from the netball and ladies' gym. sections :- Mrs. Mabel Conway, Miss C. Haw, Miss M. Meier, Mrs. Florrie Nicholson (nee Rogers), Miss Lily Tooth and Miss E. Scillitoe.

More recent ex-members who came along were footballers Les Downen, Ralph Selleck, Harry Milner (Possy to his contemporaries), Mike Lindsay, Bobby Maggs and Geoff Callow. Ada Milner and Joan Maggs both played for the netball team not so long ago and that section had other representatives in Linda Smalls (now Mrs. Jones), Valerie Williams (now Mrs. Pitt), June Dash (now Mrs. Norman) and Muriel Munro (the other twin is in America!) There were other footballers - Johnny Thain, Frank Bennett, Ray Lilly and Gordon Norman, but there was a noticeable shortage of the more recent ex-members of the late-lamented tennis section. A very few regretted their inability to attend and about the only representatives were Stan Hill, Peter Conway and Mrs. Deirdre Callow.

Apart from former members, there was a fair proportion of present members though not so many as had been hoped for bearing in mind the occasion. We were glad to welcome several friends and relations : whether or not their interest in the Club was an active one is irrelevant, but some at least could not be termed strangers for instance Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lang whom we have known for a long time.

We had four particular guests - Mr. Jack Parmenter and his wife and Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lilly. Most people who belonged to the Club prior to 1956 will know Jack who looked after our interests at the London Playing Fields and those of more recent attachment are well acquainted with Tom Lilly who looks after us at Centenary Park.

Inevitably, some faces were missing - those of several whose efforts on behalf of the Club during the years of their lives contributed so much to Ivanhoe's continued existence. We remembered in particular the Revd. S.G. Morris, our first President and Annie Glen Sidwell, our well-loved Vice-President.

The guests were welcomed at the Reception by Reg and Doris Williams. It was certainly an advantage to have as President somebody whose length of service enabled him to remember practically everyone who came in although there was the odd occasion when the name and face did not quite register at the same time. During the meal, which incidentally went down very well indeed, the President took the opportunity of introducing a few of the assembled host by taking wine with a) the founder members, b) past presidents, c) members of the netball section, d) members of the ladies' gymnastics section, e) present members of the Club and f) present officers.

After the Dinner, the toast to "The Club" was proposed by Herbert Newling. The theme of Herbert's speech was that the most important thing about being a member of the Club is not so much the winning of games however pleasant this may be, but the lasting friendships which are gained. There is no doubt that the circumstances of the evening lent a great deal of weight to his point. Charlie Scott replied on behalf of the Club. He thanked Herbert and echoed his sentiments on the value of friendship. His mild complaint that he had not been given sufficient time to prepare much of a speech was not taken too seriously, especially in view of the number of notes he appeared to have (made as he claimed, in the bath!)

Norman Bleeze, airily declining the use of the microphone, then proposed "The Visitors and Guests", calling upon some of his pre-marriage experiences to illustrate his remarks. A short but entirely adequate reply was made by Mrs. Dorothy Crome who declared herself to be profoundly touched by the honour.

Last but not least, the Cricket and Football Cups were presented by Mrs. Doris Williams. The recipients were Bob Lansdowne and Michael Bates (Cricket) and Bryan Winter and Reg Boxall (Football).

The remainder of the evening was spent talking or dancing according to individual preference. It may have been quite a surprise to the younger people to observe that they were often outnumbered on the dance floor and not only during the old-fashioned dances!

All in all, it turned out to be a very enjoyable occasion. The venue was first-class, the meal very tasty and the service and general organisation extremely good. The

"only complaints I heard were that the evening came to an end too soon and that there had been no "knees-up". Both complaints were well-founded. Speaking for myself, I should like to think that another such function should not have to wait for a further 50 years to pass. Perhaps you would like to write and let me know how you feel about it - then we shall have to see what can be done,

In concluding, I must thank all of you who were kind enough to express your appreciation to me both by word of mouth and letter. I can only say that it was all well worth the effort and I am sure I can say the same for my colleagues on the Dinner Committee - Reg Williams, Reg Boxall, Harry Smith and George Sargent.

J.C.A.R.

(P.S. The Treasurer, having been informed that the Dinner account would show a balance on the wrong side of a few pounds, is slowly recovering. He was nice enough to appreciate that our intention to break even would have been fulfilled had it not been for a veritable flood of last-minute refusals which effectively exterminated the profit margin. I might mention that if any readers feel themselves obliged by reason of conscience or human kindness to do something to further alleviate the Treasurer's suffering, they should not think that their contribution would be received with anything but welcoming hands).

J.C.A.R.

Football

Result of match played at Kenton Recreation Ground on Saturday, 15th October :-
 Alveston Res.....(1) 2 Ivanhoe "1".....(5) 7

After a best-forgotten start to the season, the Third team settled down to a thoroughly deserved victory against Alveston. Although the opposition lost a defender with cartilage trouble after about twenty minutes, Ivanhoe were then on top after a shaky start and would surely have won as comfortably in spite of this. In fact, it was only a flood of missed chances in the second half that prevented a score of double figures. All the forwards must share the blame, well as they played in creating the chances.

The defence got themselves into the occasional tangle, but were much steadier this week with the Wise brothers in good form.

By half-time Bill Cole, who added weight to the goal attacks, (and carried it, too, around the waist-line), had grabbed a hat-trick, his best effort being a lob over the goalkeeper into the roof of the net. Peter Richens and a helpful Alveston defender made it 5 by the time the team could relax with an orange or a cigarette, the only reply being a disputed goal after a defensive mix-up.

Surprisingly, it was only when Alveston had scored their second goal not long before the end that Ivanhoe resumed scoring, Steve Smalls limping not very convincingly in from the left wing to prod home Kenny Blackmore's centre. Soon after, Bill Cole hurled his bulk into the area to beat the keeper to the ball and get number 7.

The team was as follows :- Pete Munting, Les Counsell, Ron Wise, Steve Smalls, Ken Wise, Len Charteris, Ken Blackmore, George Richardson, Bill Cole, Peter Richens, Keith Hall.

We hope to include match reports of the other two teams in our next issue.

Steve Smalls.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to tell you of the death recently of Mrs. Jean Conway. Jean for many years suffered a serious health problem, but she always showed great fortitude and courage in facing this handicap and her cheerful face and friendly manner will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Requiescat in pace.