



Chadacre Old Students
Association

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A word from The Chairman

There have been enormous changes in farming and attitudes to the environment since I was a student at Chadacre during the 1970's. Most of the changes, in my opinion, are for the better. Shovelling barley at the bottom of 'Sheps' wooden bins is not a job I miss too much!

However, once a Chad student, always a Chad student. Meeting up with COSA members throughout the year has strengthened my belief that Chadacre boys continue to hold on to the values and life's lessons learnt over a relatively short time.

During two cold winters, for many of us, it was our first time away from home and friendships formed then have certainly stood the test of time. That's really evident to see in this year's newsletter in the fact that several year groups have had very successful reunions in the past months.

This year's Winter Reunion Dinner Dance appears to be shaping up to be a good one too. With a lot of interest shown already from the young and the slightly older. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

It's not so many years until we can celebrate the 100 year anniversary since the opening at Chadacre as an agricultural institute. Our President Lord Iveagh is keen to support this anniversary in 2020/21. Your ideas as to what we should do to celebrate this momentous occasion are most welcome.

Finally, as another year draws on and harvest is done may I wish you all the very best for the year ahead.

Robert 'Judge' Bendall
COSA Chairman.



Enjoying the Winter Reunion - 2016



*Roger Lintott & Richard Garnham
Catching up at a previous reunion.*

Once again a great gathering of just under 100 COSA members sat down to another fine Stoke by Nayland Hotel carvery meal; consisting of a starter salad, with a carvery of Beef, Turkey or Gammon as the choice of meats with roast potatoes and vegetables, followed by a choice of chefs desserts.

We were well supported by the fifties years and it was good to see Vic Simmonds and his year. In fact I think they allowed their first years to join them as well this time!

Bob Waller and his raffle team did a grand job as usual, raising over £200.00 to keep the event afloat financially. There were some great prizes to be had by Waller's winners. Dancing was well underway by 10.30pm. The band 23X provided the music. They were a 3 piece band that could play every bit as good as a 5 or 6 piece group. By popular demand and keeping with tradition they have been booked again for 2017.

An increased numbers of members booked in for an overnight stay at the hotel with 33 rooms occupied. Many old students made a weekend of it with a round or two of golf and some taking time to enjoy the delights of the surrounding Constable Country. There was a good buzz with lots more conversation at breakfast time. As usual, after the bacon and eggs, the toast machine was at full throttle! We all departed and look forward to meeting up again this year on 17th November 2017.

Overall just a few less members attended however, it was still a really great evening with good food, good wine and good company and hopefully as many of you as possible can join us for a good evening in November this year.

Michael Mumford



Winter Reunion Dinner Dance

Friday 17th November 2017

Stoke by Nayland Hotel



Cosa invites all members, family and friends to the 2017 Winter Reunion Dinner Dance.

It's a great opportunity to rekindle old relationships, reminisce about Chad days and generally catch up with friends. You could be one of Waller's winners on his bonanza raffle or impress us with your dance moves! Reunion tickets are on sale now and are available on a first come first served basis. The enclosed form has all the details. Deadline for ticket sales is Sunday 12th November, but don't leave it too late, you might be disappointed!

2 Ways To Pay

By Payment Card over the phone - Phone 01449 741 247

The Hollow Trees Office Team will take your payment card details over the phone and your tickets and receipt will be posted to you by return.

By Cheque - Post the enclosed booking form together with your cheque to Mrs & Mrs Mumford.

Hotel Rooms - Stoke by Nayland have once again reserved rooms for COSA guests. Numbers are limited so be sure to **BOOK EARLY** and don't forget to ask for the COSA room rate when booking. www.stokebynayland.com

Music - 23X (aka The Suffolk Wedding Band) by popular demand!

Anniversary Years -

40th 1977 / 79 **50th** 1967 / 69 **60th** 1957 / 59



COSA Farm Walk 9th June 2017

A great evening with the Pulford Family

If you didn't attend the COSA annual farm walk this year you have missed out on another very successful event as we were treated to a great evening with the Pulford's.

Just shy of 90 people met at Tendring Hall Farm on the road between Stoke by Nayland and Nayland where Stuart ran his herd of suckler cows on the light land of the Dedham Vale. Members came from far and wide. Still after all these years we see new faces to the event with Stuarts own room mate and his wife coming up all the way from Somerset to catch up. It is also great to see the offspring of COSA members coming along to the farm walk too, although Roy Stewards son was somewhat horrified to see his dad stand up and he muttered the immortal words "what's he going to do now" when Roy gave the vote of thanks.



After Stuarts introduction we loaded the young and mobile and not so young and not so mobile onto three very smart and safe trailers. Off we then went for a grand tour, although those on the trailer that contained Neville C. would have had a bit of back ground noise!

We had a history lesson on how the parks were created and how the land had been in the family of Sir Joshua Rowley since the 1700s. The manor house had burned down in the late 50's so the family no longer lived on the estate. These parklands were very sandy and dry but in most years ,whatever the weather, would hold the cattle until early September before supplementary feeding was required. There were lowland areas along the banks of the River Stour that had to be stocked by grazing animals only, these being the weaned yearling heifers and steers with no supplementary feeding permitted.

I don't think there was a single person on any of the three trailers that was not impressed with the quality of the cattle. The cattle running with their older calves had the bulls in with them and they all looked in great condition living in this "ranching type" system.

Down by the river you would have had difficulty picking out any differences between the animals as they were like peas in a pod and were just a pleasure to the eye. It was also at about this point when the present Mrs Waller said “I hope were not going to get a hot dog after seeing all this prime beef - yum yum”.



Stuart explained how the system worked by block calving outside during March, April and May then running the cattle out on these large blocks of grass until weaning in September/October when the cows were moved to the even drier land at the back of the Stoke by Nayland Golf club.

Stuart discussed his replacement policy which had been based around producing the largest finished animal as possible but due to the recent changes in the grading systems he was having to make a quick change to producing a finished beast under 400kg dead so he needed a slightly smaller dam.

After a very pleasant circular trailer ride through the heart of Constable country we drove to West Bergholt where we were introduced to one of the farms diversification enterprise's called '**Bounceability**' (pictured) this is an impressive trampolining centre managed by the family.



We then set off to Bourne Farm to look at the arable crops where Stuart handed over to his son Neil who gave a great over view of the cropping. Neil explained everything is aimed at producing crops that would earn a premium or can be used for feeding to the cattle.

He also stressed the importance of FYM to their cropping plans and how he had full knowledge of its nutrient values and the benefits the crops were getting from it so that they never added artificial P & K to any land for any crops.

Neil discussed his choices of variety for wheat, beans, forage and grain maize. All straw is removed at harvest and then returned to the land as FYM.

We then moved onto Newbridge Farm, home of the finishing cattle where Stuart explained how the cattle were finished, the cost of the different rations, the importance of top quality silage to his system and how the finished animals were sold. Stuart bought in store cattle and he worked hard to ensure these were of a very high quality as well and would meet his purchasers requirements. At any one time Stuart could have over 800 cattle on the farm.



Once the questions had dried up we were all able to just wander round the cattle and chew the cud between ourselves before the call of a pint and a beef roll could be heard calling us from the Bounceability buildings! For a final time we loaded up onto the trailers and headed off into the darkening sky.

The greeting back at the buildings was most welcome, Ghost Ship and Wherry were standing ready and Audrey had cooked some huge joints of delicious beef so the 200 plus rolls were soon filled and it was not long before we were all going round for seconds.

Roy Stewart gave a vote of thanks to Stuart, Neil, Audrey, Rosy, the tractor drivers and all the helpers who had obviously been working long and hard to put on a great farm walk, Roy needed to do this fairly quickly as it looked as if Neville was about to get on the trampoline and once started bouncing he may never have stopped!

Over the past few years as the numbers attending the annual farm walk have increased it had become harder to run the AGM after the walk as everyone was keen to catch up with long lost friends or someone they just hadn't seen for a while, calling everyone to order proved very difficult so the committee decided to hold the AGM on a separate day. This proved to have been the correct decision as with no AGM the farm walk ended around 10pm but the last of the stragglers didn't depart until around midnight!

Lastly, thanks to everyone who helps make these things happen and to everyone for attending. It all makes for a great night.

Bob Waller



The 2018 COSA Farm Walk

By Kind Invitation of
Robert & James Kiddy

Friday 8th June 2018
6.30 pm

Yole Farm, Linton Road, Balsham, Cambridge CB21 4HB

The Kiddy family farms 2,100 acres of owned, rented and contract farmed land. In addition the family offer their sheep as a grazing service to other local arable farms. The flock are New Zealand Romney's kept for their ease of management and to fit in with the arable work load. In 2018 James will be lambing between 250 and 300 ewes. All ewe lambs are kept for replacements for their flock or go for sale. The wethers are sold through Anglia Quality Meats going to Blakes abattoir. The ewes are sheared twice a year and the lambs are sheared at lambing time.

Together with stubble turnips and a rye, vetch, oat mix for winter grazing, 2 year leys are grown for the sheep which is then followed with pre basic wheat seed.

The farm has been min-tilled for over 20 years and arable production includes group 1, 2 and 4 wheats, winter feed barley, spring barley for seed and malting, sugar beet, beans, oil seed rape and sometimes oats. Storage is mainly on the farm with a little going into Camgrain. Blackman Agriculture also have their wheat breeding trials at Yole Farm. This promises to be an interesting farm walk.

*The evening will finish with refreshments.
There will be a charge of £5 per person attending.
This will be collected on the evening
and is to help cover ongoing administration costs of the COSA*



My Time at Easton & Otley College

By Michael Mumford



Last September, I was reading the report from the Principal of E & O college in the 2016 COSA newsletter stating how they were

going to reinvigorate the agriculture side of the college and bring in 200 ewes to Otley campus and employ a shepherd. At that time, no way did I think it would be me!

My previous employers of 20 years suddenly decided to get out of livestock and rent the grazing. It was redundancy time for me and I found myself on a year's probation at Otley campus looking after the aforementioned ewe flock and getting back into college life for one year until June 2017.

I was a kind of Shep (Frankie Sparke) x Third Master. The students at Otley as you probably know are not residential so there are no farm duties as such, only farm practical sessions where the students come with me and help with whatever I am doing.



Sheps Chariot—Note similarities , Chad MF135 with canvas cab !

At the Easton campus the Agri students are residential and do have farm duties. The farm is much like Chadacre and has all the livestock species. The Easton dairy herd has been sold and the unit converted for beef. The pig, poultry and sheep units runs much like Chad with student's having duties morning and evening.

I was based at Otley where, at the moment, there are 250 ewes and 6 Red Poll breeding cattle all in a large Dutch barn. When I was a student at Chad, the then Otley College Principal Graham Boatfield somehow always used to get himself on the French exchange trip to Perigueux, "The Connoisseur of Wine" we used to call him. Its pleasing to see that the Dutch barn which currently houses the livestock at Otley is called the Boatfield Barn.

Now for some things about Otley Campus:-

It's all on Christian name basis, students and staff.

First years and second years socialise with each other.

Ewes now graze the rugby pitch (but are not allowed on the footy pitch)

No 1st XV at the moment but I have been working on it.

Male and female students are on same course.

Otley Campus has never seen a working water ball valve.

There are now 7 working ball valves!

Nicknames are the same, i.e. Vicar, Stone Eye, Waster and some that are unprintable.

On my first day I was thrown in at the deep end to take the first years for sheep tasks, one student came up to me and said "Hello Mickey", taken aback a bit I said "crikey, Mickey, where did you get that from, I haven't been called that for about 45 years", the



student replied, "Well my Grandad knew you when you were a student at

Always time to pose ! Year 2 level 3 Students

Chadacre and he said you were always known as Mickey Mumford". Wow, talk about the circle coming round and talk about rolling back the years. Students turn up in farm gear for practical's in John Deere/Case overalls, old hats etc. just the same as it was at Chad. Some of the things I introduced with the students:-

Wheelbarrow Licence you had to muck out 3 lambing pens and take to muck hill without dropping any to get your full licence.

Shep Salute if you pass Shep you are allowed to salute, this was completely optional, but there were a good few regular saluters.

Third Master Bike Had to withdraw it, same problems as Chad, you cannot guarantee it will be where you left it!

Sheps Diary Although no barn mixing, blue string, red string etc. The renowned diary is available readers. Showing that present students get up to and into similar capers that we did!

Fold Pitch Dance We do use the fold pitch and it is swirled sometimes, but I have to confess I have not had the courage to do the full dance (maybe after a couple of pints of Adnams!).

Otley campus is very good with other courses, construction, brick laying, carpentry (which are very popular at the moment), engineering (car mechanics), equine and arboriculture.

The animal care course is over subscribed and has had to turn students away. Its a sign of the times that society will pay for people to walk, groom and look after their pets, but not to look after animals for food! In particular the courses that come under title of foundation learning where less fortunate students with learning difficulties are taught is very good and you can only stand back and admire the staff that work with these students.

One good idea is the Farm Forum. Once a week, usually Thursday morning, all Agri students assemble in the Chadacre Room to hear a guest speaker from Bunns Fertiliser, Claas Machinery etc. etc. and then have an update on what is happening on the farm, followed by discussions on what should happen on the farm! The Chadacre Room is used a lot and referred to affectionately. The call will go out down the corridor "Farm Forum this morning at 10.00am in Chadacre, so the name is still very much alive.

At the present time, there are 33 students in total at Otley Campus on agriculture courses. At Level 3 there are 17 first years and 8 second years. There are 8 students on level 2 who will be first years next year. I have to say Agriculture is a small part of the college output. Otley probably lost it's farming roots pre-merger so it was surprising and good to see these kind of numbers.

The first years in particular are a good tight group, they remind me of the 72-74 year when I was a student. I think they will stay together in the future. They also volunteered and were keen for a 'show team' so we halter trained 4 Red Poll heifers and took them to South Suffolk, Suffolk and Norfolk shows.



This was a tremendous experience for the students even before they get to the shows, with all the work involved they get a real "connection" with livestock. I remember at the Suffolk Show we arrived on the Tuesday and as we were all staying over, it was easy to get into a bit of a party mode.

I did warn them they would have to be up early morning to get cattle fed, watered, washed and groomed ready for judging at 8.00am. We had the last look at the cattle lines about 11.00pm and I then turned in. I could hear the party going on until they turned in about 1.00am.

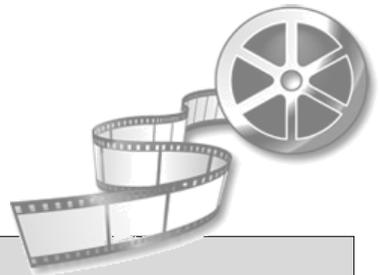
I still had them up at 4.30 am, there were a few hung over looking faces, but they got stuck in and did very well. They were a credit to themselves and the college, they should be very proud of their achievements.

I have been quietly impressed with the Agri students, there is the usual cross section as with any year/group characters/wasters/pranksters etc. but they would be employable and a few could even be classed as “good Chad lads”. They have been very good helping me at lambing and really getting stuck in (one or two exceptions).

So all in all , I am pleased to report from the other side of the fence that Agriculture Education in Norfolk and Suffolk is alive and well, plenty of room for improvement I’m sure, but basically in pretty good shape.



Some of Michael's successful Easton & Otley students



History DVD - A few remaining

A while ago when looking through some Chadacre archives a reel of film, still in its metal casing ,was found with no clue as to what it was. Former student and COSA committee member Roger Lintott went about the task of finding a way of getting the film onto a DVD. The result was a fantastic short 12 minute film, with commentary, that gives a snapshot of life as a Chadacre student in the 1960s . We have just a few remaining in stock and it really is recommended viewing.

Copies of the DVD are available to purchase for £10 each.

Email admin@cosa.org.uk or phone 01449 741247

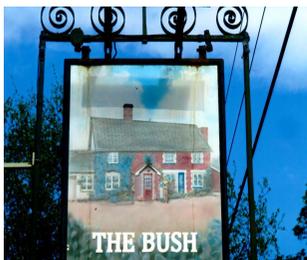
DVDs can be posted for an additional cost of £2.50 post and packaging.

All profits will go to COSA funds.

And yet more from Michael Mumford

Sixties and Seventies Group Reunion

On a Sunday in April, eight ex Chad students got together with our partners for a Sunday Roast Lunch at the famous Shimpling Bush.



We arrived at 12 noon and enjoyed some drinks. The menu was great, beef or chicken and a delight of various desserts. Our hosts Clem and Dawn Warner, who now run the Bush with their family, did us proud. Clem even broke off from drilling sugar beet and put in an appearance which was great, before having to get down and clean the tables.

Reminiscing and memories were plenty, we finally left the table about 5.30pm! We headed outside for a group photo and the reminiscing continued. We finally departed The Bush about 6.30pm. I think the staff thought we were there for the night! We all enjoyed good food, drink and good company and look forward to our next get together.



Left to right : Keith Cook, David Bradshaw, Jill Argent, Alison Bradshaw, Chris Garnham, John Argent, Richard Garnham, Simone Lintott, Michael Mumford, Jean Cook, Maureen Carter, Helen Lofthouse, Peter Lofthouse, Roger Carter, Roger Lintott .



A Hot Reunion for 75 / 77 !



Left to right : Roger Moyes , Jan Gall , Steven Tompkins , Steven King (ears only !) Keith Lee (behind with sunglasses) , Bill Hadley , Roger Colson , Robert Smith , Michael Mumford , Riki Golder , Robin Warren , Robert Bendall , Robert Chamley , Jim Mann , John Ryder .

Earlier this year Keith (Percy) Lee rang to suggest that the fact it was 40 years after leaving Chadacre would be a good excuse for a get together. Well, it didn't take a lot of persuasion and before long a group of 30 old students and partners were drinking beer and catching up on a extremely hot June 17th at Cockfield Horseshoes .

It took a couple of meetings at the Bush to plan the great event but eventually it all came together. We invited our Third Masters , Michael Mumford and John Ryder too. John and his wife came all the way from Northumberland which was really appreciated. Others came from Bedford, Billericay and beyond.

We are still trying to trace a few lost souls . Even Steven (Worm) King was unable to trace Hoss Missen. Happy Harry Pilkington made his apologies as he was going 'under the knife' at Colchester general (we wish him well). All together a really enjoyable afternoon in the cool of the pub . The heat really hit us when we ventured outside for a group photo. Those of us who could still stand retired to NO. 10 restaurant in Lavenham for a late tea and nightcap. It was a really enjoyable day.

Robert Bendall

Egg Heads Here We Come ?



The annual quiz evening between COSA, Stanningfield

Agricultural Club and Bury Young Farmers Club took place as usual at the end of November 2016. The teams compete for the coveted silver trophy . As always, it was an entertaining evening with a good amount of humour, competition and out right guessing. Each team made up of four people. Teams from the floor can also join in for fun.

The quiz, held at Cockfield Village Hall, was well attended and this year was the turn of COSA to compile the questions. This was done by Mick Mumford who was the fair but firm question master. Mick had arranged eight rounds of questions with each round a different subject including agriculture, countryside pursuits, geography, music and general knowledge. Stanningfield Club member Terry Gardiner kept the scores on a blackboard enabling everyone to follow progress, adding to the fun of the evening.

Things looked good as half way through the quiz, COSA were in the lead with a score of 52 points, just 2 points in front of Stanningfield and 11 points ahead of the Young Farmers. But then things hotted up a bit from this point. Stanningfield finally managed to get 1 point ahead of COSA and win with 127points. COSA finished on 126 points and the Young Farmers ending with 113 points.

On behalf of the Stanningfield team captain, Chris Glass received the trophy. The winning team from the floor was lead by Marianne Simpson, who received a tin of sweets which was humbly shared around. Stanningfield's acting chairman, Sid Broughton, thanked Mick for his hard work in compiling and delivering the questions. Thanks were also given to the Stanningfield Club ladies for tea, coffee and a lovely array of cakes . Always a quiz night bonus!

Why not come along this year and see if we can't get that winning point!

2017 Quiz Night

Tuesday November 21st at Cockfield Village Hall

Will Duchesne

**Chadacre Agricultural Trust
continues to support the local
landbased industry via many avenues.**



Under the chairmanship of Lord Iveagh , governors Sally Bendall, Richard Garnham, Keith Jaggard, David Barker and John Wallace look at all applications together with Trust administrator Dr Helen Smith.

**The Chadacre Agricultural Trust awarded £157,706 in grants
during financial year 2016-17**

£66,576 (42%) was dispensed in helping 55 students.

These included 28 students of agriculture, 5 vet students, 8 farriery apprenticeships, and 14 students of agricultural engineering .

It is worth noting that The Chadacre Trust is now funding many essential practical tests requiring certification for spraying, chainsaw and fork lift which are vital for students seeking employment.

£34,100 (22%) was awarded to 11 educational organisations.

This was to pay for the training of young people and farmers. Amongst those receiving grants in this category are students attending the Worshipful Company of Farmers Business Course, Farm Management training and YFC training.

£25,280 (16%) was awarded to 9 research projects.

Research projects involved onion trials, a spring wheat project and support for the Stowmarket Wheat Yield Group. All the projects related to crop production in East Anglia.

**£31,750 (20%) supporting 14 grants for the promotion of
agricultural careers and for educating the general public about
agriculture and nature conservation.**

This included the Suffolk Schools Farm Link, East Essex Food & Farming Group Day, Norfolk Spring Fling, Gressinghall Museum Open Farm Sunday and The Food and Farming Student Day in Suffolk.

If you know of individuals or organisations who may be seeking possible funding, visit www.chadacre-trust.org.uk or contact the administrator Dr. Helen Smith Email helengsmith@aol.com

Richard Garnham—Chadacre Trustee , Governor

New Vice President For COSA

At the last COSA AGM it was unanimously proposed that Dr Helen Smith should be invited to become a Vice President of COSA. Helen's work as the administrator to the Chadacre Trust connects her with COSA and Helen's support for our organisation is much appreciated. We are delighted that she has accepted this appointment.



Dr Helen Smith (left) helps judge the Suffolk Schools Competition.

Helen was brought up on a traditional mixed farm in Norfolk and trained as an agricultural scientist at the University of Nottingham's Faculty of Agriculture, Sutton Bonington, specialising in plant pathology.

After graduating she worked for Unilever and its operating companies Birds Eye and Batchelors, collaborating with scientists at a number of research centres, including Rothamsted Research and the University of

Oxford, on the control of virus diseases. Having taken a career break to have her three children Helen then returned to work joining Broom's Barn Sugar Beet Research Station to work on the control of virus yellows. She established the Virology Department, supervised a number of PhD students, and for the final three years of her career worked as Deputy Director. Following her retirement in 2001, Helen was appointed administrator for the Chadacre Agricultural Trust.

Annual General Meeting

The 2018 COSA AGM will take place at

The Manger Public House, Bradfield Combust

(on the A134 Sudbury to B.S.E. road)

Tuesday 30th January 2018 7.30 pm

All members are most welcome

#Headingfor100

In 2020/21 it will be 100 years since the Chadacre Agricultural Institute was founded. It may seem some time away and who is to know what the next few years will bring ? However, it is guaranteed it will pass quicker than we think so, together with the Chadacre Trust, we are starting to think about how we celebrate this milestone.

If you would like to be part of a working group to plan a celebration or if you have any suggestions as to how we can mark the 100th year please contact me on admin@cosa.org.uk or phone Sally Bendall on 07881 952 950.

Stop Press.....

A Great Find !

As we go to print we are really pleased to say that the collection of papers and archives removed from Chadacre when the Institute closed have been found. A trip to see Lord Iveagh and his archivist Annaleigh was a great voyage of discovery going right back to the very start of Chadacre. The plan is to go through the mountain of boxes carefully and catalogue the important items before returning to safe storage. This will take some time but it hoped we will be able to hold an exhibition of COSA archives at some stage in the future.

100 years



Robert Bendall , Bob Waller & Lord Iveagh amongst the archives .

From The Archives

The Hon. Secretary, V. Harrison, deserves mention and high praise for courage in the performance of his duty. He alone and unaided brought four ladies to the Reunion Dance.

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We hear that they are tough, mighty tough in the West. We are, we regret, not in a position to say whether Donald Morgan has lots of curly hair upon his chest ; but we do know he is tough, yeah boy, mighty tough, and how. Last summer he worked on a big fruit farm in Nova Scotia. He helped with the grading and exporting of a good many bushels to England. After that when the "freeze up" came he joined a lumber camp. He wrote and said, " We are paid one dollar twenty-five a cord for board. There are some pretty tough fellows here, but not bad as a rule. Sometimes we get one that is dirty, then we gently heave him out." He came out of the lumber camp in the spring and has now a job in one of the horticultural interests of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

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J. R. Mann is still busy with his Lanz tractors and seems to be making them ubiquitous in Suffolk and the Eastern Counties. His sister, also an Old Student, is now nursing at Lowestoft.

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A. P. Newton is going to a rubber and tea estate in Ceylon. He sails on the 5th November.

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R. Fincham is now with the Jackson Electric Stove Co of London. He is finding the work very interesting.

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A. W. Gamble proved a most interesting and efficient guide to the present Students when they recently visited Mr. Burrell's Fruit Farm.

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One or two of the Summer Course Students seem to have turned their attention to nursing for Miss Gray is now working in the Hospital at Felixstowe.

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Miss Parrish and Miss Wilding stayed on after their Summer Course to help Pettitt with the cows.

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Miss O'Sullivan now holds a post on a poultry farm at Theberton.

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D. Hardy is working on Mr. Mann's farm at Saxham.

NEWS OF STAFF.

It was a great shock when in the middle of the summer it was found that Mr. Seward was suffering from diabetes. After a short time in Cambridge Hospital we were glad to see him back and sincerely wish him a speedy and permanent recovery from this complaint.

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This was the second shock that the poor old staff had suffered, for in the very first Rigger match of last season Mr. Fairhead broke his neck. When the extent of the damage was realised he was taken to the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital and there lay in a critical state for several weeks. Eventually the welcome news was announced that the surgeon was completely satisfied with the operation, and after the space of four months, Mr. Fairhead was back with us again. He is now completely healed and suffers no bad effects.

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Mr. Tallantire came home on leave and was married on the 30th January. He came down to Chadacre and gave us a very amusing and graphical description of life on the edge of the Sahara Desert. Mr. and Mrs. Tallantire sailed for Africa again in April, and seemed really glad to get back to hot weather and away from our gloom.

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Mr. Leigh Breese is now quite City-Suburban. We wonder whether living next to Ralph Lynn has added to his entertainment repertoire, always so much appreciated by us at Chadacre.

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We shall be sorry to lose Miss Hook as our Matron at Christmas time. Miss Hook has been at Chadacre for nine years and her cheerful efficiency has done very much to assist in the smooth run-

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on.



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78/80 COSA Member remembered

It was with sadness that we heard the news earlier this year of the passing of former Chadacre student, **Shane Birnbacher. (1978 to 1980)** Those who knew Shane will remember a larger than life character who talked at a pace and created memories wherever he went. From Chadacre Shane worked in the Ipswich area and for a time he ran his own smallholding in Windsor Shane moved to Turkey a few years ago to be with his partner Firdevs .

Andy Emery shares his memories of Shane from a typical

Student Sunday evening in late January - circa 1979.

Any old student who reads this will think back to their Sunday nights at Chadacre when many of our fellow students had gone home for the weekend, or if you had used your weekends up and were off duty, many went home for Sunday only. As home for some of us was some distance away a few of us stayed at Chad and would amuse ourselves in some way. As we were first years (yearlings as we were called, or 'furst years' in local Nev Cobbold dialect) we would be either keeping out of the way of our second year students, doing reports, or watching TV.

I am sure many of us who been up to Corders Farm on duties on our bikes had wondered about the haunting looking Coldham Hall. The long tree lined entrance and the dark looking house that we passed by on many occasions.

One Sunday evening after the usual tea of ham, jacket potato and fried eggs, Shane Birnbacher and I were residing on top landing thinking about what to do??? We would not be missed and as our second years seemed to have either gone to bed or were revising for their exams (ha ah) we hatched a plan. Shane always had this smile, sometimes happy or sometimes nervous and tonight it was a mix of both. The night was cloudy and cold with a bit of rain, but off we headed on our bikes out of the back entrance , looking for car head lights oncoming or behind ready to hide in case it was the staff out and about. To say we were a little nervous was an understatement as we dived into a ditch/ hedge just passed the second corner out of the entrance as a car came along the top road towards us. Now we were wet, scratched and not sure this was a good idea, but we carried on . By now Shane had gone unusually quiet as we had to take cover yet again from traffic near the Lawshall cross roads.

Press on we did and finally arrived at our destination and, after much discussion, we headed down the entrance road. At this point Shane started to regret this adventure as now he could not stop talking about how we must turn back. We decided to hide our bikes behind some trees and slowly processed on towards the big house. A lone light downstairs was the only sign of life. What were we thinking? As we got near the front door our senses were on high alert in the quiet. Then there was a noise! At that point I did not realise that my hundred metre sprint was so good, Shane followed after a bit of traction difficulties and I passed our hidden bikes with Shane hollering to stop.

Now, if anyone has biked to and from Corders Farm on farm duties and were running late, with the noise of the old Chad Landrover in the distance and Bob Waller at the wheel, you may recall it always made you either speed up or hide. Heading back that night we would have beaten it very easily and more!

The one clear memory I have is that when we burst through the door by David Newman's office, Shane could not stop laughing and two second year students appeared from somewhere, probably out as we were, looking at us, we continued our laughter of relief and they simply carried on past us.



79/80 Shooting Team

Back row left to right: Richard Matthew, Peter Jackson, Andy Emery
Seated left to right: Andrew Cutting, Laurence Pizzy, **Shane Birnbacher**



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