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Dear Old Member,

This is an odd time of year to be circulating an Old Members' newsletter. The reason is quite simple: I need to tell you about a function which is only 6 weeks away.

In September 1930, Beaker Saunders was elected a member of the Club, and we thought it would be a nice gesture to give him a dinner to mark his 60th Anniversary. So we are going to hold one of our (all-male) 'Vintage and Veterans' dinners on Friday, 12th October, with Beaker as the guest of honour. (Incidentally, this will be instead of the usual end-of-season dinner, which has now become a 'near miss' with the full Club dinner, which is also being held about March nowadays.)

Details:

Date: Friday, 12th October
Venue: Jack Straw's Castle
Time: 7.00 for 8.00 p.m.
Dress: DJ (or blazer etc.)
Price: £20 a head (to include, as usual, a 'reasonable' quantity of wine at table)

Stan (Elgar) is, once again, being good enough to organise this function and applications to attend (on the attached slip, or by 'phone) should go to him. Please apply early - with your cheque: not only will this help Stan with the arrangements but, also, we are in the Dickens Room again at Jack Straw's, with its limited capacity - so it may have to be 'first come, first served'.

We shall have one or two official guests, and there may be room for a few private guests also (particularly, of course, those with hockey connections). But ring Stan first before you invite anybody - again, they may have to go on a waiting list if we get a good turn-out.

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'BEAKER SAUNDERS' VINTAGE AND VETERANS' DINNER: 12th OCTOBER

I wish to attend (and, having spoken with you, to bring a guest).

I enclose a cheque in payment (£20 a head).

I (and/or my guest) would prefer a vegetarian main course (PLEASE TICK).

Name:.....

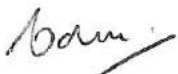
I hope, incidentally, that we shall get a good turn-out. As you know, Beaker was largely responsible - with Ruari Milsted and John Sankey, both sadly now departed - for getting the Club together after the disruption of the War years, and he has been a really loyal member and supporter since then (and, of course, a keen player in the 30's). It should be a good evening, with plenty of cud to chew with fellow O.M.'s from your generation.

The membership of our O.M.'s list continues to grow slowly. Aubrey Balhetchet (4th XI - my vintage, late 50's) has signed up, and Ian Eiloart (from Hampstead Cricket Club days - the last of the great Eiloart family to be a playing member, the family who could have fielded a whole team before the 1st War). And this notice is going, as usual, to a few more 'potentials' whose addresses I have tracked down or been given. But, as I have said before, it is difficult to build up the list when people have moved away years ago, so any knowledge of old members would be welcome - particularly those of the 1970's/80's vintage, of which we are very sparse.

The new season is a month away, so I can't send you your fixture card at present. I'll just tell you that the 1st XI - as I intimated in March - did, indeed, finish as runners-up to Surbiton in the Pizza Express London League. What was disappointing was that Surbiton then, very surprisingly, failed to win through the play-off with the winners of the other regional leagues, and, therefore, didn't gain promotion to the National League. As a result, they'll be back with us in the London League again next year, and we shall have to overtake them if we are to gain a place for ourselves in the play-offs next April. Well, it can be done, and Gregg Carr (the new 1st XI Captain) has promised to give it their all: we have four more attempts if we are to achieve the magic National League place in time for our Centenary!

I look forward to seeing you all for a good evening on 12th October. Remember to apply early to Stan.

Yours aye,



COLIN GREENHALGH