

**Queen Elizabeth (Kensington) Branch of
King's College, London Alumni Association**

Chair: Ann Wood (1970-75)

The 'Committee': John Brockhouse (1974-78), Helen Huckvale (née Parsons) (1975-78), Audrey Stubbs (née Morris) (1949-1952), Henry Embling (1972-78), Lyn Embling (née Rigby) (1972-78), Gary Thomas (1974-77), Mick Farrow (1975-78), Jean Atkins (née Aitchison) (1946-49), Mike Barker (1974-77), Pat Cox (née Symes) (1951-54), Hilary Phillips (née Skirrow) (1961-64)

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Dear QEC and KCHSS friends

Reunion 2006

Last year's QE(K)A reunion was held at the Strand campus of King's on Saturday June 10th. We had just over 100 attendees who helped us mark the closure of many Life Science degree programmes which had originally been associated with QEC. As well as enjoying each other's company, we heard talks by Professor Keith Gull CBE FRS (ex QEC Microbiology) and Dr Geoff Watts (ex King's Zoology). We took excessive numbers of photos to remember the day with, and you will find some of them in ENVOY and on our website (www.qeca.org.uk).

Reunion 2007

I am now writing to invite you to the next Reunion planned for September 29th in the Old Committee Room, River Room and South Range of the main building of Strand campus. Our guest speaker will be Professor Catherine Geissler of the Nutrition Department (both QEC and King's) who will be talking to us about her recollections of QEC, nutrition teaching and research, then and now.

The Strand Campus is a 10-15 minute walk from Charing Cross, Waterloo and Waterloo East stations. Just over Waterloo Bridge on the South Bank, are the London Eye, County Hall, National Theatre, National Film Theatre, Royal Festival Hall and Hayward Gallery. Our venue at King's (Strand) is just a few minutes walk (or a short bus, tube or taxi ride) from Covent Garden and/or the West End to make the most of your trip with some shopping or the theatre. There is a wide choice of pubs, wine bars, cafes and restaurants within walking distance for you to carry on your reunion after leaving us in the late afternoon if you don't have to hurry home.

We hope that as many former QEC staff and students as possible can attend to help make it another year to remember. We are especially keen that former Nutrition students and staff will come along to celebrate the successes that QEC Nutrition produced over many decades. If you are feeling shy, don't worry - we have name badges to help the memory cells and you'll find that there are usually people that you knew by sight, if not by name, from your time at college. The characteristic bonhomie of the old QEC is very welcoming even if you come on your own, but if you can coordinate with some of your old friends to make up a party so much the better. We are also keen to invite those who graduated 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 years ago to meet up with old classmates at this and future reunions - if you wish to use our web pages to announce a class gathering, please contact our webmaster.

Further details of the day appear on a separate page. Please return your reply to Henry Embling by **21st September** so that catering numbers can be confirmed.

Envoy 2007

We extend our thanks to Lyn Embling for editing and producing Envoy over the past few years and to the numerous contributors. This message should come to you at the same time as the latest edition of Envoy is loaded onto our web pages for you to download.

We know that both Envoy and the website are extremely popular, with the website getting about 1000 'hits' each month but we continue to need you to supply us with news, information, articles, photos and so on, about yourselves or colleagues. Please write or e-mail to Lyn Embling with any reminiscences, anecdotes or general interest articles for inclusion in Envoy 2008 or if you prefer, send them to Gary Thomas for inclusion in our website (see below).

Committee

QE(K)A is run as informally as possible with much of the organisation of events and the website going on in the background. I want to acknowledge the assistance of the members of the committee who are currently involved with running the organisation. They steadfastly turn up to the Committee meetings we hold every 4 months, keep the wheels turning in between times, and always respond to my emails when I need help. Please feel free to contact any of us to make your points of view known at our meetings. All contact details are on our web site and on the back cover of Envoy. Audrey Stubbs is retiring from her post as Treasurer in September and we are looking for a volunteer to take over from her. Please contact one of the committee if you are interested in contributing to the Association in this way.

Website

Gary Thomas has continued to run our web site www.qeca.org.uk which has been growing steadily as has its number of monthly 'hits' - so we know many of you are logging in to take a look. Do let him know what you think or include suggestions for possible improvements (gcathomas@compuserve.com).

You may also be aware that former colleagues from QEC, school and work can be found at www.friendsreunited.com. Why not register there as well, or at least take a look.

Contact details

Almost everyone will know at least one friend or colleague that did not join or has lost contact with the Association. If you could pass on our details (email addresses, website) to someone that you know who might be interested in the Association's activities we could increase the number that get to hear of events and Reunions to the benefit of all.

Maintaining up-to-date contact details helps keep our costs down so please spare the time to fill-in and return the separate sheet for changes to personal details and preferences - it doesn't take very long to reply. Many of you will use email so, if you would like to receive future information via this medium, please let us know. This, of course, also avoids wasted paper but don't forget to keep us informed of any changes. We will use contact details you conveyed to us last year unless otherwise informed.

I do hope that you will stay in touch with the organisation and hope to see you at the Reunion in September.

Kind regards

Ann Wood