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EDITORIAL

Is it only four years since Tony Blyth 'phoned and invited me to the Annual Reunion Dinner? Since then, I have renewed old friendships, made some new ones, and become involved, through the Old Boys Association, with the Golf Society, the Magazine, and the School. I have gained a great deal.

I am grateful to Tony for that invitation, and for his very hard work in producing such an excellent Magazine over the last few years. Tony and his family have now returned to South Africa, where we wish them well. By the way, Tony, where is the Magazine article you promised?

In turn I hope that many of you will respond to Mike Powell's invitation to introduce new members to the Association. Do not leave it to others — please take positive action now.

I have never cared for local politics, and little has happened of late to change my view. Various threats to the future of the School have been commented upon in these pages in recent years. The latest proposals from Trafford Borough Council smack of opportunism and the needless sacrifice of traditional values, and, incidentally, go against the wishes of a very larger majority of the School Governors, the Parents Association and the Staff. Politicians are rarely inhibited from bestowing their perceived benefits upon us, but let us hope that our School will survive this latest alarm, and continue to thrive on its present site without further gratuitous interference from Trafford Borough Council.

In conclusion, may I remind you that this Magazine section exists primarily to collect and disseminate news and comment concerning the School and its former pupils. With notable exceptions, we receive few contributions — in other words there is very little to edit! I would be delighted to receive news, articles, anything printable for future issues.

TERRY SPRAGG (1953-60)

