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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to take this opportunity to say how very honoured I feel to have been invited to be President of the Association.

I follow a long line of distinguished gentlemen who have held this Office, and they will be a hard act to follow, especially the retiring President, Roy Armitstead. However, I have some fifty years experience on the Committee, at least half of this as General Secretary, and I hope and trust that I shall have something to offer.

The Association is in good heart at the moment, with a strong Committee led by Chairman Mike Powell and Secretary Terry Spragg. We are happy to welcome new Headmaster Mr. Bryan Purvis to our midst, and I am confident that with his support the Association will go from strength to strength.

Peter Morton

79th ANNIVERSARY REUNION DINNER: 25th February 1994

At the Annual Dinner, not only did we welcome a new Association President, Peter Morton, but also a new Headmaster, Bryan Purvis, and, obviously, a newly-retired Head. The Burlington Suite at the Cresta Court Hotel was filled to capacity by 130 Old Boys with vintages from the 1920's to more recent times.

The food in past years has been the subject of some less-than-complimentary remarks; this year, the Hotel's offering was altogether much improved and went down a treat! With the food out of the way, so to speak, the evening really started to swing, with the President taking to his feet, in charge for the first time, and welcoming no less than three Heads: Bryan Purvis (incumbent), Bill Bickers and Keith Nodding (the Guest of Honour).

Sadly, there was no presentation of the Charles Laver prize as the Golf match had been cancelled. This year's match will be on Friday, 3rd June (or was on the 3rd of June by the time you read this).

Having covered the agenda, the President invited Roy Armitstead to propose the Toast to the School. Roy thanked the committee past and present over his 9 years as President, and advised us that it was only his doctor who had suggested retirement from office, as he had wanted to continue for ever, or at least until Peterborough stopped providing him with material for his speeches! Roy considered that it was most appropriate that the Head should respond on behalf of the School; he is only the sixth Head in 82 years: Laver, Hamblin, Crowther, Bickers, Nodding, Purvis/LHCBNP/Long Have Caring Bims Nurtured Pupils?

