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Farnham College is 40!

Girls joined boys as the town's two grammar schools merged in 1973

THIS year Farnham seems to have more than enough anniversary dates but one which is of great significance to members of both the Farnham Grammar School (for boys) and Farnham Girls' Grammar School is the 40th anniversary of the amalgamation of the two schools, in 1973, to form the Farnham Sixth Form College.

This 'Forty-Years-On' landmark takes place in September.

However, the preliminary announcement about an event planned to mark the occasion on Saturday September 21st, 2013, (which will take place in the hall of the former FGGS building in Menin Way), also shows how much society - as well as education - has changed in the past four decades.

For example one wonders what Miss Inman, Miss Sparshott, Miss Hair, Miss Eggar or Miss Basford from

Farnham Girls' Grammar School would have thought of the idea that in 2013 it has been stated that not only wives and husbands but **partners and lovers**, too, would be welcomed at the buffet lunch to celebrate the occasion.

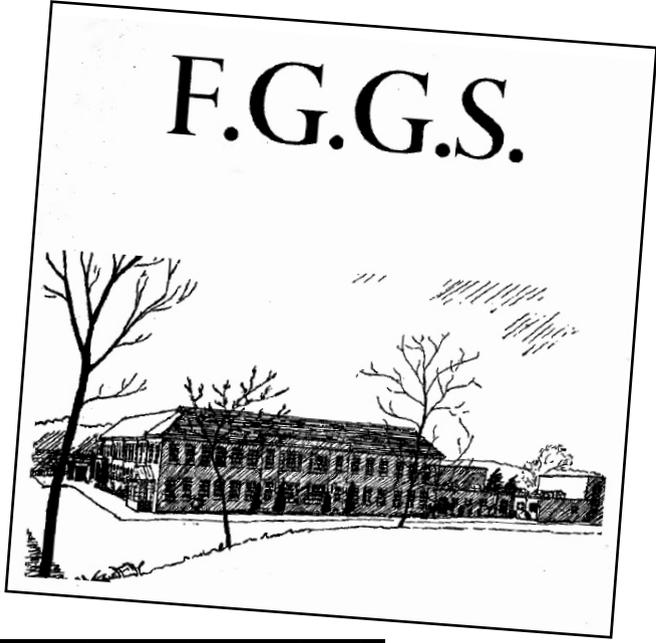
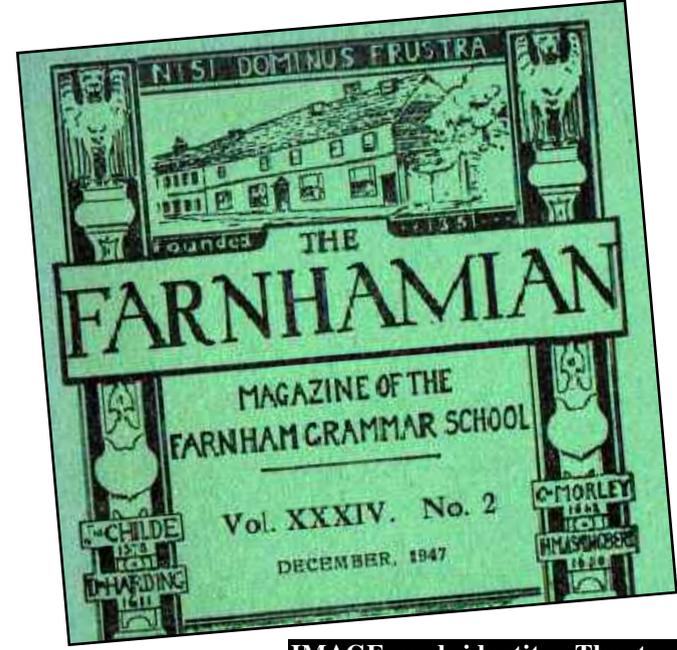
Although by 1973 male staff at Farnham Grammar School were probably more liberal in thought it is likely that even a few of them might also have raised their eyebrows at out-of-marriage relationships.

It is hoped that around 100 people will attend

this informal finger buffet lunch, from 1pm to 4pm, at which there will also be a bar and a raffle and plenty of time for conversation and reminiscences.

Although the official closure dates of the two grammar schools was on September 5th 1973, it was decided to hold the Forty Years On celebration on the same day as had previously been arranged for the OGA's AGM but with a changed programme to suit the special occasion.

During the afternoon of the Old Girls committee,



plus any others who wish to attend, will hold their AGM in another room leaving those who wish to do so to carry on with their 'Do you

IMAGE and identity. The two schools' magazines - left: *The Farnhamian* for December 1947 and the FGGS magazine for March 1953. *The Farnhamian* is still published annually.

remember...-ing?' To keep costs at a minimum tickets will not be issued for this

lunch (costing £6 per head) but former FGS pupils who would like to attend should contact

Cyril Trust either via email: cyril.trust@talk21.com or by telephone 01252

338858. The Farnham Girls' Grammar School pupils should advise Gill Picken via email gill.picken@live.co.uk or on 01252 658124.

How a bit of musical Wombling