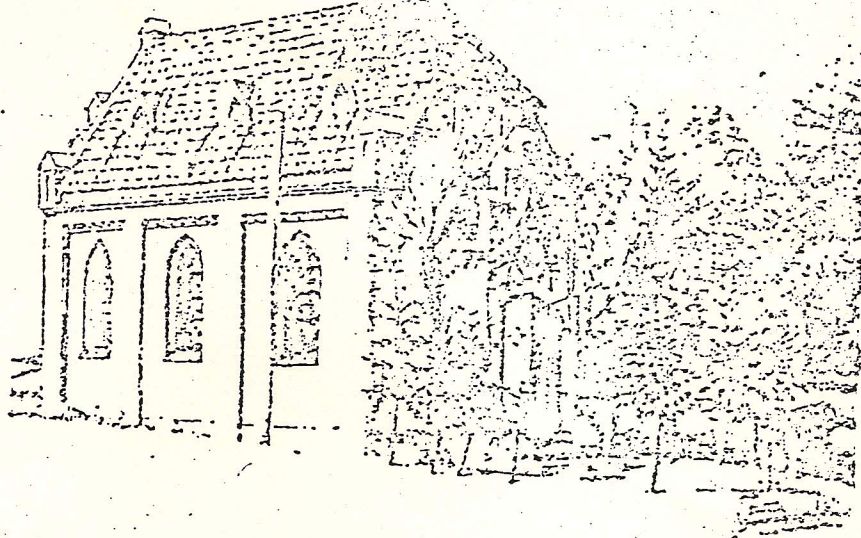


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THE OPEN DOOR, SCHUBIN

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Hon. Secretary Ken Finlayson Ex-Kriegies Newsletter March 1985  
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CENTRAL LONDON As you will see there are 3 venues for a re-union and I hope some will be able to come to one of them. No explanation is required for Les Scott's as the details are enclosed. We have booked in at the Riversdale Guest House, Wimborne. Clacton details for Kriegies enclosed, wives or friends wishing to come we can recommend Lyndale Lodge Hotel (see encl.) Isle of Man Members Bill Matthews, Frank Dey, Bob Bullick came over with a small party September 1983 and I am sure they enjoyed it. Ken Conibear who lives in Douglas and whom some of you met at the Union Jack Club May 1984 and saw his film of the 1982 visit to Poland will no doubt show it again if enough are interested in going over. We have booked in at the Sefton Hotel for 7 nights from Monday 9th September, they have a nice sized bar upstairs suitable for a re-union which could be held on Saturday 14th September, 1985. I had a postcard from Italy dated 15th June last year can read the message but not the signature, who is the mystery Ex-Kriegie?

Polish Ex-Combatants who are very proud of their Museum at Club Nowa Huta, Cracow are always very appreciative of World War II Badges and Insignia, now you are getting old and grey they would really look after it for you and of course it would be on display. George Butterworth, message received from Harry Palmer in De Panne last year we told him you were a member. George is I believe still looking for his friend Pte. J Nolan R.A.S.C. Stalag 8B.

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ILKESTON, DERBY Taffy Smith 1st Gordons rang to say John Butler had visited him, re-union after 45 years both boys were in the band. Taffy was my partner during our 5 years behind the wire, a great sense of humour.

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SWINTON Letter from Frank Kelly, did you have any connection with John Payne?. Frank ex 7th General Hospital captured at Crete worked in the Lazarett when medics went home on repat.



DOWNTON, Nr. SALISBURY Bert Paice phoned to say that his book "For the Love of Elizabeth the Memoir of Albert Paice P.O.W. 1939-45 was now printed, written with co-author Alwyn Ward it is dedicated to women everywhere who inspire their loved ones to hang on despite hardship and come home again. I'm sure you will, as I have, find this paperback of some 78 pages a down to earth description of life as a prisoner of war, he writes of working at the coalface Gorlitz, the Berlin/Cracow railway Ratibor and the stone quarry Grosstein. Price £2.50 plus 30p postage obtainable from Albert Paice Mount Snowdon, Mesh Pond Lane, Downton Nr. Salisbury, Wilts SP5 3WQ.

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LONDON S.E.12 Tommy Hart rang to say he had been at an old Comrades Assn meeting and met an Ex-Kriegie Alex Jarvis R.A.M.C. Repatriated 1943, does anyone know him?

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LEEDS Letter from Alf Hindle (Yorky) who if you remember was the little man running up and down the corridors in the top class hotels in Poland in his underpants giving a quick flash, he says Germans were going to shoot him a few times for his sense of humour. He will be 76 in August.

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SANDWICH, KENT T.P. Hart. Physiotherapist formed a Braille school under the leadership of Lord Normanby in the camp. Interested to hear from anyone with him at Calais. he is Hon Sec St. Dunstons Ex-P.O.W. Re-Union

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RETTFORD, NOTTS Sydney Barthorpe says he has never had a dull moment since the 1982 trip to Poland he has made many more friends. Hope you got the Resistance medal for Marieta's mother also that the mother and daughter from Posen enjoyed their visit.

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ENFIELD, MIDDX Eddie Sawyer gave us information on Ginger Field, Jim Gaskin (on your list as Ex-Kriegies seeking contact) Eddie those names were passed to me by Les Scott and I thought they were Ex-Ps.O.W. (trust a woman) Ella. Eddie visits Cauchy a la Tour from time to time where he was billeted.

WOKINGHAM Ronald Moore writes that he played Violin with the Lamsdorf Melody Makers also. Symphony and Light Orchestras.

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WIMBORNE, DORSET Les Scott sent photocopy of group at Shanemoor sent to him by Richard Dickinson Anyone recognise him or other Ex-Kriegies?. One of his members is trying to trace Gerry Harris he was in Bleckhammer, Stalag 21B for nearly 4 years, before call up he worked for Cadburys, Birmingham. Sid Bullen 2nd S/L R.A. passed on last year.

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ABERDEEN Good to hear that Frank Dey is enjoying his retirement in the "Silver City by the Sea". This is your Oberlieutenant speaking Raus! mid the swimming.

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PENDLEBURY, MANCHESTER John Sangster sent me a sketch by a Dutch P.O.W. of the layout of Malborg 4B, enclose copy for those at that camp.

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STOCKTON ON TEES Have heard from Harry Trotter R.A.M.C. that he nursed Ken Conibear in 21A Schilberg, as Ken was unable to write home himself Harry did it for him, hopes they will meet one day. Harry now is your chance on I.O.M. trip

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CENTRAL LONDON Enclosed 1944 map which shows Teschen and number changes of camps. Have obtained register from War Graves Commission and enclose lists of Ex-Kriegies buried in Cracow, Malbork and Poznan Military Cemeteries.

"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"

Membership fee £1 due 31st May 1985 Thank you.

See you in

WIMBORNE

CLACTON

ISLE OF MAN

Quotation for the year  
"WE CREATE OUR TOMORROW BY  
WHAT WE DREAM OF TODAY"  
AS YOU WILL SEE BY THE  
COMPOSITION OF THE NEWSLETTER  
WE RELY ON YOUR LETTERS OR  
PHONE CALLS FOR PRODUCING THE  
1986 NEWSLETTER.



TWICKENHAM Interested to learn from Bill Harding about the Torch Ceremony held at Westminster Abbey each year on 8th November. Parade of Standards and veterans march accompanied by a band to the Belgian Embassy, Belgrave Square (Torches are taken over to Brussels following day) those taking part can proceed to George Club. Any Kriegie wishing to participate meet me at Westminster Abbey gate by the bookshop at 5.30 p.m.

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RETTFORD, NOTTS Nice to hear from Sydney that his Polish friends Ursula and Dana enjoyed their stay and to read appreciative letter, also that Peter Constable showed them places of interest in London. You did a good job getting the Resistance Medal for Marieta's mother who I am sorry to hear has since died.

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CHORLTON-cum-HARDY Many thanks Dick for names and addresses of Ex-Kriegies have entered same in register. Sorry missed you and George Grundy at Fairfield, see you in Wimborne.

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WIMBORNE, DORSET Thank you Les for R.A. Ex-Kriegies names and addresses. Pleased to hear you are feeling better, see you in Wimborne

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#### ADDITIONS TO LIST

W P A MacDonald	Stalag 20A	Graudenz
J E Mitchell	"	18A 20A
		Graudenz
George Nelson	"	20A "
Len (Monty) Banks	"	" "
Walter Carrol	"	" "
Reg Granger (Ex British Man of Confidence)	"	20A
Sidney Walton	"	" Graudenz
Rev. R D F Wild MBE		" (Ex Padre)
Fred Butler	R.A.	
Gerald Green	R.A.	
J Randall	2 S/L R.A.	

Member No. 87

L E Camplin MM R Sigs  
1/Royal Horse Artillery  
Stalag 21B D 8B 4B  
Fort Rauch Grolman  
Marienau

Member No. 88

Ronald Thompson 8th Bn K.O.R.R.  
Stalag 20A 20B

CENTRAL LONDON Had intended to enclose I.O.M. Steam Packet Co. Brochure as I feel you will be able to choose the package suitable to you but due to change of sailings from Liverpool to Heysham will not receive same until end of March. You may wish to write direct, address:

Monas Isle Holidays

20 Broadway,

Douglas, I.O.M.

and of course there is Sealink. Would be pleased to hear if you are going to this reunion. Will be in the Foyer Bar of the Fairfield Hall, Croydon (Ex-P.O.W. Concert) from 6 p.m. on Saturday 28th September 1985.

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#### VENUE FOR 1986



### **Gloucester Hotel**

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All of its 78 rooms have private bathroom, television and tea and coffee-making facilities and its restaurant specialises in Scottish food, particularly in the top-quality beef for which the area is famous.

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#### **Schubin Story Dates**

##### **Back to Roman Days**

Oflag 64, temporary home of American ground force officers in Germany, is just eight months old, this week.

But its setting in Altburgund has been making history for nine centuries.

Origin of the present camp is vague. British RAF officers were here in 1942-43. A plaque in the chapel indicates that French officer prisoners used the camp during 1940-42. And, in 1940, a hut camp here was supposedly occupied by Polish and English enlisted men PoW's and the French officers.

With 2 other medics and 12 orderlies I was loaned from 8B in 1943 to look after the first batch of American Officers captured in Italy, some of you may remember Father Stanley Brach who came on the 1978 Pilgrimage to Poland. Still keep in touch.