



## **OLD TAUNTONIANS' ASSOCIATION CENTENARY** **ANNUAL REUNION DINNER**

**Saturday 13 November 2010**

at

**THE GUILDHALL SOUTHAMPTON**

**ALL Tauntonians, whether they are past or present pupils or students are welcome to attend this event**

This year we are delighted that the Chairman of the Dinner will be **Ted Colenutt** (Pupil 1931-1938: Staff 1946-84: Second Master 1965-1969: Vice Principal Richard Taunton College 1969-1984: President of the Old Tauntonians' Association). Ted celebrates his ninetieth birthday on 2<sup>nd</sup> May this year.

Ted Colenutt will be known to hundreds of people who attended the school. This will be the third occasion on which he has been invited to chair the Annual Reunion Dinner (previous occasions being in 1958 and 1984). This is a record that stands unequalled in the history of the Dinner. Ted has given long and exemplary service, and his selection as an outstanding candidate was an obvious one. We need only to review his entry in the Spooner History of Taunton's School (and he has of course done much since this was written!):

*"Edward Colenutt..... prefect, librarian, cross country runner, exhibitor to Southampton University in Geography. In a distinguished military career (Major, Royal Artillery), he was Mentioned-in-Despatches, and served throughout the campaign that saw the re-conquest of Burma. He returned to Taunton's as a staff member of the Department of Geography and thereafter threw himself into the life of the school with that energy and thoroughness that are typical of the man. Very soon he became Mr Clowser's right-hand man; he made his mark in the classroom. His vigour and enterprise knew no bounds; he went on foreign excursions; he collaborated with his chief in a series of geography textbooks; he attended the New Forest Camp, taking over command when Mr Colebourn gave up; he assisted increasingly in the organisation of school hockey, seeing his hours of coaching bear fruit in the great sides of Wright, Gannaway, Spincer and Strowger; with Frank Bradley, Arthur Spencer and Ken Wootton he founded the OT Hockey Club, an activity destined to bring kudos to the name of Taunton's; as Secretary of the OTA with Harvey Clark he has used his spare time lavishly on the work of the Association; and his chairmanship of the dinner in 1958 was an honour duly earned and well-deserved. Being an OT and a member of the staff, he stands at the junctions of many roads and on some occasions has found himself due to travel down too many at once; but he has a great talent for organisation, the nearest we have seen to Joe Chalk's, and a prestigious memory, almost the equal of our own in our halcyon days; and these gifts, together with a genuine interest in the study of the human boy, a great capacity for hard work, a strong set of principles, a sense of humour, an ability to mix, and above all a strong affection for all things Tauntonian, have enabled him over the last two decades to do invaluable service to the school that he loves".*

### **EVENT DETAILS**

The application form for reserving places at this prestigious event should be completed and returned (accompanied by a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to "OTA Dinner Committee"). As there is likely to be increased demand for places this year, all returns (including cheques) should be sent to arrive by **30 JUNE 2010**. You can also call Martin Rowe (Secretary OTA Dinner Committee) on 02380 766801 or email [reunion.dinner@ota-southampton.org.uk](mailto:reunion.dinner@ota-southampton.org.uk) to request places, but you must send a cheque to Brian Osman at the address shown on the form overleaf. The reservation will not be complete until remittance is received. Please note that no acknowledgements will be made unless a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed with your application.

