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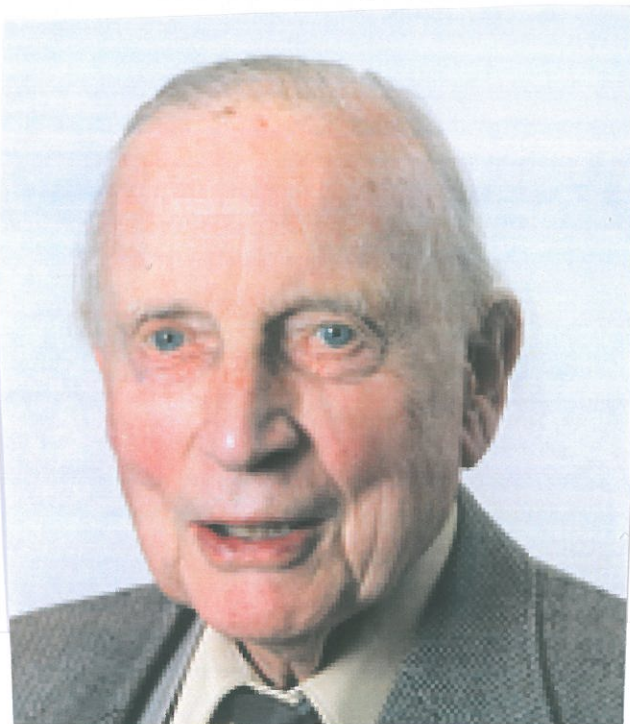
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CLUB MATTERS

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For those of you who, unlike **Jimmy Fowell**, don't religiously read the EDP every day, I attach the recent article based on information provided by **John Neill's** family. One of the photographs captures John addressing schoolchildren in the field in front of his Thurgarton Hall home. A couple of generations ago this was a 100 acre prairie since when John restored things with hedging and the shelter belt you can see in the background. He was another of that Scottish horde who came to East Anglia and made good. The Clan Trust preserves their contribution and was a superb supporter of our Students' Day. Fiona, one of John's two daughters, is well known to some as the author of the Slummy Mummy series of Times Magazine articles and subsequent best sellers. Maybe it's just a coincidence but we have at least two other local authors who are not afraid to cover adult themes in former vet Graham Duncanson and retired Lady in Waiting, Lady Anne Glenconner. Meanwhile **Ken Leggett**, our original Student Day maestro, will still be keeping Old Catton in order even when he turns 90 in January. As for **Derek Pearce** I was reminded that a few years ago a rumour did the rounds that he had died. It was a relief when he rang me to quote Mark Twain "the reports of my death are greatly exaggerated". So no more rumours, whether true or unfounded, for a good while yet please.

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