



**The Captains' Day Lunch (31/07/2021)
by Ted Keohane (Club Captain 1959-1962)**



As one of the most senior (oldest) Club Captains I would have loved to share this day, in person, with so many friends and enjoy the craic. But instead, my thanks to Pete for saying a few words on my behalf.

My thoughts are of all those captains who are no longer with us, a few of whom were also founder members and kicked this whole thing off. And a mention for my brother Jim, also club captain in 1956-1957. I persuaded him to join me as a member, after I had been at the club for about a year. What a contribution he made. An outstanding scrumhalf who brought a wicked sense of humour to the dressing room!

I followed Peter Lewis as Club Captain for three years from 1959 to 1962. We were building upon the foundations set by Gordon and Fred Hallows and their fellow founder members with John Crotty, Club Chairman at the time. The period covered our last season at High Lane, Hanwell and the subsequent move to the Dysart Arms.

The recruitment and development of young players from local schools enabled a Colts team to be formed in 1960. Many of these colts enjoyed success at County level and also went on to become Club Captains.

Hectic times – but we had a lot of fun along the way – including the celebrations following winning the Harrod's Business Sevens - I vaguely remember arriving home in the early hours – without my kit, having walked from Hammersmith following a

brush with the police along the way. Lots of memories to share with lifelong free spirits.

Continued success to the G's and come on the Lions!

Ted Keohane, 27th July, 2021

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