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Article from Chris Coombs (82-89) who wrote in after he saw the 1st XI Football photograph from 1989/90.

Dear Bryan

I was recently flicking through the pages of the August 2008 edition of The Old Hamptonians' Chronicle with fond memories of my time at Hampton in the forefront of my mind when to my surprise I saw printed on page 19 a photograph that has graced the walls of my parents' house for nearly twenty years! So, in answer to the question "Where are they now?"....

When I left Hampton I followed my keen interest in sport and studied for a degree in Sport and Recreation Studies at Staffordshire University. While studying I represented the university at football, athletics and cycling. After graduating I spent two years working in retail in London before following a career in procurement in the aerospace industry, based in the midlands. My wife, daughter and I live in Bridgnorth in Shropshire where I am the Supply Chain Leader for GE Aviation Systems' Actuation and Landing Gear business based in Wolverhampton. I continue to enjoy my sporting pursuits having played in and managed in the local Sunday Football League; however a serious back injury has put paid to my football playing days, so now I feed my sporting hunger cycling and swimming.

Unfortunately I have lost touch with the other players in the photograph, however I remain close friends with two other Old Hamptonians from my year: Rupert Morrall and Neil Gresham. It is some time since I last returned to Hampton - it was for Iain McLean's leaving celebration dinner which I enjoyed enormously. I recall that the school had grown significantly since my time there (1982 - 89). I would be delighted to know the whereabouts of the other members of the 1988-9 football team and would be grateful were you to pass on my e-mail address and best regards to any other responses you may have received.

With many thanks for stimulating a journey down memory lane!

Yours faithfully

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