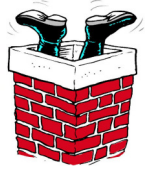




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OUR HALF CENTURY!

Little did we realize when The Old Hall Club was launched in Summer 1999 that we would grow so successfully to have now reached our 50th issue and have consolidated with over 200 members; long may it continue!

Enclosed please find a reprint of the very first Newsletter; note a lovely introduction from Mr Leslie Wiggin, a major contribution right from the start from Quizmaster Harry, the total absence of any colour which was subsequently introduced in 2006 and no little icons in the title block which was Dianne's idea when she took over producing the Newsletter in 2008.

THE ONEIDA CONNAUGHT COLLECTION



Above: Note MADE IN HONG KONG bottom right!

After Old Hall had closed down in 1984, Oneida brought out a very limited range of Old Hall made in the Far East, based largely around the Connaught tea set; such items are back-stamped Old Hall FOREIGN rather than Old Hall MADE IN ENGLAND.



Above: The Oneida Connaught Collection, February 1987

Despite being over 40% cheaper than Bloxwich Old Hall (e.g. the satin finish 2 pint long spout Connaught teapot was £19.95 as against £35.75), the project was not a success and was abandoned in the early 1990s.

Using the RPI, uplifting the £35.75 to today's price gives nearly £85.00 and even the Oneida price of £19.95 becomes £47.50; phew!