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*Dear David Manders,*

Thank you for your letter of 7th November. I can confirm that the following will be retained at Villiers Park for historic reasons:

- 1) A full set of the Eton Manor Club's monthly magazine "Chin-Wag" bound in annual volumes commencing March 1913 and finishing in October 1966 (Vol. LII).

*[It was in 1913 that Lord Roberts opened the Club, money having been raised since 1907.]*

- 2) Minute Books of the Boys' Club:  
Vol. III - 31 October 1911 to September 1915  
Vol. V - March 1918 to May 1922  
Vol. VI - May 1922 to September 1926  
Vol. VII - September 1926 to September 1931  
Vol. VIII - September 1931 to May 1940  
Vol. IX - May 1940 to April 1951

Vols. I & II and later volumes, presumably two, are sadly missing, the latter two having mysteriously disappeared from our shelves here.

*[As Vol. III begins in 1911, the minutes obviously go back to when the Boys' Club of Eton Mission was housed in an old shop known as "The Backyard Club" either then or later. This was in a street running at right angles to Daintry Street on the corner of which Eton Old Boys' Club was running prior to 1913 and, of interest to you is that we have an oil painting of this Club on our premises dated 1909.]*

- 3) A single volume titled: "Chin-Wag being the War record of the Eton Manor Club from 1914 - 1918"
- 4) A typed volume of The Eton Manor War Memorial 1939 to 1946 - A Tribute researched by Mike Reynolds

I don't know if you have them, but I enclose:

The Story of the early days of the Eton Manor Clubs  
and an Address given about the Hon. Arthur Villiers

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In the next six weeks I will be clearing out more material and if I come across anything else which may be of interest to you and, if I can spare a copy, I will send it to you. The Club magazine and minute books would be available for anyone doing research on our premises only, and the Manager from 1 January 1996 will be Mr Richard Gould - telephone numbers will be as above. I shall be retiring, after 45 years connected with Eton Manor, at Christmas.

I hope this information is what you require. If there is anything additional you wish to know, please come back to me.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Derck Marsh*