

OLD MAIDSTONIAN SOCIETY
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OBITUARY

Many OMs will have read of the recent deaths of two old friends of the Society, Mr Leonard Beaufoy and Mr G. Phillips.

Len Beaufoy, 81, attended the School as a pupil from 1903 to 1910, was captain of the School and won the Gunsley Scholarship to University College Oxford. He was President of the Society in 1938 and became Chairman of the school governors in 1953.

"Beater" Phillips, 86, was senior history master and Second Master at MGS, retiring in 1960 after a career during which he had served under four MGS headmasters from 1914 onwards. He was President of the Society from 1958 to 1960. In 1949 he published a history of the School and wrote a chronicle play. OMs at the Annual Supper in April had the happy opportunity of chatting with Mr Phillips during the evening. In his will he left a bequest to the Old Maidstonian Society and another for the foundation of a School History Prize.

RECENT EVENTS

Annual General Meeting 26 January Eighteen members attended the AGM at the School, under the chairmanship of P.A.W. Howe. The meeting paid tribute to the outstanding service rendered to the Society by Alec Stewart, in whose memory the Committee had instituted an Annual Trophy to be awarded for outstanding services to School sporting and athletics activities. A welcome was extended to the new Headmaster, Dr Pettet, before the main business was begun. The Secretary reported on the year's activities, which included rugger, soccer, cricket and shooting matches against the School, a car treasure hunt and a nascent badminton club. The Treasurer's report indicated that there would be a surplus of approximately £50 when the year's accounts had finally been settled. Concern was expressed at the depreciation of War Loan stock in which the Old Boys award fund had been invested. The new committee has since been exploring the merits of re-investing the fund.

The following officers were elected: President - John Bergg, School Captain in 1950, President-elect - Mr T. Gutteridge, Hon. Secretary - John Martin (1959), Hon. Treasurer - Bryan Welcome (1954), Assistant Hon. Secretary - Chris Miles (1964), Membership Secretary - Paul Watts (1969). The remaining committee members are Ken Loveland (1925) - Chairman, the Headmaster, R. Rylands and J. Morgan (staff representatives) P.F.E. Cook (1957), C.M. Harden (1947), D. Larkin, P. Mayor, W. Moore (1927), A.A. Newman (1925), R. Oxley (1943), M. Rand (1961). The two recent leavers representatives are R. Eastman and M. Passmore.

Annual Supper 7th April 1973 The Annual Supper was held for the second year running at the Corpus Christi Hall and attended by some ninety Old Boys. Among the guests were Alderman Lawrence - Deputy Mayor of Maidstone, Canon Tufton, Mr Barrant - the Society's auditor, Mr. G. Hammersley - the Chairman of the Parents' Association, Sarge and the Captain of the School. The toast to the School was proposed by Dr. J.H. Taylor and replied to by the Headmaster and the School Captain A.D. Mahony who also received the Alex Stewart Memorial Tankard on behalf of Mr B.J. O'Toole. During the course of the evening there was a presentation to Mr C.P. Holyman to mark his retirement after 44 years at MGS. The formal business of the evening concluded with the induction of the new President John Bergg.

Rugby match - OMs v School 4 April. The OMs won 8 - 6

Soccer match - OMs v School 4 April. The School side was first to find its rhythm in this match and in the first few minutes had the better of the play. However after about ten minutes the Old Maidstonians took the lead when C. Jordan was on hand to score a simple goal. For the remainder of the first half the game was fairly even. The School created several good chances and were unlucky not to score, thanks to some good goalkeeping from C. Miles. Midway through this half the Old Maidstonians increased their lead when D. Rowe scored with a speculative long ranged shot. In the second half the school improved its play and scored two goals in a five minute spell midway through the half, the goals coming from Minto and Reynolds. Both sides then strove for the winning goal but the scores remained level until the end.

OMs team: C. Miles, M. Manning, A. Stewart, C. Fincham, P. Wright, D. Rowe, R. Luck, D. Elcock, B. Long, C. Jordan, S. Jones. Substitute P. Carne

Small bore rifle shooting The OM Rifle team has continued to go from strength to strength having come top of Division 3 in the Maidstone Small Bore Rifle League. A second team has been formed.

Badminton Club After a hesitant start in the New Year this function has attracted an average turn-out of twelve OMs on Monday evenings at the School. The club is suspended during the summer holidays and will resume in September. For details please contact Peter Mayor at "Merric Oak", Warmlake, Sutton Valence. tel. 2280

Cricket Match - OMs v The Masters 5 July 1973. Unfortunately this match had to be abandoned after 30 minutes play due to torrential rain. The Masters had elected to bat first and had made 39 runs for the loss of one wicket. It is hoped that this event will become a regular feature of the OMs calendar.

STAFF NEWS - PAST AND PRESENT

Mr M. Bayliss formerly of the School's Modern Languages staff passed out from Dartmouth shortly after Easter and is now engaged on flying training with the RAF at Church Fenton.

Mr. P. Gentry will be teaching next year in Germany.

Mr. S. Yates is having a sabbatical year to help staff adjustments during re-organisation.

Messrs M.D. Avery and C.R. Wright are leaving MGS for promotion elsewhere.

Mr. M.E. Cook tied for second place at the Folkestone Chess Congress finals.

Mr. Lewis Smith formerly of the English staff whose dramatic productions will be remembered by many OMs has got married and is now living in York.

Mr. V.S. Fawcett and Mr. R. Kemp are both retiring from MGS at the end of the summer term. It is intended to make a presentation to both masters at the Annual Supper next year. See subscription slip at end of Newsletter.

The Rev. S.T. Hutchinson who was in charge of games from 1931 to 1935, is still teaching in his 69th year, at a large comprehensive in Dundee. After leaving MGS he was for 15 years at Lozetto School in Musselburgh before being appointed headmaster of Larchfield School, Helensburgh. He was ordained in 1972 and now teaches RE. Present address: 11, Hillend Road, Arbroath, Angus.

NEWS OF OLD MAIDSTONIANS

Andrew Ashbee (1957) is now head of the music department at Rochester Girls Grammar School.

Alan Atkinson (1965) former school captain has been a journalist for the past four and a half years and is now working for "The Guardian" where he is in charge of the foreign desk.

Alex Bartle (1965) is now in Auckland, New Zealand.

Richard Bartlett (1963) is now a pilot flying Comets with Dan Air. He previously flew in the RAF and in the army.

Geoffrey Beale (1961) has obtained a diploma in landscape architecture and is now in practice with Lovejoys at their Edinburgh offices. His brother Bob (1960) continues as head of English department at Cheltenham Grammar School

D.C. Bicker (1957) whose marriage was announced in the January Newsletter, is now an Inspector of Weights and Measures with the City of Rochester. An umpire for the School's first XI, he has qualified as a full member of the Association of

Cricket Umpires. He also appears regularly in plays at Maidstone's Hazlitt theatre with the Willington Players. Present address: 14 Rogstone Road, Bearsted.
Eric Benton (1966) has worked with Vauxhall Motors since graduating at the University of East Anglia in 1970 in European Studies. He is now Assistant Buyer responsible for the purchase of bearings and prop shafts. His wife Helen recently gave birth to their first child, a daughter. He would like to make contact with all old friends. Present address: 5 Lee Way, Rounds, Northants.

John Buss returns to England this summer after 18 months abroad, first in Brunei and then Western Australia. Since graduating from Manchester University he has been working for Schlumberger Seaco on various oil rigs in the Far East. Home address: 27 Manor Rise, Bearsted.

Christopher Badcock (1964) has recently been awarded a Ph.D. by the University of London. He hopes to take up a post as Lecturer in Sociology at a Spanish university later this year. Present address: 2 Pinborough Road, London S.W.10.

Ashley Booker (1970) former School Captain is now articled to Linklaters and Paynes, solicitors. He received the Boulter prize at Christ Church, Oxford.

James Burke star of the BBC programme "The Burke Special" received the Silver medal of the Royal Television Society for outstanding creative achievement in front of the camera.

Bryan Collins (1969) is now an Officer Cadet at RAF Henlow in Bedfordshire.

Richard Cullingworth graduated in March at the RAF College at Cranwell as a pilot officer, General Duties (Flying) Branch; he won the Hicks Memorial Trophy for the Cadet with the highest marks in the final Ground School examinations. The next six months will be spent at an advanced flying training school in Anglesey.

Paul Compton (1972) is enjoying life at Exeter University. Present address: Brendon House, Birks Hall of Residence, New North Road, Exeter.

R.J. Clayton (1968) has been appointed Administrative Assistant in the KCC Clerk's Office in the Division dealing with committees of the new County Council and parliamentary information.

Thomas Clegg (1970) is now a Marine serving aboard HMS Fearless.

C.J. Croucher (1964) is now a BSc. (Eng) after a sandwich course with GLC as a trainee structural engineer. He is now working on design and construction of multi-storey flats.

C.R. Davis (1971) having finished basic training at RAF Swinderby he is now going on to RAF Locking for trade training as an electronic fitter.

B. Edgell is now studying mathematics at the City University. Present address: Northampton Hall, Bunhill Row, London, EC1Y 8LJ.

Richard Field (1969) was successful recently in the part 1 qualifying examination of the Law Society.

Tom Fuller (1971) is about to complete his second year of training at Britannia Royal Naval College and is to be promoted Sub-Lieutenant.

David Finden (1961) got married last Easter to Miss Susan Gilberthorpe. Present address: "Blue House", Sandy Lane, Bean, Nr. Dartford.

John Fowler (1969) has now left Leicester University with a B.A. in English. After a year studying for a Certificate of Education at Birmingham he begins teaching at the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Wakefield in September. He will be marrying a Yorkshire lass in August and setting up home in Leeds.

Lieutenant A.J. Gray is now with the Royal School of Artillery and shortly to be posted to Paderborn in Germany. After gaining a degree in Natural Sciences at Downing College, Cambridge he spent four months training at Sandhurst.

Dr. Derek Gregory was seen recently on television in a programme dealing with the energy crisis. He is at present with the Board of Gas and Technology in Chicago where he is concerned with new sources of energy and energy conversion. He is a graduate of Southampton University and was formerly with the Aldermaston Research Establishment. He now lives with his wife and children in Hinsdale, Chicago.

K. Haggerty (1972) Passed out from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst in March.

Philip Hull is at the end of his last year at St. John's College Oxford where he has taken his finals in History. He hopes to do a year's social work before taking a Diploma of Education at Bristol University.

David Horton (1969) is now a Sub-Lieutenant, Royal Navy, serving in HMS Walkerton, a training minesweeper for Britannia Royal Naval College. He spent a year on HM Antrim, the guided missile destroyer as a midshipman. While teaching navigation and seamanship he has encountered Sub-Lieutenant Bayliss and Midshipman Robinson. Present address: HMS Walkerton, Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, TQ60JW

E. Haslam (1934) Deputy Chief Constable of Kent was awarded the OBE in the Birthday Honours List.

Mr C.A. Harris We regret to announce the death of Mr Harris, father of Miss Harris MGS's Catering Officer. He was in his 80s and one of the oldest CMs.

Air Commodore P.M. Hodgeland (1940) informally inspected the CCF on 8th February. He has been appointed RAF official Old Boy.

Commander W.A. Harris (1949) informally inspected the Royal Naval Section of the CCF before a posting to the West Indies.

S.P. Jeffries (1972) is now following an HND course in Business Studies (tourism) at Ealing Technical College.

P.A. Kent last year's leavers representative on the committee joined the Kent Police Cadets in January. Present address: 3 Kenward Road, Maidstone.

Andrew Larman (1971) got married in February to a fellow student of Royal Holloway College London.

G.P. Link (1970) a regular member of the St. Luke's College XV also played for the England under 23 and London Counties XVs during the season.

John Nicklethwaite (1966) having completed his HND in Business Studies is now with the Hospital Management Board and taking exams in Hospital Management. He has been married for two years and now lives at Walderslade.

Antony Moore (1971) has just joined "National Opinion Polls" the market research firm, where he will work in the data processing department as a trainee machine editor/specification writer. After one year at N.O.P. he will return to college to read psychology and economics for market research at degree level. He was previously employed with the GLC in the Intelligence Branch of the Social Survey Group.

M.A.H. MacCallum (1963) is at present Financial Tutor at Kings College Cambridge, where he supervises in Mathematics. He has spent recent summer vacations at the University of California (Berkeley) on research. He has one son and a second child is expected soon.

A.C.W. Newell (1940) contacted the Secretary in January having received the January Newsletter. He wrote of contemporaries J.S. Ancombe, A.S. Kirkenham, Hornby, J.D. Mithen and J. Spry. His last encounter with an CM was in 1943 with R.A.R. Key. He is now a Company Director of a large garage group and also runs a freelance sports writing business. In addition he has had a few short stories and poems published. Present address: Nightingales, Copes Road, Great Kingshill, High Wycombe, Bucks.

Bryan O'Toole (1972) wrote to apologise for not being able to receive personally the Alec Stewart Award. He has been doing voluntary work in Austria.

Alton Oliver (1968) has just got married and is now living at 355a Willington Street.

Stuart Partis (1959) looked in at MGS while on holiday from New South Wales.

Roy Pencavel (1969) is now in the fourth and final year of a Business Studies course at the Manchester Polytechnic.

Leslie G. Pearson died suddenly last August. His widow writes "Although he had lived in Scotland since being demobbed from the army, in which he was a Captain in the Buffs, he always took a great interest in the CM Newsletter." He was also a Freeman of the City of London and was a prominent member of the Royal British Legion of Scotland for which he did a lot of good work.

Martin Passmore (1972) last year's School Captain had the honour of being chosen to play the leading part in the University of St. Andrews traditional procession and ceremonies. This distinction is one much sought after and bestowed only after many auditions.

Crispin Rees (1968) is now working for Dan-Air and based in the Isle of Man.

A.T. Roach (1970) passed out from the Royal Military College Sandhurst in March. He was awarded the McQuillen Prize for Applied Sciences, the Royal Armoured Corps Arms Prize and was sixth in the Order of Merit and 20th in the Military Order. Home address: 25 Salts Avenue, Loose.

B.R. Rylands (1966) passed his remaining Part 2 Law Society exams and is now a solicitor practising in Maidstone.

Andrew Ring (1969) is now working for the Home Office on police computer programming.

Robert Stevenson (1947) has been teaching maths and physics for eighteen years since graduating and has been Vice-Principal of the High School at Cookstown, Co. Tyrone since 1962. He has kept up his sports activities and now concentrates on athletics and hockey. He is on the panel of timekeepers for the Northern Ireland A.A.A. and was one of the two timekeepers from Northern Ireland to be selected for the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. His brother Norman C. Stevenson

(1948), taught English for a number of years in the Royal Belfast Academical Institution and is now a Lecturer in English at Stranmillis College (Teachers' Training College for Northern Ireland). Present address: 45 Ravenhill Park, Belfast, BT6 ODG.

John Stoud (1940) The editor's attention has been drawn to the following distinguished record of an OM. The School as well as the Society would be interested to learn if any OM is in touch with Mr. Stoud, and whether he has any more recent publications to his credit. He has published "The Shorn Lamb", "Touch and Go" and "On the Loose": The first and last are available as Penguins. During RAF war service in S.E. Asia he broadcast over All-India Radio in detective plays; after a Social Science degree at Birmingham University he worked in Middlesex and Hertfordshire as a Child Care Officer, and he has edited the Journal of the Association of Child Care Officers.

John Trafford (1967) is the County's first police officer to win the top national police rally championship. He is a member of a Kent police rally group which during the past year has won 27 driving trophies.

Bill Tydeman (1954) is now a Senior Lecturer in the Department of English at the University College of North Wales, Bangor. He had heard from Ian Johnson (1954) who has moved from Birmingham to Manchester.

Richard Witts (1961) a chartered accountant went to Hong Kong in 1970 and was appointed Secretary and General Manager of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in January, the youngest person ever to hold this office.

Clinton Hyngrove (1958) now works in the Sales Office Services Department of 3M UK Ltd. He is at present studying for the Diploma in Management Studies at the Polytechnic of Central London. He would be pleased to hear from any OMs in the area. His present address being 11 Cranleigh Close, Weighton Road, Anerley, S.E.20 Tel. 01-778-7931.

David Wood (1961) sends news of the birth of the second daughter. He has now been in Stuttgart for more than three years and is beginning to have itchy feet.

COMING EVENTS

Annual Cricket match OMs v the School: Wednesday 18 July at 2.30 pm

This event will coincide with the unveiling of a memorial plaque to Alex Stewart in the School's Sports Hall, to be renamed the Stewart Hall. This ceremony will take place at 2.15 pm and be conducted by K. Loveland, Chairman of both the O.M. Society and the Board of Governors. It is hoped that as many OMs as possible will attend this combined event.

Mr. J. Morgan would still like to receive names of OMs wishing to play in the

The Officers are maintaining an index of Members willing to participate in various sports either against the School or possibly against other Schools' Old Boys' Societies. Those members interested please complete the following slip and forward it to the Hon. Secretary.

Member's name and address _____

Activities _____

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