

OLD MAIDSTONIAN SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER, 1974

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Recent Events:

Maidstone Grammar School Reunion, 13 July 1974.

Despite the indifferent weather, causing the outdoor sporting activities to be called off, many OMs and their families visited the School on this occasion. In the Stewart Hall badminton and table tennis facilities were available and shooting was held in the range. Two hardy visitors were even seen emerging from the swimming pool during the afternoon. Tea, intended to be taken on the Headmaster's lawn, was moved indoors; also to be found inside was a display of school art and a bazaar organized by the boys.

A large and enthusiastic gathering assembled in the evening for the Grand Supper Dance, a collaborative OM/PTA venture. Because of the damp weather the fork supper was transferred from the quad into the gym.

Amongst those OMs who turned up at the School sometime during the day were: Kendrick, Broadbent, Colin Robbins, Marsden, Robin Macc, Brian Beaves, Tony Naughton, Passey, Robin Capon, Trevor Lyle, Martin Hampstead, Peter Waghorn, Roger Crasko, Mick Tomsett, B.D. White, Goodsall, Gammon, Michael Groves, A. Sayer, Chapman, Chris Miles, David Miles, Peter Mayor, John Martin, Brian Millon, Gill, Rev. M. Moon, Peter Wallis, Alan Chantler, Murray Jones, Roy Springett, Malcolm MacCallum, Langley, Clinton Wingrove, Anthony Mahony, Michael Spenceley, Peter Tree, Ken Loveland, Chris Bradden, Gribbin, Graham, John Bergey, Chaney, Bardon, Paul Fargher, Parkington, Warner, Brown, Edwards, Robert. Apologies to any OMs present whose names are not recorded here.

Many other OMs unable to attend replied to the questionnaire, giving news of themselves and others, which is included later in the Newsletter.

STAFF NEWS PAST AND PRESENT

We deeply regret to record the deaths of Mr E C Julier, Mrs H P MacCallum, Mrs R H B Bennett and Mr Bill Broughton. Mr Julier joined the staff in 1925.. His son Robert Julier wrote recording a message amongst his papers indicating that he would very much like a small space in the Maidstonian "Expressing my appreciation of the privilege of having taught so many OMs and especially having form-mastered so many sixth formers. I would add a special word of thanks to those who have remained so loyally in touch with me".

Mr Bill Broughton will be remembered for his forthrightness and kindness which meant so much to generations of schoolboy scientists.

Mr MacCallum still lives at 16 Moat Avenue; Sarge at 3 Westmoreland Close, and Mrs Broughton at 16 Blythe Road.

Mr E T Melly is back at school after his serious hockey accident last spring and is progressing towards full mobility.

Mr P E Gentry has returned from his year in a German school.

Mr T Edwards is now Doctor Edwards. Mr R H Traves, formerly Senior German master and now in the Prison Educational Service, has been appointed National

Secretary of the Air Education and Recreation Organization. Miss D Holness has retired; Mrs L Locki, formerly Miss Lawrence, and Mrs J Brown have moved to other posts, so the office staff has a new look under Miss B Poyser.

Former staff members Sherwen, Robinson, Jones and Nicholson all revisited Maidstone at the end of the summer holidays.

### NEWS OF OLD MAIDSTONIANS

Flying Officer R S Ayres '67 has graduated from the Officer Cadet Training Unit, Henlow, Beds.

A M Black '72 attended the Officer and Air Crew Selection Centre RAF Biggin Hill in June. He gained third place shooting for Kent in the Tyro cup competition at Bisley in May.

D.T. Birchall '59 visited the school in May.

A S Brewin '73 continues to do well at the Army Apprentices' College, Arborfield. He has played rugby for the college.

S A Broatch obtained a first class in Natural Sciences, part 1A in the summer and was also elected a Scholar.

Flight Lieutenant G Bull '68 has graduated as an RAF navigator from a Yorkshire air training school.

P/O D R Collins '69 has graduated at RAF Leeming.

Mr M H Couchman '43, Chairman of the Kent branch of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors was pictured in the KM recently at the Institution's annual dinner.

Dr A L Down '35 called at the school in July with his family. He now works in NY.

A M Ferry '71 had a letter printed in 'The Telegraph' recently.

Mrs Edna Fletcher, widow of Geoff Fletcher has donated a silver plate as a trophy for the Maidstone Rugby Club's sevens which have been revived this year.

J. Fell '72 writes from St. Peter's College, Oxford where he is 2i/o of the Royal Signals troop. He writes that D Cater has maintained contact with Tom Peach who is apparently recovering from a fairly serious motorcycle accident some months ago. Other names he mentions are Tim Down, Roger Adams, Chris Davies and Malcolm Ross.

J. Fowler, School Capt. 68-69 is now living with his new wife in Wakefield, where he teaches at Queen Elizabeth's School.

B. Fridd was pictured in the Gazette in July mopping a cut eyebrow collected during the final of the Kent Messenger Whitbread cricket league.

A Gash '67 is now a medical orderly with the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment in Germany where he met David Fenner '70 serving in REME.

Lt. G Branycombe '63 was a crew member of a sea king helicopter operating on the beaches of Kyrenia during the Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

R B Griggs '48 visited the school in June. His brother Peter now lives at Ifield in Sussex.

M Hains has started work at British Leyland, Longbridge following an honours course in Psychology at Dundee. He will be taking a management course at the Birmingham Polytechnic. His brother Paul '67 who graduated at Bristol is now working for a firm of private architects in London.

E Haslam '34 is now Chief Constable of British Transport Police.

B Holman '39 has been promoted Rear Admiral and becomes Director-General of naval personnel services, having previously been Naval Aide-de-Camp to the Queen.

P J L Holman '35, former President of CM Society, was appointed Director of the Metrication Board in May, having been head of the Mechanical Engineering Division of the Department of Trade and Industry.

P Hull '70 is at the Bristol Department of Education having spent a year abroad teaching sub-normal children.

B A Jenner '56 is head of the Science Department at Meridian School, Royston, Herts.

R J King '62 is believed to be Senior Lecturer in English at the Polytechnic of the South Bank.

P D Lawrence '48 is Deputy Head of Swanage GS Dorset.

A G K Leonard '40 made a brief 'sentimental pilgrimage' up Barton Road' recently. He is now Area Education Officer at the Southampton Area Education Office.

G Link '70 plays regularly for Rosslyn Park and recently represented Surrey against Kent.

R Luck '71 has passed the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Part II examination. He works now in the County Estates Department, Springfield.

D McNulty '57 now lives in Wigan and is employed Reed Corrugated Cases Ltd.

A Mahony continues to keep us informed of his goings on at Exeter.

G R Meaton '53 is serving as a police officer in Ashford.

P Moore '62 is organist and Master of the Chorists at Guildford Cathedral.

P Prangnel '47 is Chairman, Department of Architecture at the University of Toronto.

Maj. M J S Reed RA '54 was mentioned in despatches in June for devotion to duty in Ulster.

J Trafford '57 of the Kent Police Driving School came top of the all-British entries in the 19th International Police Rally in Liege.

The Rev. A Watson '53 Vicar of St. Peter's Maidstone took his life into his hands recently when he climbed 60 feet up to the roof of the church to repair the mechanism of the church bell.

N P Viner '72 after a period at Leicester University followed by a job as a warehouseman is applying to Plymouth Poly. to take an HND in Computer Studies. He plays badminton in the Stewart Hall regularly with other OMs.

J Whitewood '56 has had a play broadcast on radio in November and another is scheduled for January. He has also had several plays presented on television.

I R Weeks '67 obtained a first in Electronic Engineering at Southampton in the summer and is now employed in the research department of the Post Office's SE telecommunications region.

J Willman '74 won the Maidstone Chess Club's summer knockout competition

R Woods '59 has lived in New York for the last ten years working for a major international advertising agency. He is now a partner in a firm of marketing and design consultants. He visited the school recently on a visit to the UK and was delighted to renew contact.

W Wolvey '71 is back at Southampton to research into a topic in developmental genetics with a MRC grant. His brother Robert '70 is at present half way through a two-year Sociology course at Oxford.

P L C Xavier '64 is now at St. Mary's Hospital (Harrow Road) London.

The following OMs were married recently - P Sadler '68, D Underwood '70, R Harwood '68, R B Pencavel '69. The latter is working in the marketing department of British Aluminium Company Limited, (Rolled Products Division), Twickenham.

#### News from those replying to the Reunion questionnaire

P Buckhurst '69 is a Court Clerk at Tonbridge and Malling Magistrates Court, and a student of Grays Inn reading for the Bar. He hopes to qualify in May 1975.

J Dare '68 is now employed in Bristol with Bendix-Westinghouse having obtained an OND and HND in Mechanical Engineering at Chippenham and Bristol Polytechnic respectively. He was awaiting CEI Part II for the Institute of Mechanical Engineers. Anyone needing overnight accommodation in the Bristol area is welcome to ring him at Keynsham 4923.

P Dry and family were in California until the end of August. He is a Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford and university lecturer in inorganic chemistry.

I Johnson '53 is now a Minister of the New Jerusalem (Swedenborgian) Church and Director of its educational wing, the New Church College.

R Stillwell '56 is now a GP in Wandsford near Peterborough.

H. G Moore '64 has been working in Toronto as a computer programmer for the past three years. He recently cycled across Canada to Vancouver.

J Dickenson '56 is sub-manager of Nat. West in Sevenoaks.

The Rev. B Duckett '64 is at present at St. Luke's West Norwood.

A Ashby '57 is Head of the Music Department at Rochester Grammar School for Girls.

M J Ford '62 now lives in Hawkesbury, Ontario, where he works for the International Paper Corporation as Senior Research Engineer.

Rev. KC A Wills '39 sent with his apologies for not attending, his best wishes for the future of MGS and the hope that the traditions of the school would not become too watered down or permissive with the latest changes.

J Brownlee '64 is now resident in Brisbane, Australia.

B A Fagg '58 is teaching mathematics and biology at Dartford West Boys School. He is also team steward with the Kent athletics team. He would welcome news from his former colleagues. Present address 22 Summerhill Road, Dartford.

R B Sampson is Senior English Master at the Walton School (Comprehensive) Stafford, where one of his colleagues is Col David Waller, previously a missionary in the Congo.

R B Ratcliffe '64 is Factory Development Officer with Birdseye Food Ltd. at their Grimsby Factory.

M Haycock '73 has completed his foundation year at Keele where he now plans to read Law and History as a joint honours degree course, Politics and Astronomy as subsidiaries.

Wg. Cdr. M Hughes '47 has been Chief Flying Instructor at the RAF College where he had Prince Charles in his wing during part of his flying training. At present he has a planning appointment in the Ministry of Defence.

E G M Cantrill '58 is at present translator/interpreter at the International Electrotechnical Commission in Geneva.

The Rev. J Woodger '53 has been Vicar of parishes at Ross-on-Wye for the past five years and moved to Church Stretton in Shropshire in the autumn, where Mr Phillips lived in later years.

A Brewin '73 at RAF Aborfield hopes to study for a BSc at the army university.

J Witcombe '05 sent his apologies for not being able to take part in the competitions, though hoped to attend.

T Moorey '58 is at present in Helsinki on a 2 - 3 year assignment to B P Finland as Finance and Accounts Manager. He had a similar assignment in the Persian Gulf in '66 - 68.

#### COMING EVENTS

A G M Friday, 24th January at 8.00 at the Market House.

Supper Friday 21st March at the School, Price £2.50  
Tickets from School or Committee members

Soccer and Rugby matches v School Wednesday, 19 March at 3.00 pm.

Names for soccer to Mr D Pike

Names for rugby to Mr J Morgan at the School.

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#### OLD MALDSTONIAN SOCIETY

I enclose 50p (..... p if for more than one year), being my subscription for the year 1975 (and/or 1976).

Signed .....

Name .....

Address .....

Year of leaving .....

Please tick here if you would like a  
Banker's Order form .....

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Maidstonian Society will be held at The Market House, Earl Street, Maidstone, on Friday, 24th January at 8.00 pm.

#### A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of the A G M 1974
- 3 Matters arising.
- 4 Reports: Hon. Secretary  
Hon. Treasurer - adoption of accounts  
Hon. Membership Secretary
- 5 Amendments to the Constitution (see below .)
- 6 Proposals for hon. membership
- 7 Election of Officers of the Society
- 8 Election of Committee Members
- 9 Any other business

#### Amendments to the Constitution - Item 5 of AGM Agenda

##### Amendment 1

Revise rule 4 to read as follows:

The affairs of the Society shall be controlled by an executive committee of eight, elected in annual general meeting, comprising

Hon. Secretary  
Hon Treasurer  
4 members GMS  
Headmaster (or his deputy)  
1 member of school staff

The committee at its first meeting will appoint its own Chairman. Six persons will constitute a quorum. Of the 4 elected members, one, other than the Chairman will have responsibility for membership records.

The President will chair the annual general meeting, and remain in office until the annual supper. A President elect will be appointed in annual general meeting, and assume office at the annual supper next following from his predecessor.

The committee will appoint from time to time a member of the Society to the School Board of Governors.

The committee may appoint sub-committees to run specific affairs of the Society, as and when necessary, and have powers to co-opt any member of the Society or School staff.

Revise rule 6 to read as follows:

A General Meeting of the Society shall be held each year on the 4th Friday of January.

- a) to receive reports of the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer
- b) to confirm the nomination of the President-Designate, who shall become President at the Annual Supper next following the general meeting

- c) to nominate the President-Elect, who shall assume office immediately following b( above
- d) to elect (i) the Hon. Secretary, (ii) Hon Treasurer (iii) 4 committee members.
- e) to discuss any other business, previously notified.

The General Meeting shall have power to revise the Rules of the Society, but notice of any proposal to amend or revise them must be received by the Hon. Secretary not later than 1st November preceding the General Meeting, and such proposals shall be sent to all members at least 14 days before the General meeting.  
 Proposed C M Harden                      Seconded B Welcome                      dated 4th October 1974

Amendment 2

Revise rule 4 to read as follows:

The affairs of the Society shall be controlled by an Executive Committee of twelve, elected in annual general meeting, comprising:

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| President for the time being | Hon. Membership Secretary               |
| Hon Secretary                | 5 members OHS                           |
| Hon Treasurer                | Headmaster (or his deputy)              |
|                              | 2 members of staff elected by the staff |

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 Proposed E Clifford                      Seconded A Newman                      Dated 22nd October 1974.

Amendment 3

Revise Rule 8 to read:

The Society shall arrange various sporting activities against the School.  
 Proposed P Watts                      Seconded C Miles                      Dated 22nd October 1974.

Amendment 4

Add to rule 10 the following:

f) The income from investment of the 'G B Phillip's Bequest' 1973 shall be used to augment the value of the 'Old Boys' Award' and/or to be used on behalf of boys at the School or Old Maidstonians receiving higher or further education, at the discretion of the committee for so long as the capital sum shall be invested.

g) The income from the 'TP Gutteridge Gift' 1974 shall be awarded by the committee on the advice of the Headmaster, to assist sixth form science students to pursue courses or activities designed to broaden their cultural horizons.  
 Proposed B Welcome                      Seconded C Miles                      Dated 27 October 1974