

OLD MAIDSTONIAN SOCIETY  
NEWSLETTER - JULY 1975

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The new President

It is frequently the good fortune of the Society to have as its President a notable 'Old Boy'. At this year's Annual Supper the retiring President Tom Gutteridge was succeeded by an old fifth form pupil of his in 1954, Mick Gibson. Mick Gibson was born in Bearsted in 1937 and still lives in the same village. The Gibson family are very much part of Bearsted life and he and members of his family have made many a run and taken many a wicket for Bearsted Cricket Club, not to mention many a pint sunk in the White Horse on the green.

The fact that Mick has lived in Bearsted all his life is in no way indicative of a lack of adventure or ambition. He began at MGS in 1948 and left in 1954 as, I'm sure he would agree, a moderate scholar with his share of 'O' levels. From school he took up civil engineering with the Kent County Council, and a few years later joined by a colleague he decided to apply his professional experience in building up a civil engineering enterprise. Their organisation, the Campbell, Gibson Civil Engineering Company, involved much hard work before in time it developed into a business with a high reputation and £250,000 turnover eventually to be acquired by the British Anzani Group. Now as Contracts Director of the new British Anzani Construction Ltd. Mick Gibson handled an annual turnover last year of £3,500,000. The Company specializes in "Package projects", which include design, construction and finance, and claims to cut up to one third off traditional construction times. The Company was involved in the roadwork for Maidstone's Week St. shopping precinct and is currently carrying out the civil engineering work for the Bearsted, Sittingbourne Road intersection.

Mick Gibson in his modesty may not be pleased to see this comment on his success in print, but one thing that will please him is the support of his 1948-1954 contemporaries during his presidential year, especially at next year's Annual Supper.

News of staff - past and present

It is with deep regret that we record the sudden death of Mr G.F. Keast in January after only a few months of happy retirement; and of Mr C.S. Cocker, who died early in April. The Society was represented at both funerals.

Mr J.W.E. Blackford, now at Stand G.S. Manchester, has been appointed Headmaster of Faversham G.S. and will move south in August. He mentioned seeing Mr S W Johnson who had now recovered from his unfortunate fall in the Lake District.

Mr C Arnold, at present senior master of Senare Secondary School and formerly at MGS, will join the new Meopham School in September as deputy Headmaster.

Mr O R Johnston is now full time Director of the National Festival of Light, having left his post as Lecturer in Education of the University of Newcastle.

Miss M C Phipps, formerly of the English department, following a spell at Benenden is now lecturing at Ealing Technical College, where she values the variety in age and background of the students.

Mr C Portal, formerly Head of the History department and now at Manchester University, paid a professional visit to the School in April.

Mr I Clark, who replaced Mr Richmond on his death more than twenty years ago, revisited the School on a visit from Australia - still bursting with energy and interest in teaching.

Mr R H Panton formerly of the Physics department is now Second Master of Merchant Taylors, Crosby.

Mr R Kemp has returned from an energetic trip round the world which included 14 days on a sheep station, appearances on TV and umpiring cricket matches. He would also like QMs to know that his presentation cheque was invested in garden equipment and a collection of W. Indian stamps.

Mr J. Jones formerly of the History department sent news from Huddersfield recently.

Mr M. Cook, Senior Master, tied for third place in the New Year "A" section of the Hastings International Chess Congress.

Alderman Mrs W Goodchild, a remarkably dedicated woman, twice Mayor of Maidstone and a School Governor died suddenly in January.

#### News of Old Maidstonians

Deaths We regret to announce the deaths in road accidents of C E Barrett '73 and J Honas '69.

D Loveland '51 conducts the Concord Singers, which appeared recently on the BBC's People Sing radio programme.

P M S Hodgeland '40. Director of Electronics Radar (Airborne), MOD, has been promoted air vice-marshal and is to be senior RAF member of the Ordnance Board.

N Clark '70 has been playing rugby for Kent.

T Hayes '68 now at Lampton School sent a copy of his school's magazine which he now edits.

P Standon '73 has left Reading University and is now with Lloyds Bank in Week St. Maidstone.

R Griffin '32 and G Woslodge '50 both rejoined the Society when visiting the School recently.

R. Mason is now working for Taylor Woodrow on an oil platform, based at Greenford, but spending much time in Teesside.

N Grant having acquired his M. Litt is now working as an Educational Psychologist in Inverness.

D Ridsdale '59, Manager of General Shipping Division P&O Australia visited the School. He was married in July 1974.

S Dear '71 was awarded a B.Sc in Mech. Engineering at the Polytechnic of Central London. He works now as a project engineer with T I United Flexible in London.

H Kosen '68 has recently been appointed Assistant Solicitor with Maidstone Borough Council.

K Dryland '68 has completed a 3 month tour of USA by Greyhound bus, on leave from GPO at the end of a B.Sc course in electrical engineering.

I Roots '38 reviewed two new works on 17th century England in the Telegraph in January.

N Colston '61 is working as a surveyor for KGC and is involved with training of new employees.

T Colston '69 is a loss adjuster in the City.

N Ordish '74 was hurt in a fall from his motorcycle recently, we hope he has recovered satisfactorily.

R J Harman, having joined an airborne medical unit following dentistry training, volunteered for the Parachute Regiment and then joined the Red Devil Parachute display team.

R Cullingworth '70 sent greetings from No.6 FTS RAF Finningley.

J Micklothwaite '66 is now Deputy Hospital Secretary in Sevenoaks; he became a father in Autumn 1974.

P Hughes '67 was pictured in the Gazette in February having just signed a contract with a record company for which he will write songs and music; his brother C Hughes '68 also plays guitar and sings. They follow in the footsteps of their father, Ronald Hughes of MGS carotaking staff, who for many years ran a dance band at the Royal Star Hotel.

R Kenward '71 is preparing for a B. Ed and looking forward to teaching.

J Martin '59 (editor of this newsletter) shortly leaves the British Standards Institution, after 8 years as Senior Administrative Officer, for a post as Overseas Relations Officer with the Central Electricity Generating Board.

R Williams '58 now in Brighton is in production management with Walls.

K Williams '65 married with a family, is working for an American computer firm in Germany.

D Williams '73 is at Bradford University. He would come to the next CM Supper if he could be sure of meeting some of his old pals there - what about it chaps!

R Palmer '67 is in his second year of teaching at Erith School.

D Cook '68 is working for the BBC.

J Smith '68 teaches at Oldborough Manor.

D Nicholls '67 is at the Department of Trade.

D Hayward is in advertising.

N Squire is reported to be very much the City gent nowadays.

J Littler '71 was elected an Exhibitor of Hertford College Oxford during the Autumn Term 1974.

B Bangay '72 is teaching in Germany in part of the 3rd year of his university course.

R Langworthy '62 has started a 5 year course at Perth university studying veterinary science. He married an Australian girl three years ago.

I Langworthy '67 received a partnership in a firm of solicitors in May.

J Dowe '64 has recovered from a bloody encounter with a motor mower, in which he lost part of a foot. He won't be debarred from all sports but football is pretty certainly out. He is Kent representative of International Harvesters, selling agricultural machinery.

A G Stewart, after taking his degree, is training for social work.

J Bingham '74 is reported to be doing well, academically and athletically at Queen Mary College, Basingstoke.

D Wood '61 writing from Karachi, reports all well; his daughters Jessica and Cathy are now aged 4 and 2.

M Wilson '69 following his course at Oxford completes his MA at the Courtauld Institute this summer.

G Link '70 who plays for Rosslyn Park represented Surrey against the Army and Bedford.

D Hambrook '62 CPO played for the Royal Navy XV against Leicester.

P Cater '73 wrote to say he is enjoying Oxford; he was hoping to work at Marconi-Elliot Avionics in the summer.

M Marriott '69 was married last December, R Field '69 acting as best man, who is himself engaged.

M Jeffries '73 who moved to London in his 3rd year is now back at Cornwallis School Linton. He would like old friends to contact him at 38 Wilberforce Road, Coxheath.

A Ashenhurst '61 renewed contact after many years by coming to the CM Supper. He meets D Packet in Dover RFC.

J Hindle '63 is Secretary of the Maidstone Society formed a year ago to preserve the best of the old and encourage the best of the new in Maidstone.

P Langridge '59 received high praise in January from the Telegraph music critic for the first performance, at the QEH of Richard Rodney Bennett's Shake spearian "Sonnet Sequence" for tenor and orchestra. He was again acclaimed by the same critic for his performance in Ravel's L'Enfant et les Sortiloges at the RFH in April.

B Svensson '39 visited the School in June with his wife and family on holiday from Sweden. He was in Mr Ashton's Form I when stranded in England at the beginning of the war. He remembered Mr Heard and asked after his form mate C.G.B. Pepper.

A Mallpass '72 wrote in December from Oriel College, where he was in his final year and beginning to regret his impending departure from Oxford.

B O'Toole '72 is now at Nottingham University after a year touring the world to learn more about his religion - the Baha'i faith. His travels took him to Iceland, Iran, Ireland, Turkey, South Africa and India where he lectured in schools and colleges.

P Dove '74 is stationed with the REs in Farnborough. Hants and starts survey trade training in August, before which he hopes to attend a shallow water diving and parachuting course.

A Homan '60 an ACA became a partner in Price Waterhouse in January.

J Homan '60 is an ARICS with the industrial department of Knight, Frank and Rutley.

C Braddon '72 wrote from Hatfield College Durham in January. He was hoping to take up a trainee planning post following his graduation in June.

T O'Brien '71 was expecting to graduate from Oxford in Chemistry in June and then do two years' VSO before taking up accountancy.

M Staples '70 completed a 3000 mile journey through Scandinavia and the Arctic in November, in a 10 year old £75 Viva, having previously gained a degree in engineering science at St John's College Oxford.

2/Lt Brownliss '74 has been serving with the REs in Germany since gaining a Short Service Limited Commission in February.

A Moyno '74 is similarly serving as an RAF Officer Cadet before university. He won the T.P. Gutteridge award this year.

Mrs T A G Jossup wrote to enquire about an OM tie. Her husband was at school between 1911 and 1916. Her present address: 47a Lavender Gardens, London W S W 11 16J.

The Headmaster had a most interesting letter from S R South who was at School from 1921-6 and at University College, Oxford as Gunsby Scholar from 1926. For many years Senior History Master and Deputy Head of Windsor G.S. he retired in 1968 and has been Councillor and Alderman of Windsor. He recalls his days at MGS with gratitude. Present address - 5 St Andrew's Avenue, Windsor, Berks.

M Passmore '72 wrote in March from St Andrews where he specialises in Medieval History. He becomes Chairman of the Medieval History staff-student Council and has been elected Senior Student of St. Salvator's, the Senior Hall, for the forthcoming session.

W Tydeman '54, Senior Lecturer at Bangor has presented three of his works of literary criticism to the Library.

H Darby '57 Chairman of Maidstone Round Table was pictured in the Gazette in January at a boxing dinner jointly organized by the Teachers and Lenham Scout Group to help pay for an ambulance for the Maidstone Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied Society.

### Recent Events

#### OM Rifle Team

The Old Maidstonians Rifle Team, B. Welcome, C J Clifton, and N Cheffins, won their division in the Maidstone Small Rifle League winter rapid fire competition. This brings the team its third win in five seasons. Unfortunately the team is to lose Nick Cheffins who has recently taken up an appointment at Ayr University, but the team is pleased to welcome a new member - A J Gammon (1957) who now works and fires for the Bank of England.

#### Rugby: OMs v The School

The School gained a deserved victory over the OMs by 10 - 4. Tries were scored by B. Bingham, Parsons for the School and B Fridd for the OMs.

## Coming Events

9 July - CMs v The School

11 September - Recent Leavers' gathering at the Market House, Earl Street.

## Places Believed to have been taken up last year

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE:

Downing College - P J Freundlich  
Magdalene College - A G Harvey, M Naylor  
Pembroke College - A Cripps  
Selwyn College - S C King  
Trinity College - D J Benson  
Trinity Hall - J Wilson

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD:

Christ Church - A M D vis  
Magdalen College - M F W Pollock  
St John's College - D A Haines

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON:

Imperial College - B Cooker  
Guy's Hospital Medical School - M J Bellamy  
King's College - N C Dent  
London Hospital Medical College - J D Holmgren  
Queen Mary College - P E Barrett, T J Tate  
Royal Holloway College - J E Sinclair, N J Bate  
Royal Veterinary College - M P Bennett  
St Thomas' Hospital Medical School : P A M Woodcock  
University College: M J Hammorsley, D C Pim, D J Price

### UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN - A R M Donald

### UNIVERSITY OF ASTON - T J Judge

### UNIVERSITY OF BELFAST - M Worrall

### UNIVERSITY OF BRIMINGHAM - J R Graham, W R Hickling, A A Tait

### UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL - C M D Hall, S L Paul

### UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE - M G Ellis

### UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM - T I Goodwin

### UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA - R J Bennetts

### UNIVERSITY OF EXETER - R A W Earl, I R Duncan

### UNIVERSITY OF KENT - N B Coates, N V Kirby, K Mayger

### UNIVERSITY OF LANCASTER - P W Gilbert

### UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS - A C Barnicoat, P R Harris

### UNIVERSITY OF LICEESTER - A R Nursey, B G Reynolds

### UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL - R H Kinnear

### UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM - D W Copplestone, K A Paget

### UNIVERSITY OF READING - C D Lyle, K B Robertson

### UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD - J R Kirkpatrick, I K Trucman

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON - C Winter

### UNIVERSITY OF SURREY - N S Hoey, A C Huggett

### UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX - A P MacCabe

### UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING - A Burnett

### UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK - R J White

### UNIVERSITY OF WALES - K A Newman

### UWIST - P J Gilham

### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF N. WALES, BANGOR - G H Pritchard

### UNIVERSITY OF WALES, CARDIFF - J D Quickenden

### POLYTECHNICS, COLLEGES OF EDUCATION:

### CENTRAL LONDON - D G Roper CITY OF LONDON - A L Grossman, G H Hill DIDSBURY COLLEGE

### OF EDUCATION - P S Smith, EALING TECHNICAL COLLEGE - M G Thomas HATFIELD - S J Cain

### LIVERPOOL - T Jepson MEDWAY AND MAIDSTONE - A R Gower MIDDLESEX - P P Morris,

### K C Clarke THAMES - S N George, J Pink, D H Whittle WESTMINSTER COLLEGE OF

### EDUCATION R M Foulds.

Reminder: Subs (to the Treasurer) are now due for 1975.

Newsletter contributions to: J P T Martin, 9 Marl Hurst, Edenbridge, Kent.

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COMING EVENTS

23 January OM AGM Market House 7.45 pm See Agenda on page 4.  
26 March OM Supper at the School. Tickets price £2.50, see page 6.  
31 March OM Rugby and Soccer Matches at the School. Names to Mr Morgan please at the School.  
31 March - School's production of Offenbach's "The Grandduchess" at the School.  
3 April, 7.30pm  
21-22 May Student production of "Sergeant Musgrave's Dance"  
26 May am Service at All Saints  
pm School Sports  
14 July OM Cricket March

OMs are of course always welcome at School functions.

NEWS OF STAFF PAST AND PRESENT

Dr A W Webb has taken over from Mr J P Walsh as Head of the History Department. Mr N A L Newman is now in charge of German in place of Mr P E Gentry. Mr J W E Blackford, now installed as HM of Faversham G.S came to see the school production of "As You Like It" as did our Past President Mr T P Gutteridge and Mr R Kemp, looking fitter and younger than ever. Mr C P Holyman had helped with the songs and the singing, and comparisons with his own production of AYLI in 1948 were inevitable and interesting for those who enjoyed both. Sgt. Bennett MM attended the school concert in November and seemed well. Mr J W Malden is spending a year teaching in Greece under British Council auspices. Mr G Weaver has settled safely in Hong Kong. His address is Flat 2D, Panorama Court, 25 Hong Lee Road, Ngok Yue Shan, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Mr E J MacFarlane, Principal of Queen Mary's College Basingstoke wrote of the successful career at the College of OM Jeremy Bingham '73.

NEWS OF OLD MAIDSTONIANS

Lionel Cross '36 is now Director of Publications for the Chemical Society. Address: 6, Ewhurst Close, Cheam, Surrey.

Horace Maskell '19 has recently retired as Secretary to the West Herts Group of Hospitals. Address; 17 The Gardens, Cassiobury, Watford.

Eric Lingham '22 is now retired after many years sea service, with P & O and during the war on Russian and Atlantic convoys. Address: Bank View, Albany Road, Rochester.

George Griffin '19, also retired, maintains his great interest in music although through illness is unable to perform as well as he once did. Address: Green Pastures, West Street, West Malling.

Ronald Griffin '32 has been employed in the Social Services since leaving school,

first with KCC and for the past 22 years with Herts CC where he is Welfare Officer. Address: 48 Chipperfield Road, Kings Langley, Herts.

Richard Brand '27 is Director of Technical Services of the Borough of Watford. His war service with RAF was interrupted by a spell of work on the development of the then called 'radio location apparatus', following which he served with Southall, Dartford and Barnes.

John Stroud '40, Assistant Director of Social Services with Herts CC is the author of 15 works of fiction and non-fiction, including a Book Society Choice and translations in four foreign languages. Address: Portland Place, Hertford Heath, Herts.

Geoffrey Stroud '44 is Area Surveyor, Cambs. and Huntingdon CC. Address, 16 Upherds Lane, Ely.

Keith Lewis '71 teaching at South Ash County Middle School near Aldershot would welcome news from old friends. Address: Tosecroft, Cranley Road, Guildford.

Geoffrey Ellis '69 has returned to England after 2 years teaching in Nigeria.

John Cribbin '63 research scientist at Sussex university warned against the deteriorating climate in a recent publication, predicting a new Ice Age in 1000 years.

David Cater '71 got married in the chapel of St. Edmund Hall in August; after graduating in Modern languages he got a job with the UK Atomic Energy Authority.

Bryan Welcome ex OM Treasurer recently met Peter Weaver '57. He is Unit Technical Manager with Marconi Space and Defence Systems at Frimley in Surrey.

Charles Goodrich '66 following a job with Air Canada and a spell as Marketing/sales executive with British Caledonian is the latter company's representative to the other 100 airlines based in the UK.

Air Vice-Marshal P. Hedgeland OBE '40 inspected the School's RAF section in October.

David Wood '61 is now Vice-Consul (commercial) in Karachi. Address: F C O (Karachi) King Charles St. S. 7.1.

Lt. D E Rowland RN '54 is recently back from Hong Kong. He helps the C C F when in Maidstone.

M H Couchman '42 conducts the miniature range on C C F days, as well as serving as a school governor.

V.A. Bishop '62 a solicitor in W. Malling is about to set up on his own.

Ian Stallion '75, who has started his course at Dartmouth prior to university, has been identified by Lt. Comdr. A J Mills '54, an instructor there.

Richard Cullingworth '70 graduated from a navigators course at RAF Finningley in June. He was awarded the Sutton Sword for the highest overall standard of air navigation, academic studies and personal qualities as well as the Air Navigation School Leadership Trophy. He encountered in Lincoln OMs Bill Ramsey and Graham Bull, co-pilot and navigator respectively, both flying in Vulcans.

Martin Passmore '72 now in his Finals year at St. Andrews will be at the Old Boys' Supper on 26 March. He was elected Senior Student for his Hall of Residence, Chairman of the Medieval History Staff Student Council and President of the charitable Kate Kennedy Club. He will also be playing Joseph in H M S Pinafore in February in the G. & S. Soc. production.

Alec Burnett '74, studying English and Philosophy at Stirling university is secretary of the "Contact" (a student 'self-help' centre) and the Science Fiction Society.

Peter Coulling '67 works for BP in London.

Neil Coulling '66 teaches Geography at Clare Park; but will move this year to Bagshot.

Geoffrey Coulling '64 heads the Geography Dept. at Chingola Secondary School, Zambia.



R A F Officer Cadet A N P Meyne '74 wrote enthusiastically of his pre-university training with a Lightning combat squadron on the E. German border, which also included skiing, mountaineering, hill walking, snowholing, canoeing, an 'arctic' survival exercise, parachuting and helicopter flying.

C J H Braddon '72 started as a planning assistant at County Hall in August. Address Yester Wood, Hindmill Park, Wrotham.

John Littler '72 following Oxford, is studying at Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburg for an M.Sc.

Simon Wakefield '72 is studying for a Ph.D at Leeds Department of Earth Sciences in chemical oceanography. This necessitated a summer cruise in the Indian Ocean collecting sea-water and sediment samples.

Paul Crompton '72 has started a Ph.D course in geology and is engaged in field work in the remoteness of Greenland. Address: Gronlands Geologie Undersogelse, Fiskenaeset Gothob 3900 Greenland via Copenhagen.

Paul Clifford '71 gained a 1st at Oxford and has started work with a small firm of theological publishers, the Sutton Courtenay Press in Abingdon.

Jonathan Fell '72 obtained a 2nd in the summer with a 'proxime Accessit' for his dissertation. His family has now moved to Derbyshire. Address: Limestone House, Tideswell, Derbyshire. He wrote that Malcolm Ross has won a scholarship to study industrial relations in Stockholm.

Paul Featherstone '75 was expecting to begin studies for the Chartered Insurance Institute exams. Address 14 Heathfield Close, Maidstone.

A V Jones '65 G R S M of St. Peter's and Oriel, Oxford has been elected to a fellowship and directorship of studies in music from October 1976.

Henry Darley '57 was re-elected vice-chairman of the Kent area Round Table, becoming chairman from April '76.

Rev. C R Duncan '59 and Rev. P W Poole '54 both assisted the School in various ways in the Autumn term. Also Rev. Michael Wilcock, former staff, conducted prayers as did P W Poole.

A D Mahony '73 is teaching for one year at the Lycee Henri IV, Bergerac in the Dordogne. He would be pleased to see any OMs passing through the area. He recently talked with Professor Ivan Roots '38.

T. Wraight '73 is an Executive Officer with the Customs and Excise.

P. Swain '73 is in the final year of a Law course at Southampton university.

C R Sheldon '69 was married to Miss Mary Ruth Moore in August.

Alan Coulson '70 is in Toronto for 3 years with the Bank of Montreal, OMs in Toronto are invited to contact him at 37a Gormley Avenue, Toronto. Ontario.

John Sandy '55 is teaching handicraft at Astor of Hever School.

Alan Hart '58 proposed as President of the OM Society was the author of a 2-hour documentary film "Five Minutes to Midnight" made in 20 countries about a divided planet of rich and poor. The premiere was at the UN Headquarters and the film was subsequently shown on BBC, for which Alan was once a Panorama interviewer. Address: Hayte Place, Cripple Street, Maidstone.

Peter Webb '68 following hospital management at West Kent Hospital went to Sierra Leone in July for 2 years as Assistant Director of the National Leprosy Control Programme.

David Sutherland '72 is a trainee cost and management accountant with Cadbury Schweppes Ltd. in Birmingham. He plays rugby for the Old Edwardians' Extra 'A'. Address: Claypits, Debden Road, Saffron Walden, Essex.

J D Dodge '54 saw the School's production of "As You Like It" in which his daughter Jennifer played Rosalind (most delightfully). Her younger sisters came to watch; her father recalled old times with Mr Rylands.

Geoffrey Collins '75 is home following a major operation at Preston Hall.

David Larkin '69, formerly on the OM Committee is now a probation officer in Shrewsbury.

David Spicer '68 is a barrister.

Nicky Simpson '68 is Hon. Solicitor to the Photometric Society.

Poland Minto '73 who takes his history degree at Kings College, London in the summer is hoping to take the Certificate of Qualification in Social Work subsequently.

Saun McKenna '75 is enjoying Bristol university where he appeared in Chekhov's "The Bear" and "The Bacchae" by Euripedes before Christmas.

Timothy O'Brien graduated in Chemistry from Exeter College Oxford in the summer and took up articles with a firm of chartered accountants. Address: 12 Orchard Glade, Headcorn.

Paul Belcher '75 now at the City University is willing to meet prospective students from MGS or other OM visitors to the university. Address: Northampton Hall, Bunhill Row, London, E C 1.

Rear Adml. T B Homan '35 Director General Naval Personal Services received mention in the press recently for presenting wings to helicopter pilots at R N Air station, Culdrose.

Stephen Broatch '72 is now in his third year at Churchill College, Cambridge, reading physics, playing croquet and punting on the Cam, having obtained a 2i in the Natural Sciences Tripos Part 1b.

Simon Bennett obtained a First Class B.Sc(Eng) in Electronics at University College, London in June 1975.

Michael James obtained a first class honours degree in Business studies at Hatfield Polytechnic.

P A F Mullarkey '75 was awarded an Army university cadetship at Lancaster university.

#### OBITUARY

A memorial service was held at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, on November 11 for Arthur Stroatfield '24, press and public relations officer with British Rail for many years until his retirement in 1975. He died in September aged 66.

#### NEWS OF MGS PUPILS

Julian Bond - a Vth former - having won "Screen Test" on BBC in December 1973 became champion of champions in an all winners' contest in July 1975.

#### NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Maidstonian Society will be held on Friday, 23 January 1976 at the Market House, beginning at 7.45 pm.

#### AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 1975 AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers
7. Election of Committee Members
8. Any other business.