

OLD MAIDSTONIAN SOCIETY

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COMING EVENTS (OMs are of course welcome at all School functions)

8th July The Minnesingers (MGGS and MGS) are giving a concert at All Saints.

The OM's cricket match v the School is on Wednesday, 14th July, starting at 2 pm. We hope to field as strong a side as possible, and Mr John Morgan, at the School (tel. 52101) would be glad to hear from anybody wishing to play - particularly from any OM's no longer living in the Maidstone area who might like to combine the game with an opportunity to revisit the School.

If numbers are sufficient a 2nd XI will be formed. Why not come along and afterwards join us for a drink and the short General Meeting at the Market House at 8 pm.

Extraordinary General Meeting: An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society will be held at the Market House on Wednesday, July 14th, 1976 at 8.00 pm. The Agenda is as follows:

1. Apologies for absence
2. To discuss the following resolutions:
"That, as from 1st January 1977, the annual subscription of the Society be raised from 50p to £1."
3. Any other business.

The Parents' Association School Fete

This will be on Saturday July 17th. There will be Arena events and stalls as last year. Roger Sage, parent and Old Boy, or Bob Dalton, member of staff, will be very pleased to receive offers of help, jumble, white elephants, books and bottles etc. Your attendance on the day with wives, children, friends and neighbours will contribute to the day's success. Why not make this occasion like the cricket match another OM reunion and write round to your contemporaries.

The Recent Leavers' Functions:

This will take place at the Market House on the evening of Wednesday, 15th September, 8.00 pm onwards.

RECENT NEWS OF SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

23 January - AGM at Market House Alan Hart and Bob Rylands were elected President and President-elect respectively. The remaining officers are as follows:
Secretary - Trevor Hayes, Treasurer - Simon Robinson, Membership Secretary - Paul Watts, Committee members - Ken Loveland (Chairman), Bryan Welcome, Peter Mayor, Martin Hampstead and Rickaby.

26 March - OM Supper at the School This enjoyable (as always) function was attended by nearly 100 OMs and provided the occasion for the induction of the new President. During the evening the Alex Stewart Award was made to J. Lawrence. Watch out for the date of the 1977 Supper in the next Newsletter.

31 April - OM Rugby and Soccer Matches

OM's XV won 13 : 4

OM's XI won 4 : 1

Both were excellent fast moving matches. Most of both teams and some parents met in the evening for a social at the Mote, an unhappy occasion. There were at least two OM and son pairs present, the Milsteds and the Brasingtons.

The OM Badminton Club thrives. It meets on alternate Mondays at 8 pm in the Stewart Hall. Information from Keith Rylands, 22 Bankfields, Headcorn, Ashford. Tel. 891494 (no code needed from Maidstone). Office: Tenterden 2248 (Pengetty and Rylands, 41 High Street).

Oxford Union

On 14th May, the Headmaster and Messrs Cook, Tresilian and Rylands were the guests of the Oxford OM's at a dinner held in Christ Church, organized by Tony Davis. OM's present at this most happy occasion included M.E. Burbidge, M.J. Porter, M.I. Saunders, J.L. Startup, T. Jennings, M.W. Joseph, J. Solby, A.M. Davis, P.J. Gow, S.D. Box, C. Davies, J. Thornewell and P.W. Smith. P.G. Atkinson sent apologies and Mr Rylands bumped into P. Clifford in the Broad next day.

The T.P. Gutteridge Award went this year to J.L. Duffy to enable him to take a short course in photography.

G.B. Phillips Award At a recent Committee Meeting the following resolution was passed:

"That the income from the G.B. Phillips award be used annually at the discretion of the Committee to support the OM award, OMs (in further education) in financial need and that the Committee be sympathetic to OMs embarking on courses supplementary to their main courses".

Applications from or nominations of OM's qualifying for the Award are invited and correspondence should be sent to the Hon. Secretary.

NEWS OF STAFF PAST AND PRESENT

Many OMs will have heard, probably with disbelief and certainly with personal regret that Bob Rylands is to retire at the end of the Summer Term. Of course we all wish him a long and contented retirement in which he may do all those things which have had to yield before the demands of MGS over the years. As President Elect, and President next year, he will continue his close and utterly loyal involvement with the affairs of the Society. It would be fitting tribute if as many of his former pupils as possible could arrange to attend the Next Year's OM Supper. I shall return to this theme in the next Newsletter.

Mr Newcombe now becomes first Deputy Head and Dr. David Wilson from Manchester Grammar School is also appointed Deputy Head.

Other members of staff leaving at the end of term are: Messrs Eilbeck, Pike, Ansell Binns and Howard.

Mr John Jones, former History staff, was recently appointed Deputy Headmaster at a Comprehensive at Winsford in Cheshire.

Mr Ralph Kemp had a recent spell as a commuter, "softening up" visiting Turkish, Greek and Italian businessmen and showing them the sights of London prior to their business deals.

Mr John Walsh is enjoying life as Deputy Headmaster at St Philip's Grammar School Birmingham, though finding it very different from MGS.

We learned with regret that Mrs Heard died in August 1975.

NEWS OF OLD MAIDSTONIANS

N.B.

In future, news of OM's for possible inclusion in the newsletter should be sent to its editor, John Martin, 9 Marl Hurst, Edenbridge, Kent, or to Mr N.W. Newcombe at the School.

Alan Hart '58 OM President, has kindly lent the School a copy of his film "Five Minutes to Midnight" for teaching purposes.

R. Murray Foulds '74, at present at Westminster College Oxford, writes at length of his experience in applying teaching theory in practice - at Holy Family R.C. School Swindon and Banbury Comprehensive (2,200 pupils).

A.J. Mills '54 was recently promoted Commander R.N. and is Assistant Production Manager at H.M. Dockyard Rosyth. Address: 8 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood, Kinross. His brother, 'Mills I' emigrated to Canada 9 years ago.

Jeremy Hindle '63, antique dealer and self-employed builder was elected to Heath Ward in recent local elections. He is secretary of the Maidstone Society and has been chairman of the Maidstone Y.Cs.

P.G. Atkinson '71 was awarded a senior scholarship in Theology at St. John's College Oxford.

Andrew Ballard '72 is in his second year at Whitelands College of Education, Putney, after having worked for two years immediately after leaving school.

The School Library is indebted to B.G. Thomas '52 who has presented to it two copies of his recent book "Fire-Fighting in Maidstone", a fascinating and detailed study.

Jeremy Avis '75 and Derek Gibson '75 were both selected for Short Service Limited Commissions in the Army, and started their training at Sandhurst in January. Competition for such commissions is intense.

Dr. P. Stillman '64 practises near Crawley.

Michael Willmot '63, after passing his Bar exam with brilliant success, is now practising in Australia.

John and Eileen Cloke '56 have moved to 5 Peel Road, Gosport, Hants, PD 12 1JS.

R.A.R. Kay '38 gave a lecture on Public Health to sixth formers in March. He was sorry not to be free for the Supper.

Malcolm Reed '54 was promoted Lt. Col. in March and now commands the Armaments Establishment at Fort Halstead, Sevenoaks.

Peter Dove '74, his nephew continues to enjoy the Army: he completed a surveying course in Norway last summer; then a printing course from August '75 to Feb. '76, and is engaged in exercises in Germany with 42 Survey Engineering Regt. this summer.

2/Lt. D.J. Rust RASC was awarded the Gould Prize at Sandhurst in December 1975.

Gordon Weston '46 is now a lecturer at Bradford University

John Thomewell, '73 now in his 3rd year Modern Languages (French and German) course has obtained a place at Oxford University Department of Education to study for Certificate of Education in French (1976-77). He lives at present at 13 Parker Street, Iffley Road, Oxford and would be glad to see old friends.

Martin Money '62 turned up at School after a 15 year gap and a varied career. He seemed very pleased to see the place again.

Peter Gow '73 hopes to join the marketing side of Guinness when he leaves Oxford in the summer.

Paul Sadler '68 is now No. 2 in the Chemistry Department of Queen Elizabeth School, Wimborne.

Bob Beale '60 has been appointed Deputy Headmaster of Cheltenham G.S. He and his family continue to see a good deal of Mrs Claydon who is reported well.

Paul Oldham '63 has been appointed a School Governor, so joining Messrs Loveland, Moore and Couchman.

Geoffrey Beale '61 is now working in the Planning Office at Maidstone.

It is rumoured that J.L.O'Kill '56 is Deputy Head of Colston's School.

Robert Davis '72 is happy in his new job working for B.A.C in Bristol.

Tim Chambers '65 is a banker in the West Country.

Kenneth Smith '70 graduated from City University in '74. Married '75 and is now finishing training to set up in practice with his wife as an optician.

Peter Smith '72. After Schools this summer (History and French) will take up a post as management trainee with Royal Insurance at Cheltenham, aiming at an overseas career.

R.C. Morello '74 is now partway through his course at Dartmouth.

R.W. Mason '66 is now working with Taylor-Woodrow in the costs and accounting section dealing with North Sea Oil. He lives with his wife in Kew.

Brian Cook '68 is "production manager" for BBC, handling programmes like "Blue Peter".

Mark Fairnington '75 has been accepted for "Sculpture Course A" at St Martins School of Art.

Martin Passmore '72 has obtained a place at Fitzwilliams College Cambridge for a Cert. Ed. when he leaves St. Andrews at the end of the Summer Term.

Nigel Clark '72, a postgraduate at Leeds Polytechnic studying town and country planning, plays in Headingley's threequarter line, alongside England's scrum-half Lampkowski and Scottish centre McGeechan.

Keith Mitchell '44 wrote to the local Press recently hoping to resume contact with his former classmates of the B class '40 - '44. He would welcome letters, to the following address: British Aircraft Corporation PO Box 3843, Riyadh Base, Saudi Arabia.

Michael Wilson '70 has completed studies at the Courtauld Institute where he obtained a distinction in his M.A. He is now employed as an Assistant Keeper at The National Gallery, where he is Assistant to the Director. He expects to be organizing exhibitions and, in due course, to become responsible for the French pictures. He is also lecturing. Address: 1B Gorst Road, S.W.11.

He writes of Philip Hall, teaching History near Reading, Geoff Ellis doing a Cert. Ed. at York University, following two years in Nigeria and Matthew Portal also doing a Cert. Ed at King's College, London. Jeremy Field is married and working for Natwest in Bristol.

Andrew Ashenhurst '61 last season played centre or wing for Dover R.F.C. Address: Beach House, Wellington Parade, Kingsdown, Deal, Kent.

Andrew Jones '65 was elected in July 1975 to University Assistant Lecturer in Music at Selwyn College Cambridge beginning in October 1976, to follow a Senior Scholarship at Oriel College for the year 1975-76. He has been engaged on a music D. Phil. He is now married with one infant son. Address: 58A Kiln Lane, Headington, Oxford.

AEC Gus Worledge '50, following an army apprenticeship as architectural draughtsman served in the R.E. '53-'75 latterly as Clerk of Works. He is now Superintendent of Works for S.E. T.A. and V. Reserve Association, Sandling Place. Address: 31 Willington Street, Bearsted.

Richard Goodwin '76 wrote from the Pathologisches Institut at Offenbach/Main; after Germany he expected to travel to France and Norway before returning to take up studies in October.

Clive Britcher '70 is working for the Berlitz School of Languages in Croydon, teaching English to foreign businessmen. He has seen Roger Eastman who was expecting to go to Grays Inn in September to become a barrister.

Captain Terry Bunyard '54 was mentioned in the national press as the officer reporting suspicious activities to the police which led to the recovery of £650,000 in cash and jewellery stolen from Heathrow.

Tom Reed '68 gave a careers talk at the School in May. His own career to date includes VSO, teaching in Stepney, logistics adviser for the FAO in Niger, editor of 'Youth News' for the Commonwealth Secretariat. He is now Executive Secretary of Returned Volunteer Action and lives at 20 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London N.W.3.

Ian Stallion '75 passed out from Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth in April and has been appointed to HMS Fife for Fleet Training while reading Scandinavian Studies at City University.

R. Cullingworth has been promoted Flight Lieutenant and now lives at Roma, The Green, Woolpit, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. He would be glad to hear from old friends.

Lindsay Heather '55 is now at Lakeside School, Seattle Washington. He was recognized by his MGS Prefect's tie by Mr J.A. Skinner formerly of MGS staff.

Paul Clifford '71 with an Abingdon publishing firm recently encountered at his cricket club Tony Lurcock, Gunsley scholar in English in 1962. The latter is married to a Finnish girl and spent six years teaching English in Finland. He is now in the final year of a D.Phil.

Leslie Parris '60 was one of three organisers of the recent Constable Exhibition at the Tate Gallery.

David Hambrook '62 got his picture in the Daily Telegraph when he scored the Navy's first try in their match against the Civil Service.

Bryan Jenner '62 writing from Nijmegen, had a letter printed in the Sunday Times refuting a claim in the "Scone" column of that paper that Amsterdam was an expensive city. The problem is, he says, the fall in the buying power of sterling.

Michael Banks '47 has recently become Engineering Manager with Schweppes, Sidcup.

Ian Barrett '72 is at present taking an MSc in History and Social Studies of Science at Sussex University having successfully completed a BSc in Biological Sciences.

The Membership Secretary, Paul Watts, at Wellesbourne, Plain Road, Brabourne Lees, Sellindge, Kent, would like to learn of the whereabouts of the following OMs who have moved without trace and are therefore not receiving the Newsletter:

M.A. Stephens '63 J. Trafford '57 M.J. Thornington '66
G.E. Griffin R.F.J. Manston '70.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE AWARDS/PLACES FOR OCTOBER 1976

<u>Oxford</u>			
<u>N. me</u>	<u>Colloge</u>	<u>Award/Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Boyd-Rainey, J.	Wadham	Place	Physics
Duffy, J.L.	"	"	Physics
Hale, I.R.	Jesus	Edhibition	Maths
Knowles, P.B.	Brasenose	Place	Agriculture
March, S.A.	Now Colloge	"	English
Molly, P.T.	" "	"	History/French
Sammells, N.C.	University colloge	Gunsley Scholarship	English
Watson, S.J.	St. Catharic's	Place	History

Cambridge

<u>Name</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Award/Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Golinski, J.V.	Christ's	Place	Nat. Sc.
Goodwin R.M.	St. John's	Exhibition	Medicine
Loader, K.D.	Christ's	Exhibition	English
Wynn, P.D.	Chrrchill	Place	Nat. Sc.
Davis R.J.	Queen's	Scholarship	Nat. Sc.
Moore, B.A.	Churchill	Place	Engineering
Terry, C.W.D	Clare	Place	Nat. Sc.
Weeks, R.C.	Churchill	Place	Nat. Sc.

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Signed

Address

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Year of leaving

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