

OLD MAIDSTONIAN SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER: AUTUMN 1969

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Lord Beeching

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Recent Events

The Annual Rugby Match was played on 26th March. A lively game resulted in a considerable win for the O.M. XV, who seemed fit. The School means business this season, and so far 1st XV Colours have been awarded to R. Marston (Captain), G. Link, A. Knight and N. Clark.

The O.M. Supper at Tudor House on 2nd March drew the biggest attendance for many years, including of course Lord Beeching, the President-elect, and many Past Presidents. Mr. W.A. Claydon and Mr. G.B. Phillips travelled from Cheltenham and Little Stretton respectively in order to attend. Anyone who wonders whether his contemporaries turn up at this function can rest assured that, judging by 2nd March, they do! If you decide to come on 16th April, 1970, you will surely find that old friends have made the same decision.

On 16th July the Cricket Match was played in lovely weather and again the O.M. XI won. Brian Fridd bowled as cunningly as ever.

An O.M. Wine & Cheese Party, pleasantly arranged to take place in the School quad on the same evening, went almost unsupported, other than by the Committee and the staff. This was financially and socially a considerable loss.

In comparison, the Recent Leavers' function in the Mote pavilion on the 19th September was very well supported, and once again the hopes of the faithful were raised by the apparent promise of wide support from the younger generation. At an earlier meeting at the School, addressed by K.E. Loveland, Chairman both of the Society and of the School Governors, John Rawlinson and David Larkin were elected by those about to leave as co-opted representatives on the O.M. Committee. Their addresses respectively are: The Poplars, Lord Romsey Hill, Ashford Road, and 103 Old Tovil Road - both Maidstone. So any young O.M. who has an idea to put forward can do so through either of them, or indeed through any member of the Committee. As Rawlinson is believed to be somewhere between Istanbul and Israel at the moment, there is no point in writing to him until after Christmas, when he takes up a hospital post.

News of O.M.'s

This haphazard collection of information is believed to be correct - though not guaranteed! The lack of an alphabetical order is deliberate: perhaps now you will glance through the lot. If there could have been something about you, please remedy the omissions by sending a line to any of the officers or to A. Stewart or R. Rylands at School.

T.G. King (1965) after graduating from Edinburgh, has a post as a civil engineer in Miami.

M.J.V. Hoskins (1956) was recently decorated by the Queen with the George Medal for what was termed "cold-blooded bravery" in the citation: he de-fused a wartime 250 lb. bomb without instruction manual or dismantling kit, despite the fact that the bomb was in a dangerous condition. Major Hoskins was serving in Brunei, where he undertook many other chancy jobs of bomb disposal.

P.E. Aldridge (1943) now lives at 2905 Crescent View Drive, North Vancouver, B.C., Canada, is married with two children, and emigrated in 1949 after service in the R.A.F.

Alan Ingram (1967) has been awarded an Exhibition in English as a result of his work in Part I at the University of Nottingham.

J.R. Ilson (1956) is teaching in Jordan.

R.H. Palmer (1968) and J.K. Smith (1968) enjoy life at University College, London, though Palmer advises against bad cooks taking bed sitters.

Haydon Abbott (1968) recommends Cambridge, which he says is changing fast.

N. Bullett (1968), after a serious illness, has transferred from Manchester to King's College, London, as he has to be near "his" hospital for regular treatment.

Garry Brechin (1961) after a career including the Metropolitan Police, Harvey's of Bristol, Booth's Gin and travel in U.S.A. and Canada, is in hotel management near Vancouver.

H.F. Bloomfield (1965) has been appointed to The Hulme G.S., Oldham.

D.G. Smith (1961): Now a Senior Scientific Officer in the Ministry of Technology. He has made fast progress since his "First".

R.H. Berry (1966) is teaching Physics, Chemistry and Biology at Wilsthorpe Secondary School, Long Eaton, Derbyshire. As enthusiastic as ever, he is hugely enjoying his work.

Malcolm Jenner (1965): After graduating at Oxford in 1968, he took the Certificate of Education there, and is now teaching at Peers School, Littlemore, Oxford, and is Choirmaster at the Orthodox Church of the Annunciation in the same city.

Bob Chapman (1968): Enjoying Cambridge; playing some rugger for Peterhouse and still sartorially astounding - to a greybeard's eyes, anyway! He is engaged.

T.C. Lodge (1966) got an Upper Second in Law at Southampton University in the summer and is now attending a crash course at the College of Law, Guildford.

Stewart Scott (1960) called on Mr. Claydon recently, and from him the following outline of career was abstracted: after Cambridge, he taught at the University of Bucharest from 1964-5 and then at the University of Munich from 1965-6; thereafter he lectured at the Westhill Training College, Bourneville before taking a post at Kirkland College, Clinton, N.Y., where he hopes to gain a doctorate.

Peter Fearnhead (1967) is doing well at Durham University, holds several representative student posts and won a Geography Field Work Prize.

Keith Dunnell (1962), after work as a marketing manager with a publishing company, is now advertising manager with Dexion Ltd., Wembley Park.

R.S. Skinner (1964) Lieut. R.N., has graduated from Manaden and will soon be a fully qualified Naval Engineer.

Mr. Claydon also sent news of Peter Harris (1942), Captain of the School in his day, who has been appointed Headmaster of St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate. He has been a master at Haileybury since 1950.

He wrote as well of Geoffrey Hosking, now a lecturer at Essex University, who will in fact be talking to the Sixth on 27th January; and of Roger Bartlett, recently a research student at St. Antony's College, Oxford, and now a lecturer at Keele University

Tony Wright (1968) and Justin Donnan (1968) have successfully completed their first year at Bath University. Lawrence Wright (1963) has completed the first year of a Town Planning course at the Regent Street Polytechnic, and is working in the office of the designers of Cumbernauld. This after studying Architecture at Cambridge and London.

John Clayton (1968) has abandoned Law at the Holborn College, and is now at Goldsmiths' College, happily preparing to be an English teacher.

Many O.M.'s must have recognised the now nationally famous face of James Bourke (1955), who so often is a key figure in BBC TV space programmes.

Peter Ewing (1950), recent editor of this Newsletter and former Treasurer and President of the Society, has moved to a new job as distribution manager in the Bolton area. One knows it will not be long before he appears at some O.M. function, but his many services to the Society and to charity will be sorely missed in Maidstone.

John Loweth (1969) and Peter Brammall (1967) are both in their first term at Sandhurst, enjoying the experience despite its initial rigours. The HM met them both during a recent official visit.

A.J.N. Fuller (1925) was Guest of Honour at Lower School Speech Day on 12th November. He evoked memories of life at school in his time with manifest loyalty and affection.

Melwyn Wood (1963) is a police detective now working with the Drug Squad in the Maidstone area. During his service he has earned two commendations.

We wonder whether the Colin Honey who has just become Governor of Dorchester Prison is the Gunsley Scholar of 1948?

An O.M. Shooting team defeated a CCF team in the .22 range in September. Brian Welcome (1954), Christopher Clifton (1965), N. Cheffins (1968) and Alan Gray (1968) were included in the team.

I.J. de la Plain (1936) now a Group Captain, inspected the CCF last May, and gave a very favourable report. He gave news of A.H. Chamberlain (1939) and P.M.S. Hedgeland (1940), both now very senior RAF officers. G.J. Court (1966) is recovering from a long illness and hopes to go up to Cambridge again next October.

Peter Waddell, School Captain in 1961, is now back in Oxford to acquire a Certificate of Education after teaching for 3 years.

Brian Furneaux (1964) is journeying overland by land rover to South Africa.

Staff News

John Payne (1926) writes to say that he visited Mr. T.F. Teversham, who he found still actively interested in the local cricket club and in giving talks on dialect and local history. He is also doing some fine paintings in retirement.

Miss Brett visited Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Matthews in the summer and found them well, after all their earlier ill-health.

Mr. T.P. Gutteridge and Sgt. Bennett both attended Lower School Speech Day to meet Mr. Fuller. Sarge produced old photographs of Corps Camps in the early twenties, and indulged in reminiscence a little.

Messrs. G.P. Phillips, E.C. Julier, C.S. Cocker and S.W. Johnson have all been in touch recently, and are well. Regretably Messrs. W. Manning, E.W. Edmonds and J. Legat are all in medical hands.

Miss Herbert, former School Secretary, who has just lost her brother, keeps in regular touch with the School by letter.

Mr. K.Y.M. MacKenzie is Deputy Chief Education Officer for Southend on Sea.

Mr. M. Wilcock is now vicar of St. Faith's, joining Mr. J.C. Priestman (Loose) in the Rural Deanery, and re-inforced at Allington by O.M. Alan Watson (1953).

Mr. D.E. Cutforth has been appointed lecturer in Music at The NE Essex College of Technology and School of Art.

Mr. H.G. Alexander has been appointed Headmaster of Hampton G.S., and will soon be leaving Guisborough.

Mr. R.J. McCormick, Alec Stewart's right hand man, has played Rugby twice this season for Kent, and scored a try against Sussex.

Future Events

A.G.M. at the School at 7.30 p.m.
(Agenda available at the meeting) 23rd January

The Society:

Rugby Match	18th March
Annual Supper, Tudor House (Lord Beeching's instalment as President)	16th April
Cricket Match	15th July

NB Please write to A. Stewart at the School as soon as you like, for as many tickets for the Supper as you like, price 25s. Od.

The School:

Upper School Speech Day	4th December
Carol Service, All Saints', 7.30 p.m.	16th December
Junior Music Concert, 7.30 p.m.	19th February

"La Belle Hélène", 7.30 p.m.	18th, 19th, 20th 21st March
Cross Country Run	24th March
Choral & Orchestral Concert 7.30 p.m.	20th May
Sports Day	3rd June
School Cricket Week starts	13th July

The Parents' Association

The Association has launched an Appeal Fund with a view to roofing and heating the Swimming Pool. Any contributions from O.M.'s would be more than welcome, and should be sent to

The Manager (M.G.S.P.A.)
Barclays Bank Limited,
708 London Road,
Larkfield, Nr. Maidstone,
Kent.

UNIVERSITIES AND PLACES OF FURTHER EDUCATION

The following Old Maidstonians are believed to have begun courses at Universities or other institutions of further education during the past year. The list is compiled from available information, and Mr. Rylands would be glad to be informed of any errors or omissions before the next issue goes to press.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

New College: M.R. Gold
University College: R.C. Gilbert, D.F. Jordan, H. Koren
Wadham College: D.S. Watson
St. John's College: S.H. Smith
Balliol College: G.D. Ellis
Merton College: C.J.V. Moore
Exeter College: R.B. Willis
St. Peter's College: K.S. Slater
St. Edmund Hall: P.F. Sadler

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Peterhouse: J.W.F. Edwards
King's College: C.J.C. Hatton
St. Catharine's College: N.W.P. Goddard
Trinity College: D.N. Prentice
St. John's College: J.F. White
Magdalene College: P. Mullen
Downing College: A.J. Gray

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

R.R. Field, N.B.C. Hogben, P.J. Jackson, P. Jefferies, J.C. Leigh,
J. Ware, A.N. White

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

G.B. Emerson

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

D.L. Spicer, D.C. Tolputt

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

P.A. Tyrer

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

G.J. Doling, K. Mullen

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

P. Ashton, M.P. Beer, R.P. Castell, S.J. Culley

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

A.G. Diprose

UNIVERSITY OF HULL

T.J. Darge

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

D.F. Buss, J.H. Fowler

UNIVERSITY OF KENT AT CANTERBURY

M.J. Marriott

CITY UNIVERSITY

T.V. Wyatt

INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MANCHESTER

R.D. Parkinson

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON

A.C. Brooker

UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

M. Barden, C.D. Sheldon

UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX

D.A. Tillett

UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA

R.G. Byers

UNIVERSITY OF LANCASTER

R.M. Baldwin

UNIVERSITY OF LOUGHBOROUGH

C.J. Turner

COLLEGES OF TECHNOLOGY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Highbury Technical College, Portsmouth: L. Politowicz
Portsmouth College of Technology: B.D. White
North Western Polytechnic: D.C. Larkin
Lanchester College, Coventry: R.B. Pencavel

Medway and Maidstone Technical College:

C. Atkins, S.J. Bampton, G. Clegg, R.W.R. Deakin, P.S. Doogan,
P.S. Fagg, E.S. Haydock, C.R. Hearsey, M.D. Henderson,
A.M. St. J. Ibbotson, C.E. Jones, T.R. Matthews, M.J. Mears,
G.J. Newby, A.J. Nicholls, B.A.G. Plumb, A.K. Ring, G.S. Russell,
M. Tuffield, R.J. Vane, J.J.P. Ware.

COLLEGES OF EDUCATION

Chester: C.J. May
Culham: M.T. Tuffnell
City of Sheffield: D.C. Bisby

COLLEGES OF ART

Jacob Kramer College, Leeds: R.F. Ellis
Medway College of Art: L.D. Stanley

LEEDS COLLEGE OF COMMERCE: M.S. Peace, K.C. Tester

BRIXTON SCHOOL OF BUILDING: S.D. Tompsett

SERVICES, ETC.

Sandhurst: P.H.H. Brammall, J.R. Loweth
Merchant Navy College, Greenhithe: I.M. Dunkley

Obituary

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of the following O.M.'s.

Brian Peter Geddes (1954) who died in St. Thomas' Hospital on 26th July.
Dr. Peter Stephen Hover (1950) who was killed in a road accident in
West Pakistan on 17th May.
P.O. Peter Waller (1965), who also died in a road accident, on
20th April, in Singapore.

Correspondence

The English Public Schools Association of Victoria has invited any
Old Maidstonian in Australia, but particularly in Melbourne or Victoria,
to join its group of 120. Any O.M. interested should write to
P.J. Mountstephen (Hon. Secretary), c/o Insurance Brokers Pty. Ltd.,
31 Queen Street, Melbourne 3000.

Newsletter

Volunteer Editor and Editors of this Newsletter are badly wanted. The
School will give all help to anyone who will take the job on for a
few editions.

Apology - if required?

If any O.M.'s have found their letters unanswered or their requests
unheeded, the reason probably lies in the change of Officers and in
the weight of voluntary work for the Society carried by the
loyal few. (And two of our present team were in hospital during the
Summer, to increase pressures and problems). You may not guess it,
but your Committee is exceedingly self-critical, and does try hard!

School Officers (It is always a surprise to recent past generations to discover how Time has Marched On):

Captain of School : A.R.B. Booker
Deputy Captains : P.J. Hull, M.J. Wilson
Captain of Rugby : R.F.J. Marston
Vice-Captain of Rugby : G.P. Link
Captain of Athletics : B.A. Long
Secretary of Athletics : G.J. Bowles
Captain of Swimming : M.R. Mendham
Captain of Cricket : G.P. Link
Secretary to Games Committee : N. Cherrill
Assistant Secretary to Games Committee : M.J. Broadway

There are now officers for Soccer, Judo, Badminton, Hockey and Sailing as well.

Subscriptions

As you may know, at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society, held on 13th September, 1968 a resolution was passed to abolish the magazine subscription and to make the annual subscription ten shillings.

** This subscription is due on January 1st, 1970 but there is no reason why you should not pay it now. A slip is enclosed with this newsletter and it would help if you would enclose this when sending your subscription.

May I ask you to note the following points:

1. The subscription is 10s. Od. for everybody except:
 - (a) Life Members
 - (b) Hon. Members
 - (c) Members who left School during 1969
2. If you pay by Bankers' Order please
 - (a) Ensure that it is for 10s. Od.
 - (b) Ensure that it is dated 1st January
3. If Life Members still wish to receive the "Maidstonian" they must advise the Treasurer accordingly.
4. Ordinary members who wish to receive the "Maidstonian" should write to Mr. R.R. Rylands at the School, enclosing 7s. Od., the present cost of an edition (including envelope and postage). P.O.'s or cheques should be made out to Maidstone G.S. Amenities Account. There will be an edition published before Christmas.
5. If you change your address please let us know.
6. Postage costs have increased: Much of your mail has, in the past been sent in unsealed envelopes for 3d. The cheapest rate we can now use is 4d. We shall not use first-class mail. It is, therefore, even more essential that we do not have to send a second reminder for subscription

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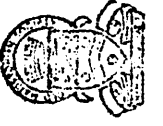
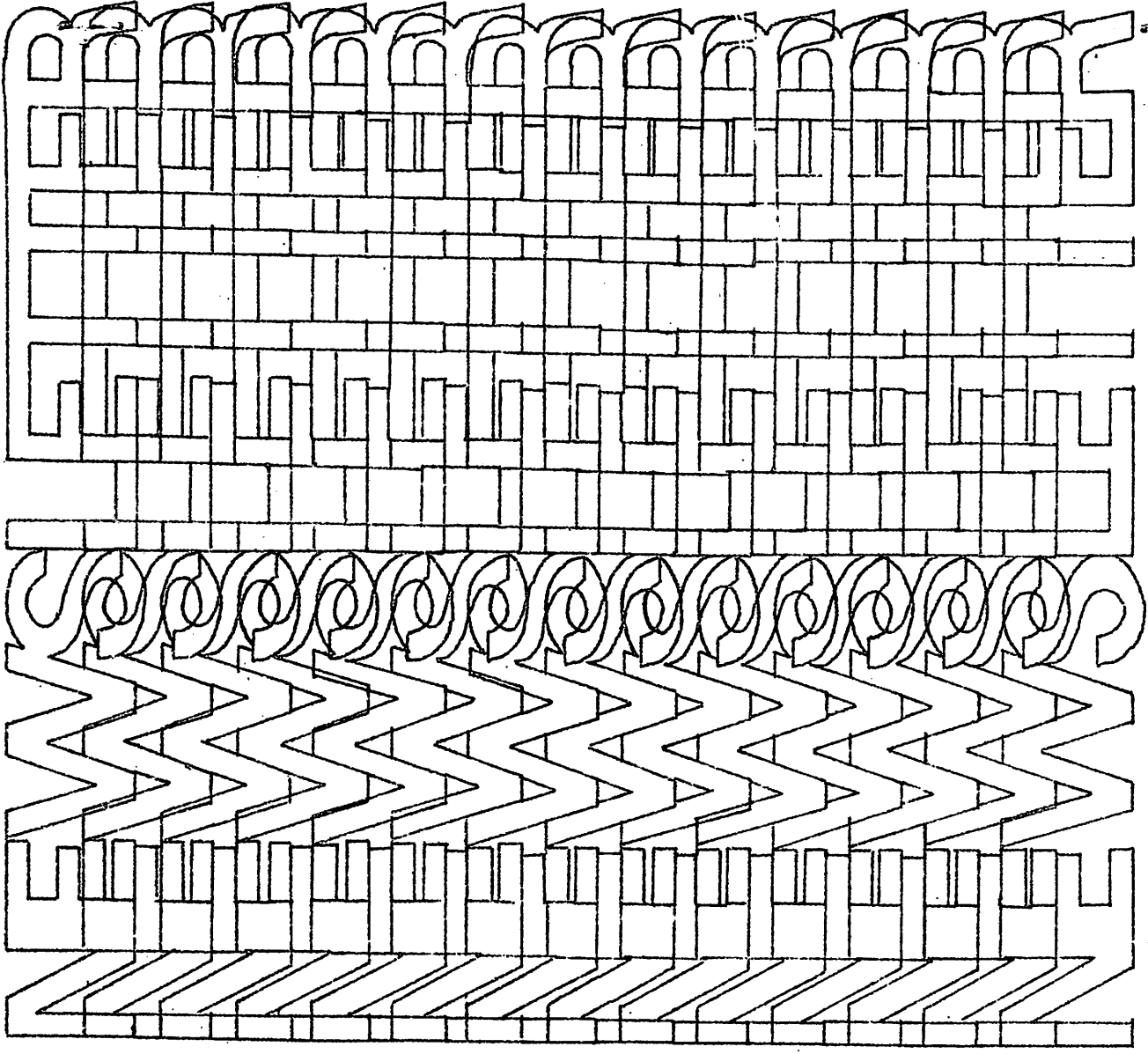
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