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MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

As the School embarked on its next 400 years with its eyes firmly on continued development, we as a Club have tried to do the same. But our goal, although not on new buildings and infrastructure, has been very much on the development of the Club. Although it may be said that we have not developed financially in the past few years, it is important to recognise that through the OM office and the hard work of individuals we have endeavoured to increase our following by making the Club, and our events, more diverse and interesting to OMs to allow them to find something that attracts them back. This, in turn, perhaps will allow us to develop further financially.

Dr Daniel very much understands the importance of the OMs to the School and it is important that the Club supports it and the boys whenever it can. This year we have donated towards new covers for the cricket square, a kayak trip, music tours, rowing tours and rugby tours which have added to the boys' enjoyment and experience whilst at school, often helping those who would otherwise be unable to benefit.

Many old boys have benefited from fees assistance whilst at school. The Club and the Trust are committed to maintaining the wide range of high calibre boys from all walks of life attending Monmouth School. With this commitment in mind the charitable trust, at the request of the Club, injected another substantial amount of money into the Bursary Appeal.

Old Monmothians were active in their own sports clubs this year. The Boat Club achieved success at various regattas, the Rugby Club continued to play and increase its player base. The Cricket Club deserves particular mention, this year winning the Cricketer Trophy, for the first time, against Old Hurst Jonians. Along the way they beat Millfield and Westminster. Well done to Tom Bevan who resurrected OM cricket along with a number of loyal and committed leavers who have shown what can be achieved.



In the rugby arena, the recent World Cup achievements of Hallam Amos and Wayne Barnes are recorded elsewhere, in OM News.

The social events go from strength to strength. The Cardiff dinner reached good numbers, thanks to Abhi Mohindru who has taken over the running of the event in the last few years—and I think is realising that Rollo really did make it look easy. A table of female staff attended for the first time and we hope that they will return this year. Those who attended will agree that the show was stolen by Stephen Edwards, who I asked to say a few words at the end of the evening, with little notice. He had the whole room rolling around in laughter with his stories of his time at Monmouth.

The night before OM Day, reported later on, saw the club say goodbye to Dr Steven Connors, a good friend to the Club. I thank him for his approachability, wisdom and warmth.

Thanks to Mike Mounsdén for his continued organising of what is a lovely dinner at a special venue - Leander Club in Henley-on-Thames.

This newsletter is based on the OM Notes published in The Monmothian 2015

The London dinner seems to break records every year. Last year 121 OMs attended and 135 are already confirmed for this year, when Eddie Butler will be our guest speaker. Steve Norris has been outstanding in taking the dinner to the heights it now enjoys.

None of the above events would have been as successful without the industry of Sharon Finch, who has worked very hard on so many events, keeping the website current, improving our communication with our members. We owe her our special thanks.

This year sadly saw us lose Brian Margrett— a long-standing member of the committee. We all remember his enthusiastic and detailed reports about the OMs' Shooting team, which reflected his passion for the sport and the Club. He will be sadly missed.

We also lost Ivor Hodgson— a stalwart of the Club who, with Sir Frank, dragged it out of virtual insolvency in the 1970s, and along with others orchestrated its recovery to its healthy position today. It was Ivor who got me involved with the Club and it was he who made a personal visit to my house to ask me to stand as President. Many years later I asked him why — he simply smiled and said it

was too important a question to ask over the phone. That told me how dearly he held the Club and its success.

I would just like to say that we are blessed, through our members, with experience and resources within any field that can be mentioned. But what sets an OM apart is the willingness to help in any way they can—without pomp or need of accolade.

I conclude by thanking the Officers and Executive Committee for their support this year, with special mention going to Ray Blight. Simply put, this Club would not function without Ray's hard work, his handling of tricky issues and his experience. Moreover, at OMs' social events he always makes everyone feel so welcome. Particularly, I thank him for receiving and dealing with the hospital pass from me, when a broken leg kept me from OM Day and the headmaster's leaving dinner.

It just leaves me to thank you for allowing me to be your president for this last year—it has been an honour and privilege.

Anu Mohindru

OBITUARIES

William “Jack” Morgan (41-47), formerly of Monmouth, passed away at the age of 84, on March 12th 2014 in Oakville Canada - his home for the past 47 years. He emigrated in 1968 with his wife Colette and three daughters Melanie, Philippa and Traci to build a new life. He began a 25-year career with George Weston Ltd in Toronto as Office Manager.

He expanded his journalism pastime when he started writing a weekly newspaper column in Oakville's Daily Journal Record. He later got heavily involved in writing pantomimes that he often acted in on the stage of the Oakville Centre for Performing Arts. After retirement he volunteered at his granddaughters' primary school, reading to the children on a regular basis for over a decade.

He is dearly missed by his second wife Pamela, three daughters and three granddaughters.

Roger Bennett (45-52) Died 15th December 2014.

A keen sportsman, at Monmouth Roger was a scrum half and a wicket keeper - captain of the Colts, vice-captain of the 1st XV and Captain of the 1st XI.

He passed the Civil Service Commission's Army Entrance exams in 1951 and was sent to Oswestry before moving onto Sandhurst where, as part of Burma Company, he quickly established himself as a skilful sportsman and a well-loved officer cadet. Following commission, he joined 48 Regt RA and saw service in Essen, Korea and Malaya. He spent a number of years with the Gunners

before moving to the Army Pay Corps and ended his Army career in York as Commander Finance at 2 Division.

Roger was a devoted husband, father and grandfather for whom family was of paramount importance.

Ivor T. Hodgson (44-51). It is with enormous sadness that the Club records Ivor's passing on 15th December 2014.

Ivor was a key member of the group of loyal OMs who saved the Club from insolvency and disbandment in 1970. Through his dedicated and forward-thinking restructuring of the Club's finances, particularly the introduction of voluntary donations via Standing Orders, Ivor was the foundation upon which the Club's financial security now stands. Without that security, the Old Monmothian Club would not be able to support Club and School activities as it has been able to for the last 40 years.

He was one of only five Old Monmothians to have been elected as a Patron of the Club to mark his contribution.



A Tribute to Ivor Hodgson from Henry Toulouse

A former President and Treasurer for many years, Ivor's enthusiastic approach resulted in a remarkable improvement in the Club's finances.

His whole life was spent in Banking in London, Bristol and finally the Isle of Wight, where he spent many happy years in retirement. He was a devout Catholic and a kind and gentle man; it was a privilege to know him.

The last time I saw Ivor was after the Bristol Grammar School match when he was chuckling at something the Coach said to him: a lovely moment to remember him by.

Our sympathy goes to his wife Shirley, son Nicholas and brother Tom (OM 42-49).



Keith Bonser (44-52), died January 2015 at the age of 81. Keith arrived at the School in 1944 and experienced the closing years of the War under the headship of Captain Elstob. He was a member of Hereford House.

Revd Canon Geoffrey H Brown (43-49). Died 27th May 2015 at the age of 85.

Geoffrey Brown came into New House as a scholar from The Crypt School Gloucester in the mid-1940s. He became Head of School before he left in 1948 to do his National Service, commissioned into the Royal Artillery. He then went up to Trinity Hall Cambridge where he read English and History.

Geoffrey featured prominently in the "Footlights" where he both wrote sketches and performed. Having committed himself to ordination, he went from Cambridge to Cuddesdon Theological College, and after ordination to curacies in east London and Birmingham.

Revd Brown took a parish in Birmingham before moving north to Grimsby as a canon. Soon he was called to St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square, where he served with distinction for 12 years, settling the finances on a firm basis by inaugurating the successful restaurant in the church crypt.

With his wife Jane and twin daughters he retired to the West Midlands and subsequently to near Cheltenham.

Brian Margrett (45-51) passed away on 20th June 2015. Brian was hugely respected by all of the OM Club Executive Officers as a key member of the Committee and a previous President of the OM Club: his wise counsel was always positively received.

A former Director of British Steel Industries and beloved husband of his late wife, Anne and devoted father of Richard, Diane and Clint, he will be sadly missed by all.

Paul Langford (57-64), died peacefully in his sleep on 27 July 2015, aged 69.

A British historian, he was Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford from 2000 to 2012 and a freeman of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers.

Paul was elected to a junior research fellowship in modern history at Lincoln College in 1969, becoming a tutorial fellow in 1970. He was a lecturer at the University of Oxford from 1971 to 1994, being elected a reader in modern history in 1994 and becoming a professor in 1996.

Having served as a member of the Humanities Research Board from 1995, in 1998 he was appointed chairman and chief executive of the newly established Arts and Humanities Research Board, a post he held until returning to Oxford to take up the rectorship of Lincoln College.

Paul was a fellow of the Royal Historical Society from 1979, a fellow of the British Academy from 1993 and was made an honorary fellow of Hertford College in 2000. In 2002, the University of Sheffield awarded him an honorary doctor of letters.

His notable publications include *A Polite and Commercial People. England 1727-1783*, the first volume to be published in the New Oxford History of England.

Paul married Margaret Edwards in 1970 and they have one son, Hugh: we send them our deepest condolences.

STAFF

With great sadness, the Club records the passing of **Mrs Betty Loffhagen**, on Sunday 8 March 2015.

She was a much loved teacher at The Grange between 1974 and 1993, and with great passion guided the start of hundreds of Old Monmothian academic careers.

Betty's children, Ian, Jane, John and Richard all attended Haberdashers' Monmouth Schools.

Vivian Charles Desmond Vowles sadly passed away in Oxford, aged 91, on 3rd May 2015.

Desmond was Head of English and Deputy Housemaster of School House from 1949 to 1953, when he married Barbara Coombes, the Headmaster's Secretary. He then moved to Canford School as Head of English, leaving in 1960 to become Lecturer in English Education at Reading University.

Desmond and Barbara made their home in Monmouth from 1997 until moving to Eynsham, near Oxford, in 2011.

John McCairn passed away in Deal, Kent on 12th June 2015.

John was a member of staff from 1976 and was instrumental in setting up the Handicraft Centre. He was also able to help out on sports afternoons and was an able referee. A one-time airborne soldier, he enjoyed his role as the Warrant Officer i/c the Monmouth School CCF.

In his time at Monmouth School he was also a Town House Master.

OM NEWS



In July of this year, Warren succeeded John Riston as Chief Executive of Rolls Royce. Warren was previously CEO of ARM Holdings and has also been non-executive director of a number of businesses including Dyson, BT and De La Rue.



Noel Manns (left) with Warren East

John Williams (1960-68) sent the Club notes and photos of himself in a range of guises. John was a member of the unbeaten 1st XV alongside Tony Jordan and Keith Jarrett, playing at outside half. He is now a professor in MIT and a keen Argentine tango dancer. He regularly gives lectures on the Future of Technology in the Middle East, Hong Kong, Philippines, India, S. America and China, has published around 150 papers and co-authored 2 books.

John is an Oxford Rugby Blue and was a member of Chris Laidlaw's Oxford University team that beat the Springboks in 1969.



"In Conversation with Simon Foy" **Richard Booth** QC (80-87) interviewed Commander **Simon Foy** (78-79), QPM and former Head of Homicide at Scotland Yard, in October at Haberdashers Hall, as part of the new and very popular monthly 'Monmouth in London'.

Last September, the first 'In Conversation with...' saw **Noel Manns** (70-76) interview **Warren East** (73-80). Noel is a Principal of Europa Capital - a real estate fund manager focused on European markets. Since 1995, Europa Capital's Principals have collectively raised eight real estate funds and committed to over 90 transactions totalling over €9 billion across 18 European countries.

THRILL SEEKERS



On 12th October, **Jamie Fowler** (99-04) and **Toby Osborne** (97-04) took to the skies for the 800-mile, unsupported, para-motoring Air Race.

The Icarus Flying Trophy race started in Eatonville, Washington and ended at Valley Springs, California. As a pioneering race the

route was completely unscripted, and the pilots flew across a range of landscapes, from vast deserts to mountain ranges. The two competitors are new to the sport, which is one of the events undertaken by members of 'The Adventurists' – a club focused on creating adventures where you don't know what will happen tomorrow or if you'll even make it.

Jamie and Toby faced the very best pilots from around the world and did their training off Mersea Island on the Essex coastline. Every 'adventure' raises money for charity and so far teams have raised over £5 million.

Richard Parks (88-95) - Adventure Tourism Ambassador for Wales - has given his support to the Wales 2016 Year of Adventure tourism scheme.

Richard is backing a nationwide campaign to promote Wales as a worldwide centre for adventure pursuits.

He said, "... Wales has helped forge the person who I am today... It's a great honour to be an Ambassador for the Year of Adventure, and my privilege to help promote Wales as a world leading destination for adventure..."



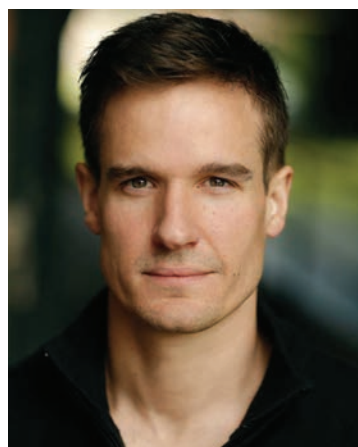
Dan Starkey (89-96) is a graduate of Bristol Old Vic and has worked in theatre, radio and television, notably as Sontaran Strax, from *Dr Who*. He has also appeared in *The Sarah Jane Adventures*, *Wizards v Aliens* and *Casualty*.

Dan was part of the winning team from Trinity Hall Cambridge that took part in the special Christmas Edition of *University Challenge*, in which participants were all 'famous' graduates.



Daniel Llewelyn Williams (90-97) has had a busy 2015.

At the beginning of the year he won a Welsh BAFTA award for his role in *Not About Heroes*, which charts the meeting and friendship that grew between the two great war poets Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon. He also found time to tour his self-penned, one-man show *A Little Bit of Houdini*, and then won the leading role of Richard Hannay in the West End production of *The 39 Steps*. Dan will shortly be seen in *Eastenders*.



IN THE THEATRE

Christopher 'Kit' Orton (94-2001) trained at The Royal Northern College of Music and The Royal Academy of Music. His successful career in musical theatre includes the roles of Sir Lancelot in *Spamalot* and André in *Martin Guerre*. He recently landed the lead in *Tom: A Story of Tom Jones*, which plays at The Millennium Centre, Cardiff next March prior to embarking on a tour that includes Dundee, Windsor and Ipswich. Kit is also a successful composer and recording artist.



IN SPORT

Hallam Amos (06-13) has been attracting the attention of the Press and pundits. The 21-year old Gwent Dragons player was selected for Wales in the warm-up games against Ireland and impressed Warren Gatland sufficiently to play him in the opening Pool match of the Rugby World Cup against Uruguay, in which Hallam scored a try. He won his fifth international cap in the fixture against England but sadly sustained a shoulder injury that kept him out of the games against Fiji and Australia.

Wayne Barnes (95-97) was also in the World Cup spotlight, taking charge of Wales' quarter-finals match against South Africa, the second semi-final between Argentina and Australia, and running the line for the Final between New Zealand and Australia. Wayne still finds time to be a practising barrister: his firm specialises in bribery and corruption which, as he has said in interview, "some might feel is quite apt!"

Meanwhile, in cycling, **Lewis Oliva** (03-10) won Gold at the British Cycling Championships in the men's sprint at the British Cycling National Track Championships, held in Manchester in September. Lewis was part of the Welsh team that gained success across sprint and endurance events.

The Lawson Keys National Rugby Awards were created by Zeus Events and endorsed by Chris Robshaw. On 2nd September seven hundred and fifty representatives from clubs around the country gathered in the famous Rose Room at Twickenham Stadium to celebrate and acknowledge rugby from the grass roots all the way to international level. For the first time ever there was an opportunity for clubs and schools to nominate champions of the game at all levels, coaches, players, grounds people and the thousands of individuals who contribute to the game of rugby union.

Monmouth School's 1st XV were nominated for school team of the year and **Ray Blight** (77-82) and **Eddie Butler** (67-75) were photographed at the stadium, just prior to taking their places at the School's table. Wellington College won. Ray said, "Maybe our chances weren't enhanced when the whole table declined to be upstanding and join the Chief Executive of the RFU in drinking to England's success at the forthcoming World Cup!"



IN LOCAL POLITICS

Councillor Brian Strong (51-56) has been elected Chairman of Monmouthshire County Council and will serve for the term 2015/16. A town councillor since 1997 and former mayor of Usk, his county role covered the Council's planning, licensing, and audit committees for six years, as well as the Economy and Development and Adult Select Committees. He has also chaired the Central Monmouthshire Area Committee.

Brian worked in engineering until his retirement in 1999. A keen sportsman, he played cricket for Newport Athletic Club before joining Usk Cricket Club in the early 1960s.

John Griffiths is requesting help from the older OMs. He has been contacted by the sister of **Patrick Turner** who was at Monmouth from 1959 (or 1960) until 1965 (or 1966). She is trying to put together a biography for his children. Does anyone have any knowledge of which crews he rowed in and/or did he take part in any of the early Home Internationals? The HIR started in 1962 on the Serpentine, until 1964. There was no regatta in '65 and it was at Monmouth in '66. Please contact John if you have any info or know of someone who might be able to help.

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OM DAY 20th June 2015



“ I said last year that “in my time as both an organiser and contact I have never known OM Day to be “sold out”. The web-site, however, proclaimed this to be the case again this year with the OMC wishing to give Keith Moseley and Steven Connors an appropriate “send-off” before their retirement, after many years of service to Monmouth School.



An excellent Chapel service saw the traditional exercising of voices by the usual uplifting hymns and a thoughtful and inspiring address by the School Chaplain. Coffee in the William Jones Building was followed by tour guides from VI1 showing OM's around the recently opened William Jones Building and individual requests to look at areas of the School with their own personal memories. What really strikes home is the modern educational environment that Monmouth School has now become, whilst retaining some of the older and well-remembered buildings that can be associated with most veteran old boys.

Lunch at the Sports Pavilion yet again was a credit to Neil Muir and his team. A convivial meal followed by amusing and reflective speeches, the OMC acknowledging the service given to the School by long-serving Head of Physics Keith Moseley, whose recollection on his time at Monmouth was both touching and sincere - many Old Boys relating to some of his more hair-raising stories!



Steven Connors' comments about his time as Headmaster were genuine and certainly heartfelt. Although heading off to the New Forest for a well-earned retirement, his intention to keep in touch with the School, and indeed with the OMC, confirmed the quite excellent relationship that Steven has had with the Club and the mutual benefit that has resulted. I can personally vouch for the fact that the OMC has been very generous in its financial support for the School and that is very much down to the positive interaction Steven has encouraged and nurtured over his tenure of 10 years. The standing ovation given to Stephen after his speech is a true reflection of the affection the Club has for him. We wish you and Liz the very best Steven, and as Henry Toulouse said to me on a draughty field at Blundells recently, enjoy no longer having your life “ruled by bells.”



An excellent day wasn't rounded off with the sound of leather on willow as the 1st XI managed to complete their fixture before the end of lunch. However, several School teams embarked on their annual fixture against King's College Taunton on the Sports fields as the lunch was completed.

Many thanks to the people who made the day special. Simon Dorman, the Second Master who, despite his busy schedule, was able to work with the OM administrator to take payments, create seating plans and organise Tour guides. Sharon Finch for her tireless organisation, and ability to ensure everything was “just right”. This is something she manages to achieve every year –thank you again Sharon; long may it continue! Many thanks to David Evans who, as he always does, took photos of the event and to “Ray” Blight who, as usual, is a calming influence ensuring all things run smoothly, especially stepping in to cover for the President, Anu Mohindru, who had unfortunately injured himself playing cricket earlier in the week. Thanks must also go to Stephen Edwards for his finely tuned archive on the School Common Room and the stories about his colleagues that he always delivers with such gusto!

A splendid day as usual – we look forward to seeing you all (and others) next year.”

Jamie Burn (74-78)



Director of PE, Dave Vickers, travelled, at 7am on a wet and miserable August Bank Holiday Monday, with the team organised by Old Boy, **Henry Palmer**. Drawn against a strong Warwick side, the OM's won a hard fought 30-minute match 5-3 and progressed to play Dulwich College in the next round. A tight game was lost 5-0, meaning a re-match against Warwick ensued in the knock-out stages. This time a comfortable 30-5 victory showed the progress made after a couple of matches and some light training!

The semi-final was against St John's Leatherhead and entailed reduced numbers of players due to them having several injuries. Monmouth were clearly the better side and the match was conceded by the opponents at half time. This resulted in the final being against St Benedict's Ealing, which Monmouth won 22-17 after extra time and sudden death!

160 minutes of competitive rugby took its toll on the players and immediate liquid refreshment was in order! The Boys won a cheque for £75 and several admirers for the way they played the game.

This was a very worthwhile tournament and thanks to the OM Club for paying the entry fees again this year and to Henry for all his efforts in putting together such a strong squad. Hopefully, we will be able to get a team together next year and retain the Bowl.

Squad:

Henry Palmer (Cpt), Tom Vickers, Oli Jones, Dom Callaghan, Will Callaghan –Monmouth player of the tournament, Benji John, Benji's brother! Adam Wheeler, Will Fisher, Jack Fountain, Rory Hammond, Tom James, Ieuan Jones, Jacob Butler, Lewis Johnson.

NATIONAL SUCCESS IN 2015 FOR THE OM CRICKET CLUB



2015 was another progressive and incredibly successful year for the Old Boys Cricket Club as they entwined social and competitive cricket, in an attractive fashion.

The cricket began with the traditional fixture against the School 1st XI. 2014 leaver and former 1st XI captain **Jack Aldous-Fountain** led the youthful OM's side as they batted first, posting an impressive 248 for 4 off just 41 overs. Graceful left-hander **Adarsh Aji** provided the backbone to the innings with 56, allowing the free-flowing and carefree **Gabriel Warwick** (55) and **Tom Vickers** (56) to plough ahead as the Old Boys charged towards 248. In defence of their target, the energetic **David Monk** and canny Aldous-Fountain picked up seven wickets between them as the School were bowled out for a very commendable 219 from



49.4 overs, with captain, **Ben Wellington** leading the response with a very good 63.

As the season moved into July, the OMs commenced their campaign in The Cricketer Trophy. This ultimately culminated on Sunday 9th August as the Old Monmothians defeated Old Hurst Jonians (Hurstpierpoint College, Sussex) by 191 runs to win The Cricketer Trophy at Gerrard's Cross CC in Buckinghamshire.

The Trophy tournament was formed in 2011 by the organisers of the renowned Cricketer Cup in an effort to expand participation and ultimately increase competition, with the aim of raising the overall standard. In time, teams that were successful in The Cricketer Trophy would push for a place in the main Cup competition.

In 2013 and 2014, the OMs went out in the first round to the respective winners, Lancing Rovers (Lancing College, Sussex) and Old Millfieldians (Millfield School). In 2015, the club were awarded a free pass to the quarter-final stage as Old Sennockians (Sevenoaks, Kent) forfeited the fixture. Old Millfieldians were the opposition at Monmouth and the favour was returned as the OMs romped to victory, chasing down 217 for the loss of just three wickets with 14 overs to spare. **Oliver James**, the mesmeric all-rounder, took 5 for 26 from his 10 overs and saw his side home with 52* supported admirably by the big heavier **Jon Denning** (69*). An away trip to the capital awaited the OMs in the semi-final as they faced Old Westminster's (Westminster School). Again the Club chased down the target of 143 in positive fashion on a difficult wicket, losing four wickets in the process with 20 overs remaining to advance to the final against Old Hurst Jonians at the neutral venue of Gerrard's Cross CC.

Hurst won the toss and rather surprisingly elected to bowl first on what was a very warm day in Bucks. The OMs proceeded to pile on the runs, with Glamorgan professional **Jeremy Lawlor** top scoring with a classy and at times belligerent 78. Jon Denning continued his fine hitting with the bat in smashing 76 off 52 balls, which included nine boundary fours and two sixes, while Oli James reaffirmed his

quality with a silky 67. After 49.3 overs, the Old Monmothians had posted an intimidating target of 322 all out. In reply, Hurst always struggled to keep up with the rate as the opening pair of Jon Denning and **Andrew Leering** bagged two wickets apiece. It was down to the wily left-arm spin of Gabriel Warwick to finish the opposition off as he finished with 4 for 33. Old Hurst Jonians were bowled out for 131 in 33.5 overs, which meant Old Monmothians were the winners by 191 runs, securing The Cricketer Trophy for the first time.

Following the jubilation of winning The Cricketer Trophy, the Old Boys concluded their 2015 season at the St Fagan's six-a-side tournament, which they won in 2014. Unfortunately, the



marquee players were still recovering from their exploits the week before, meaning squad depth was tested and ultimately exposed. By midday, the Club were already out of winning contention following two defeats and the pressure was on to restore some pride. Things went from bad to worse as the OMs went on to lose their next two games as **Simon Cope** struggled to find his length with the ball, while extreme caution and self-preservation with the bat from the likes of **Rhys Davies**, ensured a 100% losing record going into the final game of the day. Miraculously, the Old Boys managed to conjure an unlikely win at the last to restore a glimmer of credibility but more importantly the social throughout the day was of champion quality.

Played: 9 Won: 5 (including The Cricketer Trophy) Lost: 4
Abandoned: 2 88 Old Monmothians have represented the Club on the cricket field since 2010, ranging from 18 to 65-year-olds, and for the third year in a row the Cricket Club has contributed two tables to the OM London Dinner at Haberdashers' Hall.

Thanks must go to the OM Club for their generous support of the Cricket Club. Thank you to our reliable, supportive and top quality scorers **Craig Nicholson, Jan Herbert** and **Nigel Donovan**. Thank you to **Bob Park** and his ground-staff team for preparing the superb tracks we take for granted at Monmouth School and to **Neil Muir** and his catering team for the best lunches and teas on the school circuit. To keep up to date with all fixtures, results, socials and much more, please visit the Cricket Club's website (www.omcc1886.co.uk) as well as the Facebook group and Twitter page (@omcc1886). If you are interested in getting involved in a playing or social capacity for the Old Monmothians Cricket Club, please contact Tom Bevan at omcc1886@hotmail.co.uk.

OM Cricket Club Representatives 2015:

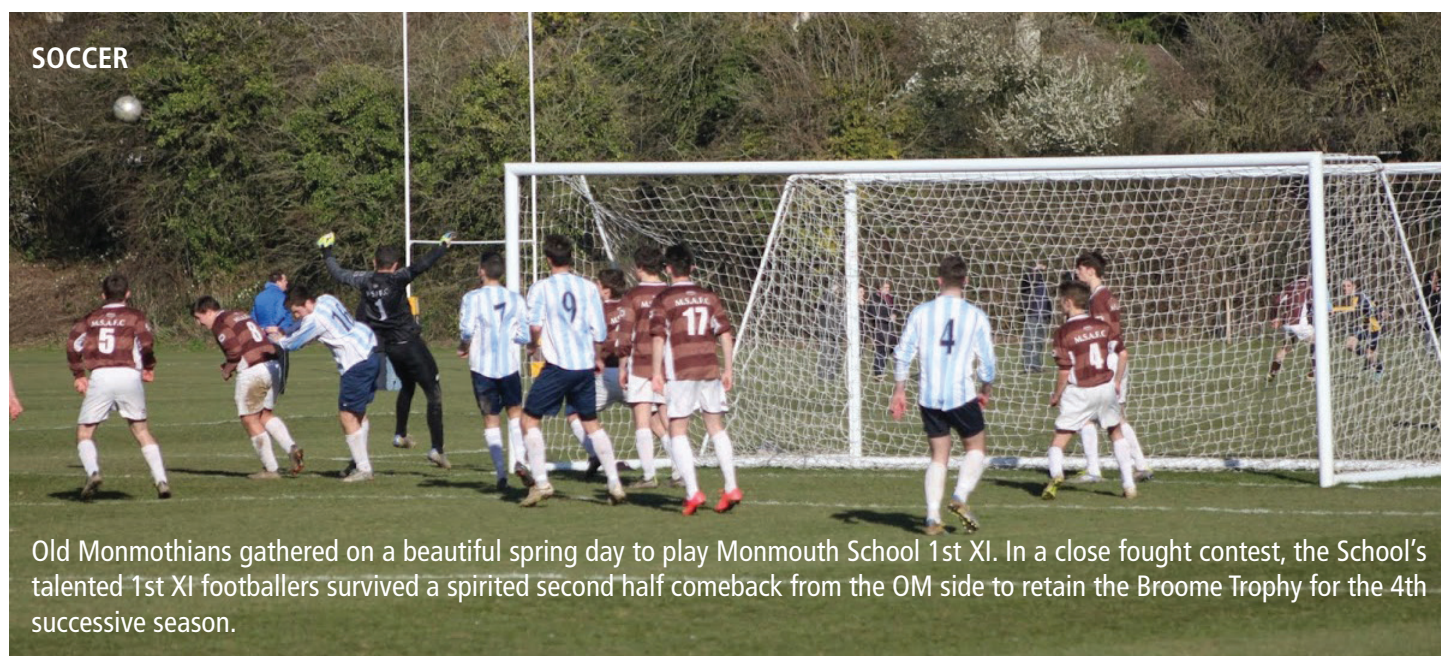
Adarsh Aji, Jack Aldous-Fountain, Amit Aswani, Tom Bevan, Simon Cope, William Rhys Davies, Jon Denning, Peter Downing, Kim Farley, Greg Fury, Stephen Greaves, Will Griffie, Oli James, Harry Johnson, Chris Lawlor, Jeremy Lawlor, George Lee, Andrew Leering, James Lewis, Mungo Matthews, David Monk, Craig Nicholson, Chaitanya Sanapala, Max Scarr, Tom Vickers, Bruno Warwick, Gabriel Warwick, Sebastian Warwick and Gareth Weatherall.

2010 to 2015 Batting Statistics:

Rank	Player	Games	Inns	Not Outs	Runs	High	Avg	50s	100s	Strike Rate
1	Sebastian Warwick	34	33	10	763	87	33.2	4	0	100.37
2	Jon Denning	14	12	2	485	84	48.5	5	0	108.74
3	Chris Lawlor	30	24	9	477	46	31.8	0	0	86.67
4	Oli James	24	18	5	456	67	35.1	4	0	88.05
5	Tom Bevan	29	22	9	422	57*	32.5	1	0	116.72
6	Adarsh Aji	9	8	1	281	131	40.1	1	1	79.2
7	Gabriel Warwick	14	11	6	243	55	48.6	1	0	102.88
8	Bruno Warwick	17	15	6	231	42	25.7	0	0	60
9	Andrew Leering	12	10	5	194	66	38.8	1	0	70.31
10	Jeremy Lawlor	7	7	4	187	78	62.3	1	0	96.81

2010 to 2015 Bowling Statistics:

Rank	Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best	Economy	SR	Average
1	Oli James	123.5	21	496	27	5 for 26	4.01	27.52	18.37
2	Gabriel Warwick	83.4	5	382	15	5 for 44	4.57	33.47	25.47
3	Findlay Williams	61	3	442	12	3 for 45	7.25	30.5	36.83
4	Jon Denning	56.2	8	267	15	3 for 12	4.74	22.53	17.8
5	Andrew Leering	48	7	235	7	2 for 27	4.9	41.14	33.57
6	Alec Backhouse	44.2	4	214	18	3 for 38	4.83	14.78	11.89
7	Gareth Weatherall	34	1	193	5	2 for 55	5.68	40.8	38.6
8	Chris Lawlor	32	2	183	18	4 for 11	5.72	10.67	10.17
9	David Monk	29.3	3	134	7	4 for 34	4.54	25.29	19.14
10	Jack Aldous-Fountain	29	2	198	8	3 for 42	6.83	21.75	24.75



Old Monmothians gathered on a beautiful spring day to play Monmouth School 1st XI. In a close fought contest, the School's talented 1st XI footballers survived a spirited second half comeback from the OM side to retain the Broome Trophy for the 4th successive season.

SHOOTING

The OMSC completed its sixth full year cycle with an AGM held on the veranda of the North London Rifle Club on the evening of Ashburton Day (Thursday 9th July). The health of the School and absent colleagues was toasted, followed by the fostering of the spirit of the Club's objectives: to support target shooting as a sport at the School, within the OM community and facilitate its reintroduction at the School when practically possible.

The Club "mail list" has increased by a couple of heads once more during the year and we continue to track down a few more "lost souls" to the Shooting fraternity. Please expound the virtues of the Club to any colleagues who may have pulled a trigger at some time in their varied career history (this should include all ex-CCF members who are more than welcome to join with us).

The training sessions were rather thin on the ground this year, due to incapacity of The Secretary, but we can resume with vigour ready for the 2016 season. The practices have certainly paid dividends on "The Day" of the Public Schools' Veterans, which sees a depreciating number of schools participating every year.

This year, we again fielded two teams of 5, though it was unfortunate that on the day, with 9 shooters turning out, the 'B' team was somewhat lacking.

Despite the now traditional humour and "sledging" creeping in to the day, dedicated coaching and some seriously strong shooting led to the 'A' Team 231.18 (235.16 record 2014 - a record in V bulls, however) placing us 30th (26th out of 45 (47) teams entered. The B team score of 167.4 (165.9) placed us 28th (26) ex 30 (28).

A top gun score of 48.4 was taken by **Chris Jones** on countback of five bulls from **Colin Waldron**, who achieved the same exact score of 48.4. Colin went on to once again add a number of bars

to his NRA Medal in the ensuing Imperial Meeting and his 8th consecutive Welsh XX cap for the esteemed National competition against the old foes of the Home Countries. It is worthy of note that our sister school of Old Haberdashers' scored 235.24 in the 'A' team and 188.7 for the 'B' team – a "rollover" target for next year is to better them.

A few stalwarts still appeared at the Oxfordshire open meeting, in October, led by Chris Jones, who has once more excelled in the prize lists – well done Chris. We have also formed an associateship with the South Wales County Rifle Association, thanks to **Mike Mears**. It is now possible to achieve Shooting practice closer to home for many of our members and I anticipate a take up of this opportunity in the coming season.

The small-bore story continues, with solid shooting in the BSSRA postal championship for The Fletcher Cup, where we once more fielded two teams. The challenge to the Secretary, was to get all the cards back on time, the result of a team score of 474 (482 last year) placing us 5th (4th) ex 12 (15) entrants - a score which we know we can improve upon. We were beaten once more by three Old Victorians teams and the Old Elizabethans. For the second time we entered a 'B' Team, and came 11th out of 12 with a score of 372 (364), again with only four firers. A fifth scoring 90 would have placed the 'B' team one place behind the 'A' team! This year's entrants are about to be selected. We have some challenges ahead to knock the old Victorians of their perch, to which they have been nailed for a number of years. Congratulations to the whole team, who are now training hard for this year! The results have been added to the website <http://www.bssra.org/vets.html#11>

For further information please contact Colin Waldron on Colin.Waldron1@ntlworld.com

Finally, it is with bowed heads that we record the passing of **Brian Margrett** (below left), a stalwart OM and inspiration to the shooting fraternity over many years. The OMSC was suitably represented at his service of remembrance. We will miss you Brian.



BOAT CLUB

At Henley Regatta, **Quentin Soanes** (68-73) christened a new School quad, for which he had generously donated half the cost.



Head of the River Race

The 2014-2015 season has been a successful one for OMBC. This year we raced for the first ever time at Head of the River Race, coming in the top half, then raced at Monmouth Regatta but unfortunately lost to Monmouth School's 1st VIII.



On the 29th March 2015 OMBC sent its first ever VIII to the prestigious Head of the River Race. Here we raced as a scratch crew over a distance of 4.25 miles. We posted a respectable 176th from 326 crews. The race was extremely tough with some difficult conditions. The crew did well to hold off a charge from a number of good crews early on with the first half being a quick and good row.

During the second half the lack of training together began to show but heads kept up and there was a big push to the line.

It was a great way to start the season, showing that we can field crews at a high level event and be competitive. It was great to get back together as OMs and race, and at the post-race de-brief in the pub we decided to press for racing at these bigger races and target Henley Royal Regatta 2016.

Ross Regatta

More recently we raced at Ross Regatta over the August bank holiday, where we one pointless 8's. The regatta was divided into two pools, in which everyone raced everyone, over 750m. And on day two the top two, in each pool, would progress to the semi-finals. The first round saw us take on a strong Stratford-upon-Avon crew, all sporting their university kit, which included some very high level crews. We narrowly won by a seat. This was a definite shock to the system for some of the boys, with a number not rowing for a number of years.



The second race was against the University College London. This was an important race as one of our members, **Harri Oliva** goes to UCL. There was no need to worry as from the start we gained a seat within the first few strokes, then quickly pressed out a commanding lead. The final race of the day was against a sharp looking Worcester Rowing Club crew. This again was a tight race with us just pushing out into a lead and winning the race.

On the Monday, we saw a change in personnel with **Rhys Major** being replaced by **Hugo Tyres**. We opened the racing against UCL's 2nd VIII. This should have been a straightforward win, but we did not make it easy for ourselves. Nonetheless, it was a good warm up for the tougher final against a very strong City of Bristol crew. Four of their crew raced at Henley Royal Regatta, three were

in a quad which went to Henley qualifiers. The final member was from Oxford Brookes, known to be the top rowing university in the UK. We were extremely fired up for the race knowing we had to have our best race and a clean start, which was our weakest part. The flag dropped and we pressed off with our cleanest start yet, holding Bristol. Coming through the bridge, our cox **Gabriel Cronin** called a push and the crew responded with a big lift, pushing our bows in front. We kept pressing home our advantage, gaining almost a length. With 300m left Bristol started to push back, we responded lifting the rate and managed to hold them to an eventual win. This was a very tough race with the crew putting in a monumental effort. It was a very good weekend. A thank you must go to **John Griffiths** for lending us a boat again and driving it up to Ross.

Mark Lewis

The Crew:

Cox: Gabriel Cronin (2015), Stroke: Mark Lewis (2010), 7: James Robinson (2010), 6: Freddie Dewey (2015), 5: Robbie Hughes (2012), 4: Harri Oliva (2012), 3: Sam Kerr (2013), 2: Rhys Major (2011), Hugo Tyres (2011), Box: Louis Pearce (2015).

The future plan is to try and send a strong VIII to Henley Royal Regatta, whilst entering big races throughout the year. It is an exciting time to be a part of OMBC.



Phil Matthew Invitation Cup

The Phil Mathew Invitation now has a trophy – a claret jug -which was presented for the 1st time this year: Colin Moynihan has kindly contributed to its purchase.

After just over 10 years since re-forming the club from its dormant period I have decided to formally step down as Captain as most of rowing time is now consumed with coaching the junior ladies at Maidstone Invicta RC. I will elevate myself to (Re)Founder status to join Andrew Williams as Founder. Since the reformation, Al Butler has been ably assisting so he has kindly agreed to step up to Captain. I hope that Mark Lewis will accept the role of Vice ...Captain (1980 onwards) and Gordon Ellis (aka Elmer) will accept the role of Vice Captain (1979 backwards!). The club is in its strongest position ever, with brilliant support from OM HQ, Monmouth School RC and John Griffiths, and a flow of boys actively seeking out and joining OMBC as they leave school. My work is done! I will, of course, still be seen in chocolate and white kit as often as I can.

Cheers **James Knight** (82-89, Captain OMBC 03-15)

GOLF

Edward Harries Cup

Normally played first week in October - we need an OMC Golf representative - position vacant!

This is a social competition between Old Boys of Welsh (loosely speaking) Public Schools Brecon, Llandovery, Ruthin, Rydal, Dean Close, Hereford, Monmouth and Wycliffe. Any OMs who are interested in organising the OM team for this event please email oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org

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2016 OMC EVENTS

Cardiff Dinner Friday 15th January 2016 Cardiff & County Club: ticket - £35pp contact: abhimohindru1980@gmail.com

OM Day Saturday 25th June 2016 Monmouth School: ticket - £20pp contact: jamiemprior2003@yahoo.co.uk

Henley Dinner Saturday 3rd September 2016 Henley Leander Club:

ticket - £47pp contact: mounscons@thamesinternet.com

London Dinner November date and price tbc contact: stevenorris@hotmail.co.uk

Monmouth in London – First Wednesday of every month – see website for updates.



CHOIR AND STRINGS TOUR

*Extracts from a letter to the President from David Lawson,
Director of Music*

“ Dear Dr Mohindru

...Avignon was hot but the church was ancient and cool and our first concert was well-received, not only by the audience but also by local TV, which covered the event. Our appearance was part of the Avignon Festival and the city was buzzing with life. We had been invited to supper in the house of one of the organizers and didn't really know what to expect. The organizers turned out to be the Compté and Comtesse de Cameret and their house an eighteenth-century palazzo. We sang for our supper afterwards in their courtyard.

...in the cathedral of Aix-en-Provence as part of the Festival, the other Festival concert that night being Simon Rattle and the LSO. The boys sang and played exceptionally well to a large audience, particularly **Rui** and **Matty's** solo in Stanford's *The Blue Bird*.



Carcassonne, and a rehearsal in the Basilica of the walled city for Mass ... as so often when in a foreign language, was a slightly baffling experience but the priest was welcoming and **Jordan Wong** played the famous eighteenth-century Puget/Cavaille-Coll organ, at the end of Mass.

...Toulouse (where) rather to everyone's surprise, the large and resonant church was filled by an equally large audience (350?) who were extremely appreciative of the excellent performance by the choir, including **Osian** and **Michael**'s rendition of the solo in *The Blue Bird*. The strings had been trained up by Mrs. Greenwood and they too gave their best performance of the tour, playing a Haydn Quartet and accompanying the choir in *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring* and the opening of Vivaldi's *Gloria*. At the end of the performance the audience clapped until the boys came back on, and we gave an encore - the last time that **William Underwood**, **Gabriel Cronin**, **Ben Winchester** and **Jordan Wong** sang with the choir. The choir deserved their standing ovation.

Our final day, Bastille Day, was spent enjoying the sights and sounds of a packed Carcassonne, full of people all waiting for the same thing; the No. 1 fireworks in France...in the evening (we) made our way down into town to join the other 750,000 other people who had made their way there. It got dark, the street lighting was put out, and we were treated to thirty minutes of extraordinary fireworks over the mediaeval city walls, a sight to be remembered.

Allow me please to re-iterate my thanks to the Club for their practical and financial support. These trips really do stay in the memory of the pupils participating in them for many decades to come. ”



COLD WAR AND POST-COLD WAR EUROPEAN INTER-RAIL TRIP

by **Alex Buhaenko** (2010-15) with Toby Duncan and Tom Thorley

This is an abbreviated account of Alex's very detailed report to the Club.

“Zagreb is regimented and functional, but predominantly bleak and grey. No walls were free from graffiti tags and street art, but St Mark's Cathedral is a breath-taking piece of architecture. (We visited) a local torture museum which contains a replica 'iron crown' and mannequin of the revolutionary leader Marija Gubec who, in 1573, was executed for his part in the Croatian–Slovenian peasant revolts. (I found this fascinating) since my A Level history course work was spent discussing how revolutionary movements failed at the hands of powerful governments in Britain between 1760 and 1860!

Budapest is a starkly different city to Zagreb. Bustling avenues and busy plazas give the city an enjoyable buzz and it is easy to navigate...The wall opposite our accommodation was peppered with bullet holes and had entire chunks torn from it. The consequences of the attempted revolution against Soviet occupation in 1956 were explicit and around every corner. The House of Terror, a museum dedicated to the occupation of Budapest and Hungary, compares occupation of both Nazi Germany and

the Soviet Union since the Second World War up to 1989. The museum is built around the old Soviet headquarters and preserves the prison reserved for political prisoners.

(We) walked to the top of the Buda castle and then took a tour of the 'Hospital in the mountain'. Built prior to the Second World War in Buda's natural cave systems, it was used predominantly during the siege of Budapest to provide emergency care to soldiers and, during the 1956 attempted revolution, for resistance fighters. As prospective medical students we found it very interesting to see how medical technology had developed since the Cold War.

En route to **Prague**, we were joined by a friendly Austrian man who had grown up in Germany. We spoke about current European affairs, and it was interesting to hear a European perspective on how Britain is perceived by the international community.

The city (initially) seemed fairly bleak and unremarkable. That opinion immediately changed when we got to the old town. The main square, where the medieval astronomical clock is based, was bustling. In the evening we walked across the ancient Charles Bridge, which in our text books was pictured with the Red Army marching across it, following the end of the Second World War. On our way back to our hostel, we found a metal bust of Winston Churchill – its significance was unknown to us.

Dresden. Finally in Germany, the place I was looking forward to the most, we boarded the Dresden internal train - a double-decker, air-conditioned and spotlessly clean. The National War Museum covers German history, from 400AD to 1900: the two exhibits about German involvement in the First and Second World Wars, and then the Cold War period, were fascinating. The first exhibit presented German involvement in a light not often seen by non-nationals. Specifically, the collection of photographs of young men contrasting how optimistic they looked before they left their homes to fight in the First World War as opposed to the haunted faces on their return. The Second World War part of the exhibition focuses on the annihilation of Dresden by the RAF and allied forces. Our flying visit ended with us wandering around the rebuilt old town and through the 'Staatliche Kunstsammlungen', where we sampled our first 'curry wurst'.

In **Berlin** our accommodation was only a few streets from the busy Alexanderplatz Square, and once we had checked in we walked the short distance to the Brandenburg Gate, on to the holocaust memorial and then into the car park which was the site of Hitler's bunker. It was fitting, we thought, that something as unremarkable and ugly as a dirt ground reserved for cars was



the fast food franchise? We continued our ride to the Eastern gallery block of the wall, to see the famous 'kiss' of Brezhnev and Honecker. Where everyone else had added their own personal touches to the wall, I inscribed a small heart with the initials



the final resting place for the icon of twentieth century evil.

The following day we hired bikes and cycled the length of the Berlin wall to Checkpoint Charlie – today it plays host to hundreds of tourists, selfy-ing with guards. It was particularly funny how a McDonalds had been built next to the break in the wall – what is more iconic of western capitalist imperialism than

'JMH' –a memento to the teacher who had nurtured my interests in this topic since September of last year. We made friends with a Croatian man called Denito who (told us) how in the former Yugoslavia, under communism, his family had the opportunity to build their own home, and everyone had the opportunity to work and collectively help their local community. He felt that education and healthcare was better than it is with Croatia within the EU.



The following day we cycled to the East German Stasi museum, previously headquarters to the secret police. In East Germany, 2 out of 100 adults worked for them, and to this day it is the largest intelligence agency on record, with nearly 100,000 people employed to maintain authoritarian rule. Passive methods of control such as opening letters sent to West Germany, tapping phone and telegram lines along with bugging apartments were all displayed, and the level of invasion of personal privacy was staggering.

The Dutch terraced houses of **Amsterdam** and The Hague, along the canals are fantastic; every bridge we crossed was in many ways the same as the last, but slightly different. We visited Vondel Park and the Van Gogh museum.

The Hague (is) a quiet and beautiful city, like Amsterdam but with far fewer tourists and plenty more Dutch nationals. We took a tour around the Dutch Parliament building, visited the National Gallery to see the famous 'Girl with a Pearl Earring', and the Palace of Peace - ironically built a matter of years before the outbreak of World War One. Just around the corner from this is the 'Europol' building, which we understood was the heart of international co-operation against crime.

In the afternoon we boarded the Thaly's high speed train to **Paris**, which only a few weeks later was the scene of an attempted terrorist attack. Within a matter of minutes of arriving in Gard du Nord station, we registered the presence of armed police and the French military. Seeing the Louvre and Eiffel Tower illuminated at night was fantastic and the following day we made it to the Arc de Triomphe, before getting ready to board our Eurostar back to London St Pancras.

I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity that I have been given this summer. It has consolidated and developed my interest in modern European history, and has allowed me to reflect on international

and geopolitical events from specific national perspectives. I was also incredibly privileged to be able to visit cities with such historical influence, and to appreciate how events unfolded, in person. I had the opportunity to meet exciting new people, listen to their stories and hear their experiences. However, the single most important thing I will retain from this trip is witnessing the living history, by seeing the flow of asylum seekers beginning to ebb across Europe. I have no doubt that future generations will never forget the significance of these past months, and I hope that we as a country and international community will not look back with regret on our involvement with helping families and individuals seeking a safe haven for their future.”

A VIEW FROM THE TOP



Having deferred his place at university, **Henry Lee** spent six months working (and sight-seeing) in Japan: he also managed to take in Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia.



“I will remember Japan for the powder snow – up to 1metre of fresh snow a night! Skiing in Europe will never be the same...

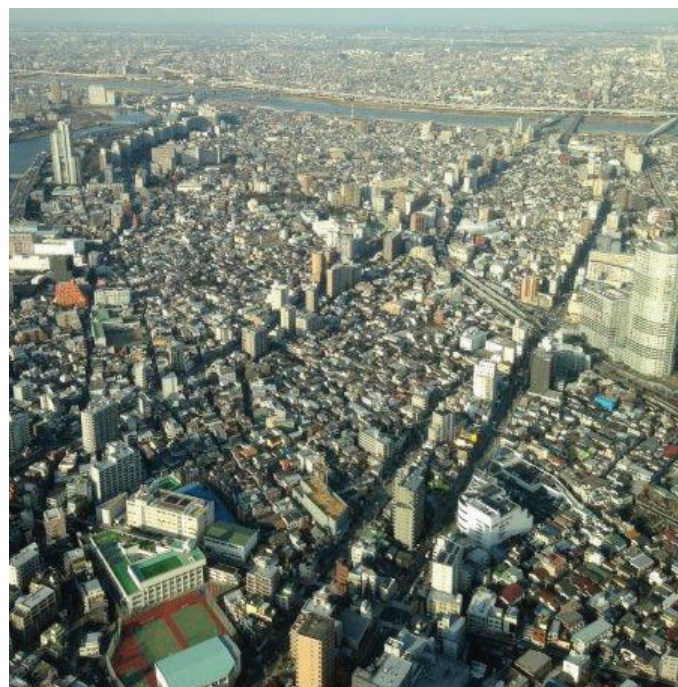
'Free' skiing days included a trip to Mount Tanigawadake, also known as 'The Mountain of Death (more deaths than Everest)) - one of the best powder resorts in the world with a snow base over 6m! I took the long gondola to the 'top' of the mountain, then up one of the two chair lifts at the resort. No pisted slopes here.... Skied along the top of the ridge, 1,000m sheer drop to one side, then skied down the other! 'Dropped in' to over 1000m of vertical, with wide open faces and tree runs all with waist deep powder! Repeated until early afternoon when the avalanche risk was too high.

Working as an English-speaking ski instructor in Japan I met and taught adults and children from all over Asia; Bangladesh, Mongolia, Taiwan, Thailand, Korea and a lot more. I only had one reportable accident, excluding the accidental loss of the President of Mongolia on the slopes. Most of these people have been charming, their English normally poor, and seldom are they good skiers.

Teaching skiing can be the best job going at times, but when you have a difficult client it's a very long two hours. Engaging with a Taiwanese couple, on the 10-minute gondola ride up to the slopes, I quickly realised their English was only marginally better than my Taiwanese! I asked "Do you play any sports?" The reply was something along the lines of "I don't do sport!" This was a fairly typical response.

There were only 15 foreigners in the whole resort (8 in our flat) – therefore we were fully integrated into all aspects of the local Japanese society and culture. My limited command of Japanese

was gained during many a night in a local *izakaya* enjoying a variety of local dishes and experiencing Karaoke - a Japanese excuse for late night socialising. The Japanese enjoy a drink but have a surprisingly low tolerance to alcohol, as I realised when helping to lift the resort CEO up off the floor!



My overall impressions of Japan: very welcoming, hugely polite and respectful, unbelievably clean, completely and utterly different, culturally fascinating – and absolutely brilliant snow.

My sincere thanks to the Old Monmothian Club for providing me with a travel scholarship that helped make this possible.”

STANDING ORDERS

Many of our Standing Order payers have supported the Monmothian Charitable Trust by converting their donations through Gift Aid declarations and are now benefactors of the Trust. The response has been very encouraging, and of course provides additional income via tax refunds from the Inland Revenue. It is hoped that all Standing Order payers will convert their donations to Gift Aid, thus enabling us to further assist pupils in a variety of different and meaningful ways.

In addition to the foregoing reports, MCT Awards during the last 18 months have included:

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- MSRC £187.50 •Travel Award £250.00 •MS Music Tour £3,600.00 •MS Kayak Trip £1,200.00
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From original pencil drawings - a set of 4 prints from pencil drawings by Darren Ray, who left school in 1989 and is pursuing a career in Fine Art. They were acquired for the School with money generously donated by Mr G R Fox, Master of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers (86-87), for the purchase of works of art by boys at Monmouth.

FROM THE OM SCRAPBOOK



WEIRHEAD REUNION MARCH 2015



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



HENRY TOULOUSE STUDYING FORM AT 1st XV MATCH



HENLEY DINNER 2015

Left to right: Gabriel Cronin; Freddie Dewey; Louis Peace;
Josh Gibson; Mr & Mrs Cronin; David Peace



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