



# THE MONMOTHIAN CHARITABLE TRUST

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## STANDING ORDERS

Many of our Standing Order payers have now supported the Monmothian Charitable Trust by converting their donations through Gift Aid declarations and are now benefactors of the Trust. The response has been 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.

## Re-establishing CONNECTIONS

The Club has launched 'Connections at Monmouth' - a new online service for those with an association with Monmouth School where you can register, book and pay for events, search for contemporaries and soon make donations securely. It has been set up in anticipation of the 400th Anniversary year in 2014.

Alumni page:  
[www.oldmonmothians.co.uk/omalumni](http://www.oldmonmothians.co.uk/omalumni)

The Club is also on  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

### Old Monmothians get everywhere!

Over the past few weeks I have had the good fortune to travel, in very different groups, to both Paris and Rome, supporting the Welsh rugby team. We took the Eurostar to Paris. Upon arrival at St Pancras at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, I suddenly became aware of what might be termed a "traditionally dressed" Welsh fan. You know the type - chunky build, dark hair, pale complexion, long red and white scarf knitted by his gran, red and white bobble hat, embroidered leeks on his jacket and bearing a six foot home-made leek. Yes, you've guessed it, bore da, **Nathan Meadows** (81-88), native of Abergavenny, once of Mon House, now a successful City trader.

In Rome, I encountered a younger OM at about 3 in the morning in the Botticella bar, just off Piazza Navona. He will forgive me for not recalling his name. He won't remember mine. But we chatted for 20 minutes about Members of the Common Room and fierce matches against Llandovery before parting and vowing to meet again at an OM event. I met up on that trip with my Best Man, **Stuart McDonald** (80-87), now of Madrid, property developer and occasional guest on Rhod Gilbert's Radio Wales show. We have been firm friends for three quarters of our lives. Such are the friendships made at Monmouth School.

Upon my return from the Eternal City, I had some personal good news. I was to be appointed as a QC. My name will move up on the board outside Chambers. The QC whose name appears above mine will be **David Evans QC** (75-82), Weirhead epicurean, former Head of School, and star of *Guys & Dolls* c.1981. Old Monmothians get everywhere!

The Old Monmothian Club is in fine health. Events in 2012 were very well attended, with differing groups attending each event. Reports of those events appeared in the Monmothian. (If you no longer receive the Monmothian, that is because you do not contribute a modest sum to either the Monmothian Charitable Trust or the Old Monmothian Club - please contribute and fill in the Standing Order form accompanying this Newsletter; you will not regret it.)

The Club has given strong support to the new Development Office set up by the School in 2012. A new database is in the process of being set up. To this end, may I exhort each of you to complete and return the enclosed questionnaire, and to register on the new Connections at Monmouth site. A recurring problem of communication lies in the fact that OMs often leave



their parents' address as the default address for postal missives, with the result that many do not hear about events until it is too late. Please supply your email addresses in particular.

The Club also gives its strong support to the new Monmouth Schools' Charitable Trust, created at the instigation of the Development Office to provide an over-arching and tax efficient vehicle for substantial fund-raising at, initially, Monmouth School, and, hopefully in due course, HMSG. Readers may be reassured to know that OMs constitute a majority of the Trustees of this newly created Trust.

What then of 2013? Well, after an excellent Cardiff Dinner on 8th February, we move to a fun-packed Summer of numerous events. Thursday 6th June sees a dinner with partners at the Hotel du Vin in Birmingham, targeted at those living and working locally.

Old Monmothian Day takes place on Saturday 22nd June. This will be a particularly special OM Day as we welcome as our guests, at lunch in the Pavilion, James ("Fred") Hartley and Cathy Hartley, the Common Room's longest-serving married couple, who have racked up combined service to Monmouth School of approximately 60 years! They will both be retiring from the Common Room a fortnight later, so it would be lovely if as many of their former pupils/rugby players/House members as possible were able to attend. Those who attended OM Day 2012 to bid farewell to John McEwan will recall what an enriching, enjoyable and emotional day this is.

The OM Club is having a ball. No, we really are having a Ball! On Saturday 6th July 2013, the night of Speech Day, the Club will be hosting a Ball in the marquee on the School lawn (Please see the advertisement on Page 7). We are extending the invitation to leavers, parents, friends, staff and former pupils of both

Monmouth School and HMSG, so you will need to be quick off the mark with your ticket applications to avoid disappointment, numbers being strictly limited. This Ball is not intended to be a fundraiser but a vibrant social event, so we have endeavoured to keep ticket prices down and have subsidised the under 25s very substantially. There will be much dancing...

Last year Jo and I attended the OM Henley Dinner at Leander Club for the first time. What a wonderful event! Boosted by the attendance of a marvellous group of recent School leavers, those present (partners very much in attendance) enjoyed the very special atmosphere of Leander as the Thames drifted past. There is delightful accommodation at Leander and ample other accommodation in Henley, so please make a special effort to come along on Saturday 7th September 2013. We are hoping to be able to welcome **Robin Williams MBE**, OM and rowing coach par extraordinaire, as our guest speaker.

Friday 11th October 2013 sees OMs, an increasingly youthful band on the whole, make for Haberdashers' Hall for our London Dinner. The fact that last year there were two 45 year olds on my table complaining that they were the sixth and seventh oldest at the event (out of 80 attendees - **Steve Norris** wants to make it 100 in 2013) will give you a flavour of just what a lively evening this can be. We are hoping to be able to welcome **Wayne Barnes**, OM, international rugby referee and barrister, to speak at the London Dinner.

There are other more informal gatherings scheduled. The 1969 rowers, displaying a spectacular degree of enthusiasm, are reuniting back in Monmouth on Saturday 26th May 2013. An outing on the Wye is part of the festivities. Please see the website and/or contact our OM Club Administrator, Sharon Finch, at Monmouth School for details of any of the above events.

May I conclude by thanking the dinner organisers, the Club's Officers and the Executive Committee, who give up huge amounts of time to ensure the continued prosperity of the Old Monmothian Club.

2014 is going to be a spectacular year for Monmouth School. Let us ensure that 2013 gives us a marvellous lead-in to the quatercentenary!

I send my very best wishes to you all.

*Richard Booth (80-87)*

## NEWS UPDATES

**400th Anniversary** - memorabilia request for Exhibition in Shire Hall in June 2014 [www.oldmonmothians.co.uk/news](http://www.oldmonmothians.co.uk/news)  
A commemorative book is being compiled by Stephen Edwards.

### Shooting - the Club is seeking new recruits

Contact Colin Waldron [www.oldmonmothians.co.uk/shooting](http://www.oldmonmothians.co.uk/shooting)

**Golf secretary required** [www.oldmonmothians.co.uk/golf](http://www.oldmonmothians.co.uk/golf)

### 1969 Rowing Reunion [www.oldmonmothians.co.uk/rowing](http://www.oldmonmothians.co.uk/rowing)

This is an informal event, being organised by Gordon 'Elmer' Ellis (OM). Charles Wiggin will be there and, perhaps, Mark Hayter (MS Rowing coach – Olympian from 1976). Robin Williams and Lord Colin Moynihan have also been invited. Provisional Crews are: VIII Cox: Dave (Ali) Palmer, Stroke: Brian Bamford, 7: Stewart Jackson, 6: Charlie Wiggin, 5: To be Confirmed – waiting on David Lowe, 4: Mike O'Donovan, 3: Gordon Ellis, 2: Mark Zygadlo, Bow: Graham Winterbottom IV from Mike Butler, Paul King, Rob Petersen, Robin Gardner, Hugh Morris  
Re-union: Dick Jones, Chris Sproson, Paul Marsden, Roger Wass, Stephen Williams, Rolf Norfolk, Paul Feldwick, Ian Clipstone, John Hartland.  
Plus Ray Blight (Hon Sec OM), James Knight (Capt OM Rowing)

## MEMORIES

Iain Dewar sent in these photos of the School's 1962 production of *Iolanthe*.



Above - the principals: left to right:- Stanley Stevens (Head of Modern Languages): *Mountarat*, Phil Matthew (English master, later Weirhead Housemaster): *Private Willis*, Mrs Gill (wife of retired Maths master and librarian): *Fairy Queen*, J Eadie: *Strephon*, PJ Worsnip: *Iolanthe*, RH Hatton (Second Master, School House Housemaster): *Lord Chancellor*, Mrs Glover (Headmaster's wife): *Iolanthe*, Jimmy Rogers (subsequently Head of School): *Tolloller*, AJ Gordon: *Celia* (or possibly Leila).



Above - the fairies - drawn from 1st, 2nd and 3rd Forms:-  
*Back row, left to right:* Turner, J Robertson, Andrew (AJS) Burnett, Mrs Gill, Graham (AG) Hamilton, AJ Dew, Keith Jarrett, AJ Gordon.  
*Front row, left to right:* Iain Dewar, A Burdett, Andrew Willis, Simon Willis (or just possibly vice versa), Nick (NJ) Evans, Sewell, Nick Eveleigh, Tim Eveleigh (sons of the conductor/Music Master, Mike Eveleigh), Parry (a son of the History Master, RA Parry), Davies. The pictures were taken in the Rolls Hall, which was being used because the Assembly Hall was not ready.

This fine collection of fairies created mayhem at the dress rehearsal in front of an audience largely drawn from HMSG (massively chaperoned of course) when, whilst tripping hither, tripping thither in an intersecting loop, Andrew Willis fell over by accident or design, brought down someone else, and rolling out the way created a moving obstacle to others.

Other noteworthy bits; Mike Eveleigh's evident distaste for G&S: Patrick Worsnip desperately pumping air into his lungs by repeatedly driving his elbows into his side: "Billy" Hatton's athletic somersaults in his second act trio with Tolloller and Mountarat - amazing for anyone, never mind a man who had, I think, passed 50: my trepidation at the possible consequences of having nearly speared Mrs Glover with my wand (embarrassment only exceeded when she caught me stuffing two pairs of rolled socks down the front of my rather loose bodice before a performance of *The Pirates of Penzance*: "I don't think that will be necessary" she said, lowering her eyes.)

**Robin Gardner** (62-69) came across this photo of the Lord Mayor of London (who was a Haberdasher) at the 350th celebrations. He was also opening the new pavilion and "Weirhouse Head" - as he announced it!



## NEWS OF OMs

**Bruce Abrahams** (1954-59) "There does not seem much of a market for such ageing OMs as myself - though I am glad to see how well the School is flourishing. In my day it was fairly rough and ready, but under the then Head, Rev. Cullingford, had a very liberal yet morally sound ethos - that fostered independence of view alongside respect for self-discipline and the well-being of the School community. I joined the OMs only recently, largely because there is an OB I'd quite like to trace - his name is **Robert (Bob) Maggs** - same dates as myself. For myself, I went to Birmingham University and have had an amusing career in advertising and management consultancy, about which I only boast to my children. I now live in North Cornwall and write slightly scurrilous novels under a pseudonym."

**Ivor Berry** (1954-61) studied at St Luke's College, Exeter and was capped for Wales Schools' Under 19s in 1961. He was selected as reserve for the Wales Triple Crown Team of 1964-65.

Ivor played County rugby for Monmouthshire and North Midlands, in addition to Club rugby for Newport, Ebbw Vale, Pontypool and Monmouth.

A former PE Teacher, he played for and trained Monmouth RFC, then founded Monmouth Fitness Club and has run training sessions, two nights each week, at the original and the existing Monmouth School Gymnasium, since 1973.

The circuit training for the Fitness Club was originally started by Ivor and **Leigh Thomas** (1953-57) but when Leigh was unable to continue, Ivor continued to conduct the training.

A dinner celebrating 40 years of the Club was held at the Shire Hall on Friday 25th January and attended by 65 guests, comprising past and current participants, and was very much enjoyed and appreciated by all.



**Andrew Campbell** (89-93) runs a law firm specialising in motorcycle accident compensation claims (serious and catastrophic injuries). The firm is based in Llantwit Major and was a finalist in last year's Law Society Excellence Awards. Andrew is legal expert and columnist to *Motorcycle News* (MCN), the world's leading motorcycle weekly publication and

also legal expert to Welsh Bikers. Married to Hanna (July 2011) they have 4 dogs and 2 horses. He's still best friends with the **Gill twins** (Max and Jason - Weirhead and New House respectively, both 91-93). Jason runs an advertising agency in Cardiff and Max works for Savills in Mexico. Andrew would be interested to meet up with the Weirhead boys of passing-out year '93 for a catch up - email [andrew@bikelawyer.co.uk](mailto:andrew@bikelawyer.co.uk)



**Andy Ingham** left Monmouth in 1994, having also attended The Grange, and was sponsored by the Royal Navy to read Mechanical Engineering at Southampton University before joining the Service in 1997. After initially training as a Marine Engineering Officer he transferred to the Warfare Branch and commenced his first job as the Navigating Officer of a Minesweeper, HMS CHIDDINGFOLD, in 2000. Further navigating jobs saw him deploy to the Baltic, Mediterranean and Far East in a number of different ships through to late 2003. He was appointed senior warfare officer and ships programmer, firstly in the frigate HMS CHATHAM and then the destroyer HMS EDINBURGH from 2007 to 2009 in the South Atlantic, the Mediterranean, the Middle and Far East.

His first 'shore-based' job was as a Staff Officer on the Afghanistan Operations Team in the UK's Military Headquarters in Northwood, which included a period in the UK Brigade Headquarters in Lashkar Gah (Helmand Province, Afghanistan) working for the British Military Commander during Op HERRICK 11.

Andy was subsequently selected for Command of a warship and over an 18-month period was the Commanding Officer of a Minesweeper Crew, during which he completed a 7-month deployment in the Arabian Gulf with HMS MIDDLETON. Most recently he was selected for further Command and joined HMS DIAMOND as the Commanding Officer in early February.

Throughout his career Andy has been involved in a wide variety of military tasks and operations: the disposal of legacy ordnance in the Baltic; humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations; counter narcotic operations; anti-piracy operations; coaching and mentoring foreign navies and numerous rescue operations at sea. In 2006 he married Milly, who is also a warfare officer in the Royal Navy. Contact details: A R Ingham Cdr RN, CO HMS DIAMOND, BFPO 273

**Andy 'Vaughan' Harding** (1961-67) writes: "I've retired, fairly recently and a little early, from my career with the Open University. I've lived in or very close to Milton Keynes (what a great place to live) since 1974. I've been married twice - currently 25 years with Mairi, and have a son, who has two daughters, and a daughter who has two sons and one daughter. The latter live in Cornwall, but my son, after some distant travelling, now lives near enough for a game of golf with his dad. My golf is modest but enjoyed, playing off 18 at Millbrook G.C, Beds. (I have played once with the OMs at the Rolls). Perhaps more usefully I have been County Bird Recorder for Buckinghamshire since 1990. That strong interest in birds has allowed me a modest second career as an overseas natural history tour leader. I have led approaching 50 such trips, mainly in Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean, over the past 20 years, latterly working for Naturetrek. My interests have widened to include butterflies and for the last couple of years I have been regularly running a moth trap. During the winter I also find time for a punt on National Hunt horseracing, most regularly at Towcester or Cheltenham and Mairi and I are fair-weather followers of the MK Dons.

Anyone sharing any of those interests and living within striking distance is very welcome to get in touch at [andyh444@sky.com](mailto:andyh444@sky.com)

**Dr Peter Hartley** (1952-1960) "Although retired from having to make a living for some 8 years now, I am still managing to keep the trombone playing to a decent level and was fortunate enough to be at the Royal Albert Hall with Bournemouth Concert Brass to take part in the finals of the National Brass Band Championships (Championship Section) in October. When not playing with the band, I spend my spare time writing and arranging music for it. On the domestic front I am at last a grandfather, of Thomas. Having had children late, and observing the same trend in my children, I had begun to think it wouldn't be!"

**Mark Johnson** (1972-79) was contacted by Liz Barnett, who used to attend HMSG; she is organising an informal reunion for people roughly around 50 this year and has asked that the word be spread accordingly. *Further details can be found on the events pages of this newsletter.*

**Rev Norman Morris** (School Chaplain 1985-2000) continues to be in the parish ministry in hill parishes in Shropshire and Mid-Wales in the diocese of Hereford, based at Wentnor, north of Bishop's Castle. He became Rural Dean of the Clun Forest Deanery in 2011 and was made a Prebendary of Hereford Cathedral in October 2012. No thoughts of retiring just yet!

His eldest son **Ben Morris** (1986-1993) is a Marketing Director for Danwoods, a printing company, and he lives with his wife and family in Sussex.

**Richard Pendree** (1946-1952) receives The Monmothian regularly but "unfortunately, after so many years, I do not recognise many faces but still find all the details interesting. I cannot travel across from Ramsey on the Isle of Man to reunions etc; the Island is beautiful to live in but expensive and difficult to get off. I still regularly play golf and bridge, and have just finished as editor of the monthly newsletter for the Manx Retirement Association. My email address is rjp@manx.net."

**Tom Phillips** (1996-2003) has been Lecturer in Classics at Corpus Christi College, Oxford since Autumn 2012. After reading Literae Humaniores at St Hugh's from 2003-2007, he moved to Worcester for his postgraduate work. Tom's research encompasses two broad areas; the performance culture of classical Greece, with a particular emphasis on choral poetry, and the uses and conceptualization of written texts in both Greek and Latin literature.



He teaches a range of Greek literature options at Mods and Greats, including the Iliad, Early Greek Hexameter Poetry, Greek Tragedy, and Hellenistic Poetry.

Published and forthcoming published articles are: 'Propertius and the Poetics of the Book: 1.18 and 3.15-17', CCJ 57 (2011) 105-35; 'Epiniac Variations: Music and Text in Pindar, Pythians 2 and 12', CQ; 'Callimachus in the Pindar Scholia', CCJ; 'Between Pindar and Sappho: Horace Od. 4.2.9-12', Mnemosyne.

**John Pope** MBE TD MA MInst RE MInstC CMC (1947-53), now 78, is thinking of retiring. It will give him more time for music, gardening, building maintenance, cabinet-making, and writing. He sings with Monmouth Choral Society and Monmouth Music Theatre. As Secretary of his Regimental Officers Association he would be glad to hear from those who served as officers in R Mon RE (M).

**Alaric Pugh** (1968-1975, a former editor of The Monmothian) still runs his own PR company when not being a Borough Councillor, but spends rather more time running an art gallery, Sea Pictures Gallery, in Clare, Suffolk (OMs welcome). This year he is launching a second gallery Fine and Contemporary. Now grandparents, Alaric and his wife Sarah have almost completed their 'mini'-Grand Design (using Welsh architects!).



**Andrew Smith**, class of 2002 recently wrote to Dr Moseley: Andrew won a trip to Nasa.

"A while ago I dug out the old VHS of the Nasa trip documentary produced by BBC and transferred it onto YouTube. It is now accessible (part1, part2) and worth a watch if you need some comic relief. I'm still in regular contact with Robin, who is now a doctor living in Cardiff. I'm a programmer for mobile phones. Neither of us are astronauts!"

Researching his family history, **Peter Weatherhead** made contact with the Club, looking for information on his father and three uncles, all of whom attended Monmouth.

**George Ernest Weatherhead** was born 25th May 1875. After Monmouth, he studied at Keble College Oxford. In the service of his country he died at the Battle of Ypres in 1915.

**Robert Weatherhead**, born 1876, studied at Corpus Christi College Cambridge. He died in 1935.

**Arthur Evelyn Weatherhead** – Peter's father- was born in 1880 and died in 1956. **Andrew Weatherhead**, born 25th May 1883, was also killed at the Battle of the Somme in July 1916.

Peter has asked the Archivist, Pat Davitt, if she can cast light on the years when each of the brothers was in attendance at Monmouth, and their accomplishments while they were there.

## OBITUARIES

**Glyndwr G. Roberts** sent a copy of an obituary for the late great **Victor Spinetti**, which appeared in the Welsh language journal "Yr Enfys" (The Rainbow), the Journal of Wales International (Cylchgrawn Undeb Cymru a'r Byd).

**Alec MacGuire** (1946-53) formerly of Raglan, 29 January 2013, aged 78.



## THOUGHTS AND RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OM OF THE 1970s

The first thing I remember about Monmouth School was arriving in January 1974 in the New House of DV Jones, who had been my brother's House Master until the term before. The term "replacement Burn" was coined by Nigel Mott, the House tutor, who was also my form tutor and English teacher in the Third Year. I was the last of the family to attend the Monmouth Schools, my sister having attended HMSG from 1959-1968, and my brother Bill having been at the School between 1967-1973. My parents sacrificed a lot to send us and I find it very pleasing, thought-provoking, and typically Monmothian that the mosaic in the School Chapel of Dewi Sant is dedicated to the parents of Monmouth School.

My memories of New House at that time are vague but I do remember it being very cold, with no heating in the dormitory at all! Sadly, my time in New House was very short, as my parents moved to Monmouth and decided I should become a day boy. However, this was not before I played a starring role in the House play, the name of which I cannot remember, but a competition that the House did win.

Summer term 1974 began in Town House – the old gym, with its vast, but usually deserted, bottom half and the compact Prep rooms and Studies at the top of a very steep set of stairs. Again, memories of Town House include going back into school to do Prep in the evenings and turning out to watch the 1st XV if you were not playing yourself on Saturdays. That 1974 XV, whilst not being unbeaten, could I suspect have held its own with any of the great Monmouth teams as, if I remember rightly, they only lost 2 matches (they seemed to play more in those days) by a few points. More prominent members of that team included **Kim Norkett** and **Eddie Butler**.

Time in Town House included the changeover of Housemasters from John "Mungo" Park to John Hartland but I remember times being relatively happy, Town House becoming House Rugby champions and breaking a School / New House monopoly; playing in an amazing Colts XV; and the summer of 1976 (O Level year) being gloriously hot and sunny. Study leave then was a relatively long drawn-out affair, in which exams came at you thick and fast, but the added pressure of coursework did not exist, so when you had finished that was it until you were expected to attend Speech Day.

Once more, my Parents decided to move to the Midlands and the offer of being a day boy at RGS Worcester was turned down in favour of the Sixth Form and boarding once again. This time, it was to be Tudor House, under the expert guidance of R J F Sealy. It was here, and in the relatively relaxed classrooms of teachers such as Peter Anthony, Bob Bowditch and David Adams, that Monmouth School came into its own. Not only was I grateful for the tutoring I received to get my A levels and entry to University, but also for the completion process that Monmouth gives to all its students.

Rugby football was always a passion in school, so much so that even though I played for the 2nd XV, coached by the youthful Mike Orton, we were regular conquerors of the XV on the Big Side pitch of that vintage, which seemed to be much larger than it is today. Culturally, these were very positive years, with regular visits to the Merlin Music Society - one of Mr Glover's great loves - and starring in a series of school plays; *The Government Inspector*, *Julius Caesar* and, with HMSG, in the *Comedy of Errors* - revolutionary times indeed!

I can even remember the new Headmaster, Mr Bomford, teaching me History in VI1. In those days, the Animal Fair took place at the end of the summer term. All my fellow students had taken "time off" to be involved.

I naively thought to turn up for the lesson thinking no-one would be there. How wrong was I – a 45-minute chat with Mr Bomford proved to be a revealing experience, with some of the best Careers advice I could have got at the time!

The final year, with A levels on the horizon, could have been the examination slog so familiar with today's students. Instead I remember the sport, drama and being a last-minute substitute for the Ten Tors team, walking 45 miles in 36 hours successfully. Added to this, the combined Tudor / Chapel House victory in the senior rugby that year makes me put out a tentative claim to having won that competition with two Houses - a feat that cannot be done these days?

Whatever the answer on that, I remember my time at Monmouth fondly – the vagaries of the gowned teachers being a particular memory. 'Taffy' Phillips sweeping down the corridor, catching another boy in trouble, whilst tearing yet another piece of his gown on anything sharp in the vicinity. Brigadier Smales, whose attempts to teach me failed miserably, largely due to Set 3's ability to distract him away from Maths with the question "and what did you do in the war sir...?" Jim Binnian, for whom I played in the 3rd XV when in VI1 – not then known as the Red Army, but certainly very similar in spirit - and Rob Parry, who supervised my Sixth Form studies, a truly challenging and trying task. Jack Phillips, my Form Master in IVc, who found himself pinned into a corner one day after a particularly riveting Divinity lesson (old-style Red Lion Block desks, with folding seats and ink wells!) All were characters, who wanted you to succeed to the best of your ability. I am the proud owner of an Agricultural Science O Level thanks to Revd Shirehampton, a lovely man who convinced himself that I was thoroughly Christian, by my enthusiastic attendance at Holy Communion every Sunday for two years. My main motive, however, was to not have to go to Matins in mid morning!

In conclusion, the last year at school - to me anyway - prepared one in a way for the rigours of University life, and the adult world in general. Nearly all of my contemporaries, and particularly those I meet at OMC functions, all seem to have succeeded in their adult lives. These social events are important to me personally, as they allow me to maintain an interest in a school that is unique and an institution that never rests on its laurels. It is always a pleasure to return and see old friends, masters and buildings although there will be very few of them left once the Heart Project is completed! Long may Monmouth School continue to provide its unique brand of education and long may it continue to provide opportunities for boys from all backgrounds.

**Jamie Burn** (1974-78)

### NEW LOOK MERCHANDISE

The advertisement at the back of the last copy of *The Monmothian*, regarding OM merchandise, conflicted dramatically with the article in the OM Section, by Matthew Barnett, on the range which is being introduced by the Club. The School Shop now holds stocks of the new ties and bow ties, with other items becoming available soon. The Editor apologises sincerely for any confusion.



## EVENTS CALENDAR

Mon 8th April MS GOLF DAY - see page 8

### Sat 20th April EX HMSG & OM INFORMAL REUNION

An informal reunion of ex HMSG and OMs, aged roughly around 50 this year!. There will be a disco, bar and finger buffet - tickets £15pp Bridges Centre Monmouth from 7.30pm. Contact Liz Barnett (sister of **Mathew Barnett** (70-75) [mon50thbirthday@gmail.com](mailto:mon50thbirthday@gmail.com) / 07984 581871 or **Mark Johnson** (72-79) [markjohnson\\_home@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:markjohnson_home@yahoo.co.uk) / 07896 413868

### Sat 25th May 1969 ROWING REUNION

### Thurs 6th June BIRMINGHAM DINNER

with Headmaster Dr. Steven Connors, see details opposite.

### Fri 14th June PAST HEADS & DEPUTIES (by invitation only)

A Dinner to honour the Heads and Deputy Heads of Monmouth School at Haberdashers' Hall, London from 6.45pm. Partners welcome. Black Tie, £50 pp. Contact Clare Anning [c.anning@monmouthschool.org](mailto:c.anning@monmouthschool.org)

### Sat 22nd June OM DAY See details on page 7.

Contact: Sharon Finch (01600 710440) or Jamie Burn (07748 844337)  
Email: [jamieprior2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jamieprior2003@yahoo.co.uk)

### Sat 6th July SUMMER BALL See details on opposite page.

### Sat 7th September HENLEY DINNER

Contact: MA J Mounsdon (01628 485297) or Sharon Finch

### Fri 11th October LONDON DINNER

Contact: S H Norris (0115 878 0635) or Sharon Finch

### Thurs 14th November NEW YORK DINNER

for US-based OMs and their guests. The price is £60 or \$90 and overnight accommodation is available at the club.  
Contact Clare Anning [c.anning@monmouthschool.org](mailto:c.anning@monmouthschool.org) See below.

For further information please visit

[www.oldmonmothians.co.uk/sportsandsocial.html](http://www.oldmonmothians.co.uk/sportsandsocial.html)

## NEW FOR 2013

# BIRMINGHAM DINNER

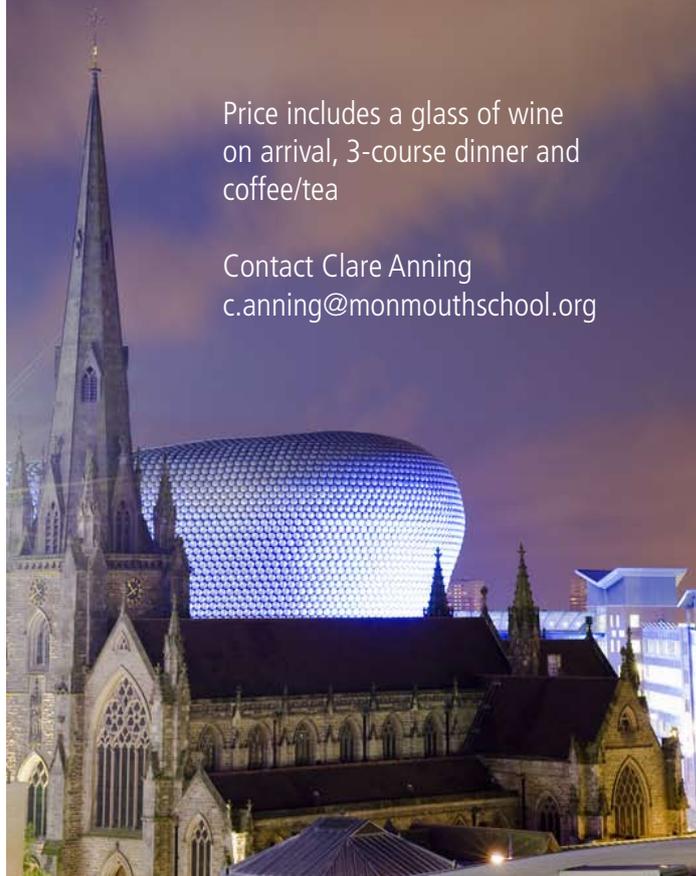
Thursday 6th June

7pm for 7.30pm  
at Hotel Du Vin, Church Street, Birmingham.

Open to OMs and their spouse/partner/guest  
at a cost of £38 pp.

Price includes a glass of wine  
on arrival, 3-course dinner and  
coffee/tea

Contact Clare Anning  
[c.anning@monmouthschool.org](mailto:c.anning@monmouthschool.org)



# NEW YORK DINNER - 14th November

6.30pm for 7pm at The Cornell Club (accommodation is available)

Open to OMs and their spouse/partner/guest at a cost of £60/\$90pp.



## THE OLD MONMOTHIAN CLUB

Requests the Pleasure of Your Company *et*

# THE BOYS OF SUMMER BALL

Please join us in the Marquee in Monmouth School on 6th July.

Although the Ball is organised by the Old Monmothian Club, the President and the Committee very much hope to welcome School Leavers and their families, HMSG Old Girls, Staff, current and former Parents and all friends of the Schools, in addition to Old Monmothians recent or otherwise.

Tickets £45  
(T10 £425),  
Under 25s £25

Tickets are available from Sharon Finch on 01600 710440 or by email [OldMonmothians@monmouthschool.org](mailto:OldMonmothians@monmouthschool.org)

*Saturday 6th July 2013*  
*Dinner & Dancing to 'Freefall'*

A HUGELY POPULAR EVENT

22nd June OM DAY

- 11:00am - 11:30am Service in the School Chapel
- 11.30am Coffee in the Blake Theatre foyer
- 11:30am - 12:00 Conducted tours of the School start from the Blake Theatre foyer
- 12.15pm – 12.30pm Pre-lunch drinks in the Pavilion
- 12.30pm Lunch in the Pavilion (special guests Cathy and Fred Hartley)  
Tickets @ £20 each including one pre-lunch drink

From 11.30am Cricket - Kings Taunton - with the 1st XI U.15a and U.14a

## YOUR OFFICERS

*President:* Richard Booth (80-87)

*Vice-President:* Sir Frank Davies (43-48)

*Hon Membership Secretary:*

Henry Toulouse (42-47)

*Hon Treasurer:* Ian Bowen (45-50)

*Hon Secretary:* Richard (Ray) Blight (77-82)

Committee Meeting notes and regular updates on the activities of the Club are available on the Old Monmothian website [www.oldmonmothians.co.uk](http://www.oldmonmothians.co.uk)

**The objects of the Club are :**

To promote social and sporting

activities among its members

To provide a link between Monmouth School and its Old Boys

To further the interests of the School

## OM SPORTS SECRETARIES

**CRICKET Tom Bevan**

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07770 236454

**GOLF - Grafton Morrish Rob Simpson**

[rob.simpson@augustequity.com](mailto:rob.simpson@augustequity.com)

- OM Meeting **Ian Bowen** 01600 712955

- Edward Harris **Position Vacant**

**ROWING James Knight**

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07887 836100

**RUGBY Fred Hartley**

[jjh@monmouthschool.org](mailto:jjh@monmouthschool.org) / 01600 713143

- U21 Rugby Cronk Cunis

**Tom Stone** 01633 411915

**SHOOTING Colin Waldron**

[colin.waldron1@ntlworld.com](mailto:colin.waldron1@ntlworld.com)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Either 28th September  
or 5th October

Please visit Website for  
confirmation and further details

**SPORT:** Mark Tamplin has now handed over the reins of OM Soccer to Andy Thomas -  
[Andy.thomas365@gmail.com](mailto:Andy.thomas365@gmail.com)

## OM GOLF

Contact Sharon Finch for details:

## MONMOUTH SCHOOL GOLF DAY

**Monday 8th April 2013**

*In support of the School Adventure to Climb Mount Kinabalu in Borneo*

Entry Fee, Teams of four £120 includes:

- Bacon Roll and Tea/Coffee on arrival

- 18 Holes of Golf

- Bar Meal at the end of your round

- Team and Individual Hole prizes

To be played at Monmouth Golf Club

To book your team please contact

**Keith** [kj.madsen@monmouthschool.org](mailto:kj.madsen@monmouthschool.org) or

**Ken** [k.lindon@monmouthschool.org](mailto:k.lindon@monmouthschool.org)

## GRAFTON MORRISH GOLF TOURNAMENT

A more competitive tournament consisting of the top 48 public schools from regional qualifiers, held in Spring with the finals in early October.

The OMs currently have a strong but small squad of players - anyone with a low single figure handicap who is interested in playing should contact **Rob Simpson** on [rob.simpson@augustequity.com](mailto:rob.simpson@augustequity.com)

## EDWARD HARRIS 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](mailto:oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org)

## OM SHOOTING

If you are interested in supporting or representing the OM Shooting team:

## PRACTICE SHOOT

**Saturday April 14th 2012**  
**Bisley Ranges**

## VETERANS NEEDED!

**Thursday July 12th at 5pm**

The 2013 Veterans Match will follow the Schools Ashburton Match.

We would like to be in a position to field 3 teams of 5 this year and enter the "Veterans Aggregate" – so those of you who have not shot since your last school field day are more welcome than ever – Your Veterans Need You!

All shooters WELCOME Please contact

**Colin Waldron**, [colin.waldron1@ntlworld.com](mailto:colin.waldron1@ntlworld.com)

## OM RUGBY

## CRONK CUNIS FESTIVAL, RICHMOND

**August, Bank Holiday**

**Under 21's** - please contact **Tom Stone** (03-10) 01633 411915 if you are interested.

Or join the Facebook group 'Monmouth School - Cronk-Cunis Festival'.

## OLD HABERDASHERS' RUGBY CLUB - LONDON

Any OMs living or working in London are VERY WELCOME to join our club and play rugby.

Our home ground is in Elstree, Hertfordshire – 30 mins by train from central London.

Please contact **Simon Miller** ([simon.miller2@barclays.com](mailto:simon.miller2@barclays.com))

## OM CRICKET

Old Monmothians Cricket Club are always looking for players for competitive and friendly cricket. If you are interested in representing or supporting the OMCC please contact

**Tom Bevan** [omcc1886@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:omcc1886@hotmail.co.uk) / 07979 518 268

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