

OM NEWS



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WELCOME TO YOUR 2017 OM NEWS

As you will see looking through this excellent Newsletter, the Club is in good health and is able to support a wide range of social activities and events for our membership. We also include here news of some individual successes and achievements by individual Old Monmothians. Importantly, we also continue to financially support activities of boys in the School via our Executive Committee and our charitable arm, The Monmothian Charitable Trust, led and chaired by Sir Frank Davies.

We do though need to keep our Club fresh and attractive to our members, and we would welcome any suggestions as to how we might support or promote events or gatherings, among groups of Old Monmothians, that may already be taking place without direct help from the Club.

In the last 20 years, younger Old Monmothians have, particularly through the complementary Sixth Form curriculum, had much greater interaction with their counterparts at HMSG than previously. Recently, I have taken informal soundings from OMs of all ages and these indicate that especially our younger membership would very much welcome joint events with the HMSG Old Girls' Association. Over the last couple of years, our Dinners at Cardiff and Henley have not attracted the support that we would have liked, and one suggestion to improve attendance is to make these joint events in 2018. The OGA is going through a period of change during this important 125th Anniversary year, having sadly lost its leading light, Dode Moore at Christmas, and the current leadership of the OGA is happy to trial these.

I would welcome opinions on this initiative, and I would be grateful if you could send these via email to our Club Administrator, Sharon Finch, at oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org. I hope to see as many OMs as possible during the remainder of 2017, and I would urge you particularly to join us at OM Day in School on Saturday 24th of June.

Ray Blight President



YOUR OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Ray Blight (77-82)

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OPT IN

WE NEED YOUR UP-TO-DATE CONTACT INFORMATION AND PERMISSION TO USE IT!

Due to changes in the Data Protection Act in 2018 we are seeking your permission to be contacted by the Club and School (see page 10). Please fill out the enclosed form and return in the pre-paid envelope supplied to enable us to keep sending Club News to you.

Online copy of OM News is available on the OMC website, Latest News page (<http://oldmonmothians.co.uk/latest-news/>). A copy of the Feedback Form will also be available online at the end of April.

OMs registered on Connections at Monmouth, can view a secure online copy of Monmouth Schools publications: The Monmothian and Minimus (<https://www.monmouthschool.net/newsletters>)

Move towards email distribution and online publication of OM NEWS to ensure your Club's funds go towards valuable OM activities and the benefit of current pupils of Monmouth School.

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

REGISTER online at www.monmouthschool.net to receive Newsletters by email and update your contact details on the website. Most events are bookable online.

MAY

27th-28th May

MRC Sprint Regatta Monmouth Rowing Club. Informal reunion on the riverbank, organised by **Gordon 'Elmer' Ellis** (1962-69) and **Mark Lewis** (2004-10), followed by a social evening at The Punch House on Saturday at 7.30pm. Email mark.lewis77@hotmail.co.uk

JUNE

24th June **OM Day** (see next page for details).

25th June **OMCC vs. Monmouth School**, School Sports Grounds. If you are interested in playing or supporting please contact **Tom Bevan** omcc1886@hotmail.co.uk or ring 07979 518268.

JULY

8th July **HMSG 125th Anniversary Ball**, Monmouth School Marquee. Open to all OMs and OGs, Staff, Parents and Governors. Price £55 per person. Book now at <https://www.monmouthschool.net/pages/125ball>

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 2nd from 7pm

Henley Dinner at The Leander Club. Contact **Jamie Oldroyd** (2000-05) jamie_oldroyd@hotmail.co.uk or Tel: 07887 429787

NOVEMBER

London Dinner, Friday 17th at Habs' Hall, London. Open to OMs only. Price £55 per person. Contact stevenorris@hotmail.co.uk



The Cardiff Dinner



LOST SOULS

Please help us to reconnect and find fellow OMs and at the same time revisit old friendships.

Old Monmothians with whom we have lost contact are listed by decade groups via this link <http://oldmonmothians.co.uk/lostsouls/>

Please encourage any 'lost souls' who are in contact with you to email Sharon Finch old.monmothians@monmouthschool.org

CAREER ADVISORS

Students can benefit greatly from the advice and experience passed on to them by Old Boys. Whatever your career path, there will be someone hungry to benefit from any words of wisdom you might be able to share.

If you are interested, please sign up at www.monmouthschool.net or email Sharon Finch Old.Monmothians@monmouthschool.org

OM DAY 2017

A popular date in the Club events is **OM DAY**, held at Monmouth School from 11am. The day starts with a Chapel Service led by the current Chaplain, followed by coffee and a School tour for you to see all the changes that have been made since your day. This is followed by a superb lunch (in 2016 there was a choice of curry and complements or a cold collation) in the Hitchcock Pavilion with a special farewell to **Peter Jefferies** – 28 years at Monmouth School.



ANTICIPATED PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:

1100hrs

Welcome Service in the School Chapel

1130hrs

Refreshments in William Jones Building foyer

1130 -1200hrs

School tours, on request, escorted by V.I.I students

1215-1230hrs

Pre-lunch drinks in the Sports Pavilion

1230hrs

Lunch in Sports Pavilion with free welcome drink.



Price £20 per person. Book now at <http://oldmonmothians.co.uk/om-day-2017/> and complete a short survey for an appropriate gift for Peter and Judith.

WELCOME TO OM DAY FROM THE HEADMASTER

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to Old Monmothian Day on Saturday 24th June 2017.

We are keen to welcome OMs, and their friends and family, who wish to visit their old school. This year we mark the retirement of Mr Pete Jefferies, who has taught Chemistry at Monmouth School for the last twenty-eight years, and was Housemaster of School House for twelve years, where he was assisted by his wife, Judith as Matron. He also introduced Association Football to the School in 1994.

Dr Andrew Daniel



OM NEWS IN FOCUS



OM SNIPPETS

TIM BENHAM-MIRANDO AND NICK WRIGHT

SUCCESS

Richard Booth QC (1980-87) reports that two of his OM former work experience students, **Tim Benham-Mirando** (2005-12) who gained a 1st from Oxford and **Nick Wright** (2005-12) a 1st from Cambridge, have been awarded scholarships by Lincoln's Inn for their Bar studies.

JACK MAHONEY

REQUEST

"I am currently attending the University of Reading where I am recording a broadcast, as part of a module, on Bias in the Media. I would love to interview any OMs who are now journalists"
Please email Jack egnarosky.com

SAM PIERCE

WNO DEBUT

Last October, **Sam Pierce** (2006-13), second from left, made his professional debut with Welsh National Opera in *Mahler's Symphony No. 2* at St. David's Hall. Sam, who studied under Martin McHale (also pictured, in the red shirt) is in his final year as a Scholar at the Royal Academy of Music.



ANGUS MCBEAN

By the late 1930s, **Angus McBean** (1913-14) was established as the country's leading theatre photographer. Currently, some of his work is featured on a range of products exclusive to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

After leaving Monmouth School, Angus studied photography at Newport Technical College, alongside involvement with amateur dramatic groups, for whom he designed props and costumes. At the age of 20 he moved to London and, after a tedious seven years selling furniture at Liberty's, he became a studio assistant to the society photographer Hugh Cecil and started to make contacts in the theatre. In 1933, he was charged with designing a pair of stage shoes for a production directed by John Gielgud. Soon after, he created a false nose for Ivor Novello who

was so pleased with the result that he commissioned McBean to take a series of publicity shots, which launched his career.

His trademark surrealistic approach gained him widespread admiration and he photographed most of the leading actors, actresses and celebrities of his day – including The Beatles, for whom he created their debut album cover *Please, Please Me* and ten years later the 1973 compilation disc. Despite his innovation and technical superiority, he was somewhat overshadowed by Cecil Beaton and David Bailey, though without doubt he influenced photographers such as Annie Leibowitz.

Angus McBean died in 1990 at the age of 86. In 2006 an exhibition of his work was staged at the National Portrait Gallery, introducing him to a new generation of admirers.



ROBIN WILLIAMS, MBE (72-77)



I finished the current phase of my Great Britain coaching career last August, watching the crew I have been coaching for 7 years win a Gold Medal at the Rio Olympic Games, which was, of course, a huge thrill. Helen Glover and Heather Stanning defended their London 2012 title and cemented 5 years undefeated, so I feel very proud to have had a role in that. I feel I owe a lot to Monmouth and those early years on the Wye and have lots of happy memories. I never thought it would take me this far down the track!

Nevertheless, post-Rio seemed a suitable point in my life to take a break from Rowing and so with Anna, my wife, I have embarked on a gap year - if the kids can do it why not us! After much preparation, we rented out our house last autumn and did a quick drive around friends and family to say goodbye, including a delightful stay with **Dick Cotton** (1970-77) and his wife Trish, who farm in Devon. We then sailed from Lymington to the Algarve, which was a wonderful and memorable trip. We were blessed with good weather (most of the time) and several visits from pods of dolphins, which always brightened our days. Leaving the boat there we

then flew to New Zealand for five weeks and Australia for a further five. I can certainly recommend escaping the British winter!

As I write this we have just returned to the boat in Portugal and have spent a great weekend with **Richard Fenton-Jones** (1972-77) and his wife Ann, who are also on a gap year (or two) and, having already covered much of Africa overland as well as the Far East, they are now journeying around France, Spain, and Portugal by campervan. OMs do get about!

As for the future, well there's no hurry to decide. It would be great to get back for Monmouth Regatta in May, but we will see...

PAUL MARSDEN

Paul Marsden (1962-70) supplied interesting information on Monmouth's first Rowing 'Blue' – William Meyler Warlow - when he was part of the 1880 Cambridge crew. William is listed in the 1871 UK census as living with his family in May Hill, Monmouth and his father (also William M Warlow) was 'Chaplain to Monmouth Union (Workhouse) and...2 indecipherable words... mathematical in Grammar School Monmouth (sic)'. Since he was born in 1859, it may be safe to assume that the son studied at Monmouth for around 7 years before going on to Queens' College.

Paul was pleased to record (1) that, as an Oxford man himself, Cambridge did not win; (2) that this gives him the honour of being Monmouth School's first winning Blue and (3) Paul is the School's first record breaker/holder. However, William's Boat Race was notable in that, for the first time in the history of the event, two of the competitors – both in the Cambridge boat – were registered as non-British; one New Zealander and one Australian.

JAMES McGLADDERY



Running for Research

Hi! My name is James McGladdery and this year I've decided to do something awesome! (And terrifying!) I will be running THE ORIGINAL MARATHON – the Athens Marathon, in support of the Meningitis Research Foundation.



Meningitis is a disease that swells the brain and spinal cord that can kill in just 1 day after symptoms appear. Survivors often face life changing amputations and brain damage.

It is most common in newborns but is a silent killer in young adults too, with a high number of victims in South Wales.

Do you know someone who has suffered? I'm hoping to raise £1500 to help fight this disease and you can help be a part of that too.

Any donation will make a lot of difference. You can give by pledging an amount below or by visiting:
LSURUNATHENS.EVERYDAYHERO.COM/UK/JAMES-MCGLADDERYATHENS-MARATHON-2017

THE ATHENS MARATHON



James McGladdery (2006 – 13) reported on his return to Monmouth School to talk to the 1st and 2nd Form students about helping him fundraise to run the Athens Marathon for the Meningitis Research Foundation.

James was overwhelmed by the enthusiastic response he received and the interest shown in the charity. The boys' questions weren't just about how fast he can run, or how many times a week he trains, but required to know "what is meningitis?" and "how can we help?"

Over the coming months they plan a bake sale, fund-raising such as rugby and football matches, sponsored runs and team erg (rowing machine) marathons. A fantastic and enterprising "stretch a pound" idea came from the boys where they invest a pound, buying something like some soap and a sponge, and wash cars, with all of the profits going to the charity.

Please help James and the boys of Forms 1 and 2 raise money for meningitis research by donating to and sharing the following link: <https://lsurunathens.everydayhero.com/uk/james-mcgladdery-athens-marathon-2017>

To contact James about how to sponsor the boys directly then please feel free to email at R.J.McGladdery@lboro.ac.uk

EDWARD HANDOLL



ANOTHER OM TREADS THE BOARDS

Sharing the success currently enjoyed in the professional theatre by **Christopher Orton** (1994-2001) and **Daniel Llewelyn-Williams** (1990-97) is **Edward Handoll** (1993-98). Among his growing number of credits, Ed has played Peter and understudied Jesus in *Jesus Christ Superstar* (UK and German tours); Buddy Holly in *Buddy* (Duchess Theatre, West End and UK and Scandinavian tours); Bob Cratchit in *Scrooge* (London Palladium and UK tour); Roger Davis in *Rent* (Greenwich Theatre); Callum and lead guitar in *Our House* (New Wolsey and UK tour). He also became a Top 20 Jesus auditionee in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Superstar* (ITV1).

Contacts: @EdHandoll
www.edwardhandoll.co.uk



Rent, production shot

ROSSINI BARTOLLOTTI-HAYWARD



Rossini Bartolotti-Hayward (93-2000) was born deaf and only gained the normal ability to hear at the age of five, after many operations. He immediately became interested in music, requesting a violin for his sixth birthday. In his teens, he decided to take up the electric guitar but having no teacher he taught himself and quickly became a good player. It was during his studies of Engineering Science at St. Anne's College, Oxford in his early twenties that Rossini developed a passion for the classical guitar and almost left Oxford to pursue his musical ambitions. Despite gaining a First in Masters of Engineering and immediately being offered a job in the aerospace industry, after just one year he won a Major Scholarship to the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Rossini studied classical guitar for the next four years with John Mills and Graham Devine, earning a Bachelor of Music in 2010 and winning the John Mills Guitar Prize four years running. He then obtained a place to study in Germany with Sonja Prunnbauer in the Hochschule für Musik Freiburg where he finished his Master of Music in 2012, graduating with the highest honours.

Since then he has played concerts all over the world and is a sought-after orchestral soloist. He has studied the art of lutherie under the guidance of Sascha Novak and has

built a number of guitars, as well as designing a new form of ergonomic guitar.

Rossini will be coming back to the UK for a concert series this summer, during which he will play a guitar recital in St. Mary's Church on Friday 9th June at 7:30 pm.

GARETH JAMES

Gareth James (2011-16) performed to a packed audience as a soloist for the Mayor of Abergavenny's concert on St. Davids Day in the Borough Theatre. He was sporting his OM bow tie and sang pieces in Welsh, Italian and English.

Also performing were 2 current boys from the school - Harry Evans (The Grange), who accompanied Gareth in a rendition of *Calon Lan*, and Christian Loizou.

Gareth is progressing well at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, is performing in many chamber concerts, is now a member of the BBC National Chorus of Wales and appears as a soloist for a number of organisations.



RUGBY

CRONK-CUNIS 2016

The Festival again proved to be a huge success for the OMs, with varying degrees of skill and fitness shown throughout the day, but with unwavering spirit typical of a Monmouth School side. Boys travelled from far and wide for the day of rugby and a special mention must go to Tom Vickers, who jumped straight off a plane to play. The side was organised in advance and, despite a few late withdrawals, we played on!

The side was able to wear the colours of Monmouth Town RFC: thanks to Will England, Max and Loyd Davies in organising that. In the unfamiliar colours of blue and gold, we played our first match against Oundle School, which proved a little daunting as we started the day down to 13 men. The boys put together a stern performance in the first half as Oundle pressed hard, but a strong defensive effort meant that they never looked like scoring. Thanks to some good runs on the break we were well up on the score sheet before the game ended. The highlight of the match was undoubtedly a monstrous tackle by the youngest member of the squad, Griff Whitson, which despite



resulting in a controversial yellow card didn't stop him celebrating as if he'd scored a try. Oundle were well beaten.

Our next match was against Wrekin College and for what they lacked in rugby talent they certainly made up in numbers. They had a full 22-man squad, which against our now full-strength 14-man side proved to be a challenge. A nasty injury to Jack Waving-Johnsey early on meant that we were again down to 13. Some great rugby was played by both sides before we pulled away with a brace of scores. However, we began to tire as Wrekin took full advantage of their exhaustive bench and a yellow card to Tom Slater increased the task. Some spirited defence in the dying minutes held Wrekin at bay and we won the match by 5 points, and progressed to the quarter-final.

Hampton were the next opponents

and they proved to be a step too far for our tired legs as they strung together some great tries and came out eventual winners of the Festival.

Despite some exhausted bodies, we met for a few casual beers in Earl's Court in the evening, where a few other OMs were able to meet us. Ben Watts has, thankfully, stepped up to be organiser for the festival next year. It was a great day of rugby and one of which we were all sure Henry Toulouse would have been proud.

Cronk-Cunis Squad:

2013 Leavers: **Adam Wheeler, Tom Vickers** 2014 Leavers: **William England, Charlton Murphy, Tom Slater, Rory Hammond, James Phillips-Evans, Jack Aldous-Fountain** 2015 Leavers: **Guy Nicholas, Joshua Lawrence, Jacob Butler, Benjamin Watts, Jack Waving Johnsey** 2016 Leavers: **Griff Whitson**

SOFTBALL

OMs **leuan Gale** (2007 - 14) (centre) and **Amit Aswani** (2007 - 14) (right) are representing Great Britain in the softball world championships in Yukon, Canada this year. This is the full team, not a youth squad so it's a big deal. More information available at <http://www.2017mensworldsoftball.com/>



SHOOTING

Though our training sessions were rather thin on the ground again we are regaining our vigour, ready for the 2017 Full-bore season, with four stalwarts trusting the Bisley weather in mid-February to assist the NRA in testing their new electronic targetry. The practices are certainly paying dividends for "The Day" of the Public Schools' Veterans, see advert at the end of this article.

Last year fifteen OMs made up 3 teams with 13 actually shooting - captained and coached by Colin Waldron.

Some seriously strong shooting led to the A Team 237.17 (231.18 2015) placing us 28th (30th) out of 46 (45) teams entered. The B team score of 208.8 (167.4) placed us 24th (28th)

out of 30 (30). The C Team of three shooters managed a respectable 114.1 and were placed 19th out of 23. We entered the aggregate and were placed 10th out of 10 with 559.26, the 9th place achieving only 107 more points! We were one of the top 10 schools in the country capable of fielding 3 teams.

The Brian Margrett Award, named in memory of our OM Shooting Club founder, was taken by Chris Jones. Colin Waldron went on once again to add a number of bars to his NRA Medal in the ensuing Imperial Meeting against the old foes of the Home Countries. This year the Welsh Team achieved their first win of The National in 140 years, beating England by just 1 point.

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. Association with the South Wales County Rifle Association now provides Shooting practice closer to home for many of our members.

The small-bore story continues, with excellent shooting in the BSSRA postal championship for The Fletcher Cup, where we once more fielded two teams. The result of the A team score of 480 (474 last year) placed us 3rd (5th) out of 14 (12) entrants and each member received a Bronze BSSRA medal for what we believe is the first time ever. Congratulations to the whole squad, especially Marcus Ehresmann for his 100. The other A team scores were C.Waldron 96, C Jones 95, AR Wilson 95 and R Derricott 94, all scores which we know we can better. 1st place were 9 points ahead of us with only an average of 2.2 each. We can do it next year! For the third time, we entered a B Team which was placed 11th out of 14 with a score of 419 (372). This year's entrants are about to be selected and will again face the challenge of knocking the old Victorians off their perch!

Richard Wilson advises that he is again endeavouring to organise a Vets vs The School shoot. We continue to explore all possibilities of furthering the sport at Monmouth with a view to extending our membership: the average age of the Shooting community is increasing alarmingly.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that The OM Shooting Club has this year attained Home Office Approval and the application for a Club Firearms certificate has been issued. We are now in a position to acquire Club equipment for the use of all members, in particular providing newcomers with the facilities to continue the sport and further their shooting career.

For further information please contact **Colin Waldron** on <http://oldmonmothians.co.uk/shooting/>
Home:- +44 1233 622271
Mobile:- +44 778 522 5624

Public Schools' Veterans' Competition & OMSC Annual Dinner

Thursday 13th July 2017 – 16:00

Bisley – Century Range, and afterwards at the North London Rifle Club for the Annual Dinner of OMSC

<http://oldmonmothians.co.uk/public-schools-veterans-competition-omsc-annual-dinner/shooting>

OMs, guests and Monmouth School Staff very welcome to this particularly sociable event.

Why not take a half day and see if you can still get a bullseye...



SOCCER

The Old Monmothians turned up for this year's fixture against the 1st XI looking to overcome their poor recent record, having lost the last five fixtures against the School. There was some cautious optimism in the canteen and the dressing room prior to kick-off, with tried and tested combinations (Andy Thomas and Michael Asprou) as well as new talent (Harry Southall and George Farrington) giving the OM's hope that maybe 2017 was our year.

Mercifully, there were no pre-match injuries this year, so each side started with 11 players on the pitch and the opening ten minutes were played at a blistering pace. Ryan Turner and the OM defence were under assault from an early stage but managed to keep the scores level. The tempo of the game was dictated by the 1st XI, in particular Dan Taylor bossing the game in the middle and playing some brilliant cross-field balls towards the corner flags, which delighted the onlooking Mark Tamplin.

As the first half progressed, the OM's were able to get themselves into the game and put together some nice passages of play, especially through Mitch Evans and Dan Rees down the left flank. The best chance of the first half fell to Michael Asprou, having been played in by a deft through ball from Dan, but with the goal at his mercy he could only fire the ball high over the bar.

Half-time brought some welcome recuperation for the OM squad – old age definitely doesn't come alone! The second-half started at a renewed pace, with the OM's pressing higher up the field in an attempt to force a mistake from the less 'experienced' 1st XI. The mistake duly came when there was a mix-up in defence and the ball fell kindly to Michael Asprou. He



slotted the ball low into the bottom right corner of the net, Harry Kane-esque. 1-0 to the OM's and a feeling in the air that an upset just might be on the cards.

After the goal, the OM side had to endure a wave of attacks coming from all angles and the physical intensity of the game was upped a few notches. The 1st XI won five corners and got at least seven shots on goal, but the OM defence was not in a mood to squander their lead. Particular credit has to go to Tom Allerton, who made several sliding challenges to ensure that the OM's finished the game with a clean sheet.

In the 80th minute of the game, the referee courted controversy by failing to realise that he had already booked Michael Asprou and not sending him from the field of play after issuing a second yellow card for a robust challenge in the opponents' penalty area.

With the seconds winding down, the 1st XI threw everything in search of a goal, but were unable to find a way through the white and blue wall of OM players.

Such was the School's confidence that Mark Tamplin had come to the game without the trophy – so we will have to wait until next year to get our hands on the spoils!

Man of the match: Tom Allerton.

Old Monmothians' line-up (in order of seniority)

Tom Allerton (1993-2000), **Mitchell Evans** (2004-09), **Brad Davies** (2002-09), **Sam Parry** (2004-09), **Daniel Rees** (2005-10), **Luke Aldridge** (2003-10), **Andy Thomas** (Captain) (2006-11), **Ryan Turner** (GK) (2004-11), **Michael Asprou** (2004-11), **Ludovic Thomas** (2004-05), **Harry Southall** (2008-15), **George Farrington** (2010-15).

If you are interested in playing for the OM team next year, please note that the captaincy will be taken up by Harry Southall. Please contact Old.Monmothians@monmouthschool.org to register your interest.

We would like to extend thanks to Andy Thomas for his help in organizing the team for the last four years, and wish him all the best for his travels across Australia.



CRICKET

OM vs Monmouth School Sunday 25th June

Why not Join Us for OM Day on Saturday 24th June, then enjoy some OM Cricket vs Monmouth School on Sunday 25th June. All Welcome!

FIXTURES 2017

Sunday 4th June vs South Wales Hunt, 11:30, Monmouth School

Sunday 18th June vs Old Georgians (St Georges College, Weybridge), 11:00, Away (Round 1 of The Cricketer Trophy)

Sunday 25th June vs Monmouth School 1st XI, 11:30, Monmouth School

Sunday 2nd July vs Old Millfieldians OR Lancing Rovers, 11:00, Monmouth School (Quarter Final of The Cricketer Trophy)

Sunday 16th July vs TBC, 11:00, Monmouth School (Semi Final of The Cricketer Trophy)

Sunday 30th July vs TBC, 11:00, Gerrards Cross CC (Final of The Cricketer Trophy)

Sunday 30th July vs St Fagans 6-a-side Competition, 10:00, St Fagans CC



OMCC CAP & JUMPER

We are collating a new order for the OM's Cricket Cap and Jumper.

Short Sleeve Jumper: £52.80
Long Sleeve Jumper: £59.10

Jumper Sizes:

M: 42

L: 44

XL: 46

Cap: £22.10

Cap Sizes:

S: 6¾ – 6 7/8

M: 7 – 7 1/8

L: 7 ¼ – 7 3/8

XL: 7 ½ – 7 5/8

(Prices include VAT)

If you would like to place an order, please contact Tom Bevan on omcc1886@hotmail.co.uk

MONMOUTH SCHOOL - THE FIRST 400 YEARS

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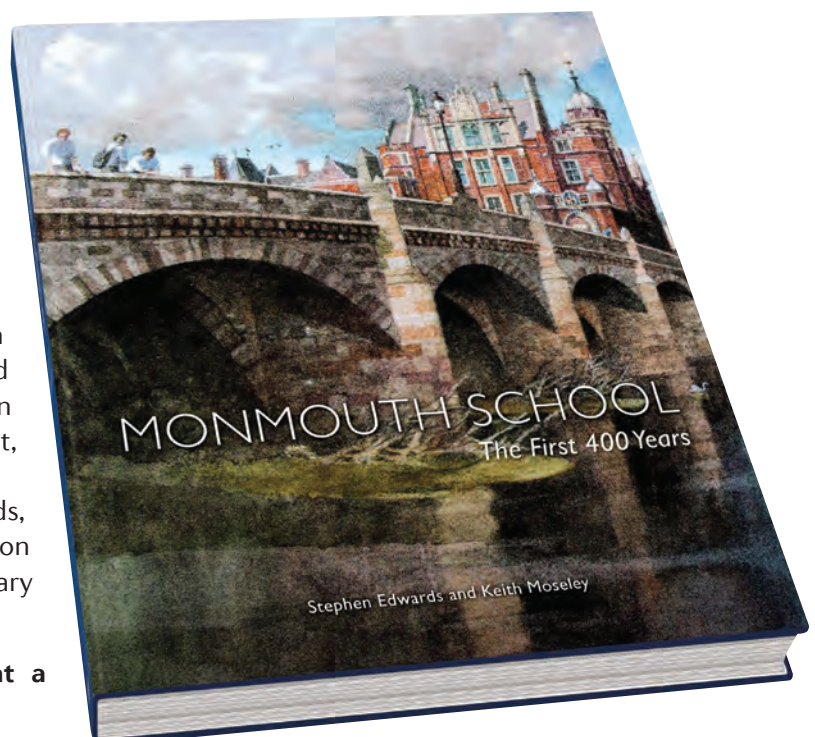
This beautifully illustrated book tells the story of the School up to the 400th anniversary of its foundation.

It examines the enigmatic figure of the School's founder, William Jones, before sketching the early years of the School up to a point where, towards the end of the 19th Century, its Headmaster was invited to join the Headmasters' Conference.

The major part of the book chronicles the growth period from the late 1800s, through the two world wars, other crises the School has had to face and, in particular, the achievement of pupils, past and present, in a great many walks of life.

Edited by Monmouth School teacher Stephen Edwards, the book was launched on 20th June 2014 at an exhibition in Monmouth's Shire Hall – part of the quatercentenary celebrations.

In hardback comprising 192 pages. available at a reduced cost of £32.75



PUTTING OUR HOUSE IN (EVEN BETTER) ORDER

The Monmouth community has generously supported the School since its foundation: donations from Old Monmothians, parents, governors, staff and Friends have helped us to increase bursary provision and improve facilities in recent years. A legacy has been left for future generations of Monmothians and we would like to make sure that we can carry on this tradition of philanthropy.

In 2015 there was a great deal of news coverage about the unfortunate Olive Cook and charity fundraising practices in general: in response, the Government commissioned Sir Stuart Etherington to review fundraising regulation. One of his main recommendations, the creation of the Fundraising Preference Service, would work in a similar way to the Telephone and Mail Preference Services. The FPS will give the public the opportunity to opt out of communications from all charities, including post, email and telephone calls. As we are a charity, we will be covered by any new rules.

In addition to this, the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will come into force in 2018 and will replace the 1998 Data Protection Act. To comply with the new law, the School and the Club will need your consent to contact you. You will have to opt in, rather than opting out, and will have to let us know how you would like us to communicate with you.

So that we comply with the GDPR by 2018, we will, within the next 12 months, need your consent by completing the enclosed form, or the online 'Explicit Consent' form at www.oldmonmothians.co.uk or alternatively contacting the OM Office to confirm that you are happy for us to carry on keeping in contact with you: inviting you to events, updating you about our fundraising priorities and plans for the future, and sending copies of OM News and the Monmothian/Minimus.

If you have any questions regarding the above please feel free to contact the Development Director, Mrs Clare Anning, on 01600 713143.

OM SNIPPETS

THREE GENERATIONS OF BOWENS

S H Bowen (1912-16), a one-time Chairman of the OM Club, was Mayor of Monmouth 8 times and an Alderman for 45 years: he was also made a Freeman of the Royal Borough – the last before the Council changed its status.

IHM Bowen (1945-50), the Club's illustrious Treasurer from 1988-2016, was Head of Town House and Captain of School cricket and rugby teams. His sister Andrea attended HMSG, when it was known as the High School.

Both **SH** and **IHM** were taught by Messrs Elstob, Irving, Pearson and Dixon.

Ian's three sons **MHE** (1973-80), **DI** (1975-82) and **AJW** (1983-90) attended Monmouth School and his daughter **RP** was a pupil at HMSG.

Message from Will Underwood (2008-15)

Will is currently in his second year of studying Mathematics at St John's College Oxford. He is looking for a 1-3 month placement or internship from July to September 2017 suitable for an undergraduate mathematician, preferably involving data, statistics or maths.

If you are able to help Will please contact him direct at william.underwood@sjc.ox.ac.uk

A selection of 2016/17 Events

Henley Dinner



Monmouth School in Hong Kong



Independent Schools Show



Henry Toulouse Memorial



Quiz for Gordon Woods



Joint Christmas drinks at the Royal Overseas League, London



STOP PRESS

Head of Music, David Lawson has advised that Monmouth School choir will sing evening **Mass at St Peter's, Rome, on 10th July**, during their summer tour.

BIRTHS

To **ABI MOHINDRU** (1992-99) and Upasna, a daughter Isla Sophia Mohindru - born 7th July 1916; her brother, Roahn, is currently a pupil at The Grange.

OBITUARIES

TIM J BEACH (1972 – 79)
Town House – 28th March 2016

PETER JOHNSON BEAMAN (1940 – 45) **New House – 12th May 2016**

BISHOP THOMAS (TOM) W. R. COLLINGS (1949-58) Died



peacefully on July 8, 2014, surrounded by family and prayer. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Julie; by three daughters - Megan, Bronwen and Tamsin; two sons - John and David; by 19 grandchildren and a brother, Roynon who lives in Abergavenny. Tom was educated at Monmouth; at St. Peter's College, Oxford (mathematics) and at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford (theology). He was awarded a Harkness Fellowship to study at Union Theological Seminary, in New York. Returning to the UK, Tom completed an MSc in Operations Research at the University of Essex, after which he taught mathematics at Northeast London Polytechnic; at Strathclyde University in Glasgow; for the Open University in Scotland; and years later, for the University of Regina (Saskatchewan). In 1979,

Tom was ordained deacon in the Scottish Episcopal Church and was then made a priest in the Anglican Church of Canada in 1980. He became bishop of the Diocese of Keewatin in 1991.

COLIN COPESTAKE MCR (1962 – 98) suddenly passed away last October.

Educated at Burton Grammar School, he won a Choral Award to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge where he studied Modern Languages. Appointed to teach French and Spanish at Monmouth School in 1962, he spent his entire career here until retirement in 1998. A dedicated teacher, and fondly remembered for the visits and exchanges he organised as Head of Spanish, he was also Master of The Grange before moving on to be Housemaster of School House. As if this was not enough Colin took on the role of Examinations Officer and was a splendid cricket coach to the Under 15 XI. Himself a fine cricketer he was selected, in 1981, for a celebrity side that played in a benefit match, organised by fellow staff member Graham Burgess, against a Somerset side which included Ian Botham - who gave no quarter when Colin came to the crease!

Colin was a stalwart of the Chapel Choir and continued his passion for music into retirement, with membership of Monmouth Choral Society. He demonstrated unflinching commitment to the Choir of St. Mary's, Monmouth, where he practised his quiet, devout faith, and where fittingly a large congregation of OMs, friends and family attended his funeral on Thursday 10th November.

MICHAEL J COTTON (1945 – 53) **Monmouth House - Died early in 2016**

Michael sent a message a couple of years previously to Sharon "I am M J Cotton AKA "Henry" 1945 to 1953 and recently had a spell

in the West Suffolk Hospital in Bury St Edmunds and in the same ward was John Maxwell OM of Town House who was a glider pilot instructor among other things. We think we overlapped at Monmouth slightly but obviously knew staff and some of the pupils, including the Pope brothers. I have been retired from the BBC for 25 years now and enjoyed relatively good health until a couple of years ago. Oddly enough, one of the trainee doctors was at Bedford and when I said Monmouth he said "THE" Monmouth. He was a rower and I explained to him the Wye at Monmouth was not conducive to "eights" which he said explained why we were so good at pairs!"

ARTHUR FREDERICK DAVIES (1937 – 45) **Hereford House. Died 25th January 2017**

JOHN ALBERT GWILLIAM (1936-41) - **21st December 2016**. One of Monmouth School's greatest rugby players, and our most capped, John won 23 caps for Wales between 1947 and 1954, 13 of these as captain. He led the 1940 unbeaten School 1st XV before embarking on his distinguished first class and international playing career. A fuller report on his life appears later in this newsletter.

GRAHAM BRADLEY MARSHALL HANCOCK (1945 – 51) **New House Died 19th February 2016**

PETER LEWIS (Honorary Member OMC) died in autumn 2015. Peter was fly half in the 1943 FIVE WAYS GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XV that beat Monmouth School 1st XV! The only victory Five Ways had over Monmouth School in the 5 years played!

JOHN R MARPLE (1942 – 44) **School House Died 1st June 2016**

MJ REES (1972 – 77) **School House - Died 1st September 2016**

GRAHAM A SAVIN (1948 – 56) **Hereford House - Died 10th March 2016.** Graham very kindly donated some military books to the School Library in 2014.

ALUN DEVEREUX MELBOURNE THOMAS (1941-46) **New House. Passed away on 13th January 2016** in Guernsey, where he lived for the past fifty plus years since leaving Wales. Alun enjoyed returning to Monmouth School a few years ago for a Rowing Reunion.

IN MEMORY

DOROTHY (DODE) MOORE

– HMSG Old Girl, member of Staff for 26 years and Chair of the OGA sadly passed away December 2016.

JOHN GWILLIAM

Though his father was a Forester, John Gwilliam was born in Pontypridd, qualifying him to play for Wales. Educated at Monmouth School, he won a Welsh Schoolboys cap during the war years and then went on to read mathematics at Trinity College, Cambridge. As captain of Wales he guided them to glory in the 1950 and 1952 Five Nations campaigns with nine wins and a draw in 13 matches. His international captaincy began almost by accident. At the start of the 1951 campaign Bleddyn Williams had been chosen as

Welsh captain against England at Twickenham but en route to Paddington he declared himself unfit: the selectors offered the leadership to their number 8, John Gwilliam. England were beaten 11-5 and the side went on to beat Scotland 12-0 in Swansea and Ireland 6-3 in Belfast. The Times reported that Wales benefited from ‘the cool general who kept them

his boots at the end of the 1953/54 season. John Gwilliam had played with distinction for Cambridge University, Edinburgh Wanderers, Gloucester, Newport, Llanelli, the Barbarians and Wales.

Bob Blake (1938-46) toured in France with a rugby side from Lincoln College, Oxford and saw the OM play. He says “John had huge hands for a fairly slight man



together.’ The Grand Slam was achieved in the final game against France, which Wales won 21-0. After an indifferent 1951 season, when Gwilliam was dropped for the final game against France, he led Wales to a second Grand Slam in 1952. The following year, he helped Wales to a 13-8 victory over the All Blacks then hung up

and was known as ‘bucket’ Gwilliam. The French newspaper L’Équipe described him as ‘le véritable roi de ligne’, a fitting title.”

A memorial plaque to honour the life of John Gwilliam has been donated by Bob and will be placed in the Hitchcock Pavilion at the start of the Rugby season.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service for **HENRY CHARLES TOULOUSE** (1931-2016) was held in the School Chapel on Saturday 3rd December 2016. Henry was a pupil at Monmouth from 1942 to 1947.

This well-attended Memoriam recognised his remarkable service to the School and to the modern OM Club, whose foundation he helped build. Recollections of his life and affectionate tributes were paid by Reverends **Norman Morris** and **Nigel Burge**, and **John Bevan** recalled rugby coach trips and

fixtures where Henry’s presence featured large in numerous stories. Further anecdotes were exchanged at the lunch that followed the service.

Until 2 years ago, Henry served unstintingly as Honorary Membership Secretary, giving up countless hours of his own time over a 40-year tenure to keep the records of the Club. His knowledge of ‘what the boys were up to now’ was encyclopaedic and caring. During that time, he also was the Editor and compiler of the OM section of The Monmothian. Henry continued to serve on the Executive

Committee after retiring from duty. He will, of course, also be forever remembered as Monmouth School Rugby Football Club’s most loyal supporter, and its historian. Henry himself calculated he had watched over 1,000 School matches – home and away.

The 1st XV touchline will never be the same again.

He is survived by his wife Diana, daughters Carol and Jane, son-in-law Steve and grandchildren Andy, Clare, Nicola and Richard.

CLUB DONATIONS

The Club uses members' subscriptions to help the School and current pupils in the following ways:

OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS SOME OF OUR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDE

- RUGBY TOURS **£8,100**
- FUND 400 & BURSARY **£89,600**
- FOOTBALL TOURS **£8,500**
- CRICKET SCOREBOARD & TOUR **£7,000**
- OUTDOOR PURSUITS **£7,815**

OVERALL WE HAVE PROVIDED TOTAL MCT AWARDS OF £168,790



SUPPORT FROM THE OM CLUB

During the summer holidays, **Alex Blackwell** joined 24 other UK army cadets on an expedition to Kwazulu-Natal in South Africa. In advance of the trip, training events were held at Hammersmith Barracks and in the Lake District, where skills acquired included dealing with altitude mountain sickness and expedition hygiene. Over three weeks, highlights included spending a night in a Zulu kraal (homestead); trekking through the mountainous region of Drakensberg – where temperatures ranged from 25 degrees C during the day to -12 degrees at night; a

battlefields tour (including the sites of Rorke's Drift and Isandlwana); and, finally, a wildlife safari. Alex was financially assisted by the OM Club and has presented a shield in recognition of our support.



Evan Roberts 6.1 gave the Executive Committee a fabulous presentation of his experiences from his Himalayan trip, which the OMs also supported financially.

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(A) From an engraving by the late
Marcus Holmes, a former art master
at Monmouth, of the School from Wye
Bridge in 1926. The illustration, in dark
brown, measures 9 inches x 13.5 inches
and is printed on cartridge paper
measuring 15 inches x 18.5 inches.

(B) 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
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the purchase of works of art by boys at
Monmouth.



OTTO MACIAG

1918 - 2000



OTTO MACIAG WAS ART MASTER
AT MONMOUTH SCHOOL from 1948 to 1978.

To commemorate the centenary of his birth,
an Art Exhibition Event will be staged at
Shire Hall, Monmouth in late Spring 2018.

OM artists are cordially invited to exhibit their work,
alongside workshops organised for pupils by the present
Head of Art, Matthew Peake.

If you are interested in participating, please contact
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