



# THE MONMOTHIAN CHARITABLE TRUST

## THE OLD MONMOTHIAN CLUB

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**MEMBERSHIP  
EXCEEDS  
3,250!**

**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.

**OM  
webALUMNUS**

Many OMs have now registered on the free webALUMNUS site. To register, go to the Old Monmothian website [www.oldmonmothians.co.uk](http://www.oldmonmothians.co.uk) and follow the link on the Home page. On entering the site, click on "New, never registered before?" and fill in the questionnaire provided.

The Club is also on Facebook and LinkedIn



### MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

It gives me great pleasure to send my warmest greetings to every member of the Old Monmothian Club.

This Newsletter goes out to every member for whom we have contact details. However, notwithstanding the fact that our known membership is now over 3,250, there are still some 'lost souls'. If you are in touch with any contemporary who does not receive this Newsletter, please encourage them to contact our OM Club Administrator, Sharon Finch, at Monmouth School or by email ([oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org](mailto:oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org)).

Both the Monmothian Charitable Trust and the Old Monmothian Club are in fine fettle. The Trust, under the very able guidance of my Vice-President and Club Patron, Sir Frank Davies, continues to go from strength to strength with the benefit of your charitable giving with Gift Aid (see feature on page 2).

I am a fervent believer in making Monmouth School more accessible to gifted and talented boys from the widest variety of backgrounds. Like many of you, I came to Monmouth from a State primary school (Greenmeadow in Cwmbran). I was lucky enough to have the assistance of a Monmothian Scholarship. Monmouth School gave me so many opportunities. It encouraged me to aim high and enabled me to go on to Cambridge and a career at the Bar. I feel very grateful that I was fortunate enough to have been given this 'golden ticket' when I was 11.

Although Monmouth School remains remarkably good value when compared with its competitors, many families simply cannot dream of putting their son in for the entrance exam because of the cost. The only way to change that is by increasing the number of available bursaries and scholarships, in particular the former. The Trustees wish to target support to this area as soon as possible. Many of you have already made a commitment to give on a regular basis to the Trust; may I be cheeky enough to suggest that, even in these straitened times, there is always scope for each of us to reflect for a moment on both the principle of giving and the level of our giving. It is the best way of showing our gratitude and of ensuring that the most deserving and talented of the next generation have access to the opportunities offered by this great School.

Monmouth School has just appointed its first Development Director, Clare Anning. The Old Monmothian Club welcomes Clare's appointment and looks forward to working fruitfully with her for the mutual benefit of the School, the Trust and the Club. I hope that many of you take the chance to meet Clare at an OM Club event in the next year.

The Club has had an extremely successful year. Much of that is down to my predecessor as President, John Pearman, a man who travelled far and wide across the UK in support of School and Club activities, and to the Club Officers and Executive Committee. It is invidious to single out any individual, but may I give my particular thanks to Ray Blight and Ian Bowen, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer respectively, for the huge tracts of time which they devote to the Club and for the quietly efficient way in which they ensure that the Club continues to prosper. The acquisition of Sharon Finch as Club and Trust Administrator has been a great boon and has permitted much swifter email communication and regular OM news updates to those on our email contact list. May I also pay tribute to Roger Atkins who, in a very difficult year which culminated in the tragic loss of his lovely wife, Pat, gave so much of his time to the Club which he has served with such distinction for so many years.

On the day I took over as President, 1st October 2011, a day far too warm for rugby, the Sports Pavilion bubbled with laughter and the years rolled back at a wonderful Reunion Lunch for the Unbeaten Rugby XV's of Monmouth School. Great tales were told all afternoon of legendary tries, last-ditch tackles and visually challenged referees, but, most importantly, old friendships were rekindled and, as people wandered back across the Wye at the end of the day, the words "We must do this again, and soon!" drifted on the balmy air down river.

Only 13 days later, Haberdashers' Hall was the grand venue for the Club's London Dinner. Expertly organised by Steve Norris, this was a riotously enjoyable occasion on the eve of the momentous Rugby World Cup semi-final which was to be refereed by that well-known Irishman, M. Alain Pierre Rolland. Suffice it to say that no red cards were shown at Habs Hall...



The Cardiff Dinner moved this year from the last Friday in January to the first Friday in February. This avoided a clash with the first exeat of the Lent Term, thereby permitting more members of the Common Room to attend. The speeches were well-judged, especially that of Head of School, Jamie Atherton, and old friends had ample time to reminisce in the bar after dinner as a result. It was particularly lovely to welcome a Monmothian dynasty of six members of the Spencer family, headed by Donald Spencer, Penterry farmer and long-time stalwart of the Cardiff Dinner. Huge thanks go to Rollo Arthur for organising such a wonderful evening.

As you will see on the following pages, OM sports clubs have had new life breathed into them, and special mention must be made here of Tom Bevan's success with the OM Cricket Club and James Knight's rallying of the OM Boat Club.

Another feature of the past year has been the more informal OM gathering, as exemplified by Mike Steen's Eastbourne lunch last June and Mark Gladwin's 25 year reunion of the 1986 leavers (with HMSG) at the Punch House last July. This last event is being re-run on 21st July 2012, with the invitation extended to the 1987 leavers as well this time. Please contact Mark or Sharon Finch for details.

If you would like to organise your own more informal gathering at any time, please contact Sharon Finch and the Club will do all it can to publicise and support your event.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the next year.

*Richard Booth (80-87)*

## HELP US TO HELP THE BOYS

The Charitable Trust supports pupils primarily by providing bursary funds, to help the School continue giving as wide an access as possible to boys whose families may not be able to meet the full fees. The Trust also provides financial support for Sporting, Educational and Musical tours. You can send a donation or set up a regular Standing Order; and if you are a UK taxpayer, you can enhance your contributions by signing a Gift Aid Form.

Some examples of your funding assistance include:

- Madagascar Trip 2011 • Marrakech Meander 2011
- Joint Schools Art Exhibition 2011 • Football Tour 2011 – Valencia
- Junior Symphonic Winds - PLATINUM National Concert Band Award 2011
- Rugby Tour 2012 to Canada

A considerable number of OM Club members currently contribute towards the Trust... just imagine the difference to the boys if we could ALL contribute even a small amount each year! The potential is staggering. For example, if over 10 Years 10 OMs pay £50 per annum, with Gift Aid @25% their collective contribution of £5,000 would become £6,250: 120 OMs paying £100 per annum would yield a contribution of £120,000 - £150,000 with Gift Aid. That's the equivalent of 10 full fee bursaries, giving access to ten boys who would not otherwise attend.

Madagascar



## OBITUARIES

**Giles Benjamin Jackson** (83-90). 30th November 2011

**Robert (R C) Boddye** (74-80). 2nd December 2011

**F G Miles** (51-58). 19th December 2011

**Terry M Harris** (54-61). 2nd February 2012.

In February **Victor Spinetti** (43-47) got in touch to report that he was "in London about to film a bit of UNDER MILK WOOD and then going back down to Wales. Last week up to do a TV piece on Lionel Bart. Keeping the London eyrie but see~sawing a bit: still, at 82, good to be wanted."

**Bob Steele** (59-66) scooped gold medal awards from Harper Collins' Authonomy website for his first two thriller novels *SPIN* and *Conflicts of Interest*. Bob gave up his jet-set life as a partner with management consultants Pricewaterhouse Coopers to move back to the Welsh border country and write his novels. He says that a Speech Day English prize led to him winning a writing competition in the Western Mail.

*SPIN* is a taut thriller whose characters fear spin-doctors can control their thoughts, using secret techniques handed down from the Nazis. They want to know how to stop it and how to be sure whether they have succeeded. The spin-doctors' aims are simpler - they want the questions ended and the questioners dead.

More about Bob Steele and his books is available on his website at [www.bob-steele.com](http://www.bob-steele.com).

## JAPAN A YEAR ON

**N.P. 'Fred' Varcoe** (67-74) wrote "It's exactly one year since a series of tsunami devastated Japan and which triggered an environmental disaster at a nuclear power plant in Fukushima.

My home is 100 metres from the Pacific Ocean on the east coast of Japan but, luckily, the tsunami near my house was no more than 3 metres high so there was no physical damage and my house rode out the earthquake pretty well. 30 miles up the road, 17 people were killed. Still, the damage

## NEWS OF OMs

**Steve Norris** excused himself from the Cardiff Dinner and last OM meeting because he was "leading a party of OMs across the Irish Sea for their biennial rugby trip to Dublin."

It was the 12th Six Nations away trip made by the intrepid group of D M Francis, G A Whiting, D R Williams, D G Bensley and T A Sheddick (all 85-92) since '02. Somehow they have managed to occupy the intervening years with regular trips to Murrayfield and the odd trip to Stade de France (Steve maintains that Twickenham doesn't count as a proper away trip).

## MARATHON RUN

**Tony Kear** (79-85) ran his 4th London Marathon on Sunday April 22nd. If anyone would like to show their support, contributions will be gratefully received at <http://www.justgiving.com/tonykearvm>

## QUEEN'S COUNSEL

The Club warmly congratulates **David Evans** (75-82) on his having been appointed Queen's Counsel and wishes him well for the continued flourishing of what has already been a sparkling career at the Bar.

in my area was nothing compared to the horror further north. Nearly 20,000 people died or are missing, while over a quarter of a million lost their homes. Recovery has been slow and the survivors are still suffering. They need help on all levels.

It probably surprises people that one of the richest countries in the world needs charity, but Japan is not the glossy, well-organised machine that you read about in magazines. The country suffers from political paralysis and bureaucratic logjams. At Kobe in 1995 and last year, some of the quickest respondents were foreigners and the *yakuza* (organised crime syndicates).

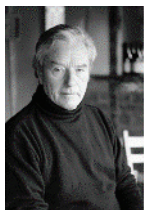
With the connections Monmouth has with Japan, I hope some will consider helping victims of this disaster in any way they can. OM **Grant Nicholas** released a song by his band Feeder and is donating the profits to the Japan Red Cross (you can view it on YouTube and on my website [www.fredvarcoe.com]). Japan is not out of the woods yet. More big earthquakes are likely to occur and the nuclear problem is long-term. All financial assistance helps this stricken country and its people.

**Glyn G. Roberts** (36-43) wrote: "When at the School I was living in the Monmouthshire part of Upper Redbrook – which happens to be in the Borough of Monmouth. Since 1961 I have been living in Bradford in Yorkshire.

I attended an OM annual gathering about three years ago and met Bob Blake: his older brother Stan was a contemporary of mine. Bob informed me that another of my contemporaries, **C.A.J. (Jim) Bromhead**, was living in Harrogate. I got in touch and we meet up about every six weeks in Harrogate.

In October 2011 we did something a little more ambitious. One of my daughters has a house in the Isle of Man so I arranged for Jim and I to visit for a week. We travelled from Heysham to Douglas on the ferry and were then based on the village of Foxdale – which is roughly in the centre of the island. Good weather contributed to an enjoyable week long holiday: we may try something similar in 2012.

## SUCCESSFUL AUTHOR



**Jeremy James** (62-65) was born and brought up on a coffee plantation in Kenya. Inspired by the nomadic travels of African camel drovers, in 1987 he set off on his own journey on horseback from Turkey to Wales: an adventure which led to the writing of his first book, *Saddletramp*. Since then he has written several books - *Debt of Honour*, commissioned by The International League for The Protection of Horses, which took him all over the world; *The Tippling Philosopher*; *The Byerley Turk*, the story of the first thoroughbred; and most recently, *The Alchemical Horseman*.

He also works as a freelance journalist, writing for various magazines and newspapers, including *The Independent*. Recently, Jeremy kindly spoke to the School Literary Society.

## A Belated Thank You from Tom Wade-West (97-02)

In the summer of 2000 the Haberdashers chartered a brand new sailing ship, the Stavros S Niarchos, to do two fortnight long voyages for pupils from Haberdashers' schools: Tom was one of those pupils. He so got the bug that he took a Gap year to join another cruise and carried on his sailing during every holiday of his university career. Since graduation he has sailed in the Tall Ships Races on three occasions.

As a result of his experience on tall ships, Tom was asked to join the team re-rigging the Cutty Sark and is looking forward to seeing the project reach fruition.

He wrote, "Thank you (to the OMs) for providing me with an opportunity that turned out to be the springboard for my tall ships career."

## SCHOOL RUGBY DINNER

**Henry Toulouse** (42-47), along with fellow OMs **Peter Morgan** (44-48) and Club Secretary **Ray Blight** (77-82) were guests at the recent School Rugby Club dinner which was attended by the coaches, 1st XV players and their parents.



Henry saw his first School match 70 years ago when he was a pupil at the School and, with the exception of two years' absence due to National Service, has watched nearly every other game since!

## SPORT

### ROWING

25 years ago when OMBC was set up as part of the launch of WARA (now Welsh Rowing), the Club operated as a way for the Sixth Formers to carry on rowing together after National Championships, Henley and Home Internationals and had great success at what was then the Gloucester/Bristol/Ross regatta weekend over the August Bank Holiday. In the early 90s the activities waned. The Club was revived in 2004 and the activities of the OM Boat Club have increased over the years, culminating last year in us winning the Invitational 8s at Monmouth Sprint Regatta, making up half of the victorious Masters B quad at British Masters and recording wins at several other events. We even had a crew attempt to qualify for HRR in 2006. The crews have been made up of several veterans and a growing number of younger OMs keen to reunite with old crewmates. It would be great if we were joined by more "recently ex" 6th formers and resurrected our attendance at Gloucester and Ross Summer Regattas.

Presently there are no subscription fees for the club. When we race, we pay our own race fees plus occasional boat hire costs or a donation to the host club.

The current Club kit is also 25 years old so it is being replaced. The tops will be £38 as I have funds to buy a set for our club activities. If you are interested, please go to

<http://www.godfrey.co.uk/clubproductbrowse.php?selcat=643>

If you want to keep in touch with our activities, please join our Facebook page or visit [www.oldmonmothiansboatclub.co.uk](http://www.oldmonmothiansboatclub.co.uk)

And lastly, if you ever fancy a row whilst near Maidstone, Kent then just give me a call **James Knight** 07887836100

### FOOTBALL

**Andrew Thomas** (06-11) has taken over the reins as OM organiser. If you are interested in playing next season please contact him on 07973 266877.

### Broome Trophy 2012 OM(2) vs Monmouth School 1st XI (1)

"Revenge is sweet!" Richard Broome said, as Monmouth's captain George Johnson handed over the glass ball 'Broome Trophy' for the 2012 season.

After defeat in 2011 the OM organisers opted for youth and axed many of the older stalwarts for this encounter. Several players from last year's School 1st XI returned to put the new young guns in their place. However, hearing about his fine performance against the English over-50s football team, the OM committee called upon the services of Welsh international footballer **Tony Jones** (60-67) - a fine piece of management from the OM selectors.

OM match tactics were dashed immediately on arrival when they found that the School side had broken from their traditional 3-5-2 system to the more offensive 4-3-3 style of play. Nevertheless, a quick team talk beforehand soon addressed the issue.

The match was played in the right manner, following the Corinthian Casuals spirit of play. Whilst the more physical OM team took the lead early in the first half through a well taken goal from last year's School captain **Michael Asprou**, the School team rallied and equalised with an excellent goal from John Parker. The 1st XI continued to dominate possession and territory throughout the match but were unable to capitalise – numerous chances were created and missed. Michael Asprou, eventually scored the winner with one of the greatest goals ever witnessed at Monmouth – a 35-yarder that would have graced the Premiership. He always said he was a striker and not a sweeper !!

The team comprised: Luke Aldridge, Michael Asprou, Richard Broome, Tony Jones, Ryan Turner, Dan Conant, Yune Choi, Ben Pike, Andrew Thomas, Matthew Davies, Tom Robinson, Harry Johnson.

## CRICKET

The Club's objectives are to promote social activity amongst its members, provide a link between Monmouth School and its Old Boys, as well as an opportunity to play competitive and friendly cricket.

If you are interested in playing any of the following fixtures, please contact the relevant fixture manager.

**27 May** -11am South Wales Hunt at Monmouth School  
Format: Declaration, Type: Friendly, Match Manager: Dougie Spencer  
[Douglas\\_Spencer@nfumutual.co.uk](mailto:Douglas_Spencer@nfumutual.co.uk)

**15 June** – 2pm Old Breconians at Christ College Brecon  
Format: 30 Overs, Type: Friendly, Match Manager: Seb Warwick  
[se.warwick@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:se.warwick@hotmail.co.uk)

**1 July** – 11am Gloucester Gipsies at Monmouth School  
Format: Declaration, Type: Friendly, Match Manager: Tony Kear  
[tony.kear1@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.kear1@btinternet.com)

**4 July** – 6pm The Mowers at Monmouth School  
Format: Twenty20, Type: Friendly, Match Manager: Jon Despontin  
[j.despontin@monmouthschool.org](mailto:j.despontin@monmouthschool.org)

**5 July** – 11am School 1st XI at Monmouth School  
Format: Declaration, Type: Friendly, Match Manager: Lawrence Cronk  
[lawrencecronk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lawrencecronk@hotmail.co.uk)

**8 July** – 1pm Old Georgians at St Georges College  
Format: 50 Overs, Type: Cricketer Trophy (Ro.1),  
Match Manager: Tom Bevan  
[omcc1886@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:omcc1886@hotmail.co.uk)

**29 July** – 1pm Ross-on-Wye XI at Ross-on-Wye CC  
Format: 40 Overs, Type: Friendly (175th Week),  
Match Manager: Bruno Warwick  
[bf.warwick@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bf.warwick@hotmail.co.uk)

**5 August** – 11am St Fagans 6-a-Side at St Fagans CC  
Format: 5 Overs, Type: Cup, Match Manager: Chris Lawlor  
[chris.lawlor@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chris.lawlor@hotmail.co.uk)

**12 August** – 11am Wye Valley F15 at Monmouth CC  
Format: 15 Overs, Type: Cup, Match Manager: Findlay Williams  
[fin\\_williams@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fin_williams@hotmail.co.uk)

For up to date information such as results, scorecards and reports, please visit the Cricket Club's website at [www.omcc1886@hotmail.co.uk](http://www.omcc1886@hotmail.co.uk)  
If you are interested in representing or supporting the Old Monmothians Cricket Club, please contact [omcc1886@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:omcc1886@hotmail.co.uk) direct.

## OMC COLOURS AND NEW MERCHANDISE

**Matthew Barnett** (75-82) has been investigating the prospects of 'modernising' some of the OM merchandise and presented swatches and proposals to the Committee during February. The designs and colours have been thoroughly researched, in collaboration with Archivist Pat Davitt, who sourced minutes from the OMC Committee meetings of 1910 and 1913, which referred to Club colours – Sage Green, Chocolate Brown and White.

**Please note, visuals have been prepared for discussion only: colours and designs are not accurate or finalised.**



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### OLD MONMOTHIAN DAY

Saturday 30th June 2012



This will be a particularly poignant occasion as our Guest of Honour at the lunch in the Pavilion, which is the focal point of a lovely day, will be John McEwan who retires from the Common Room seven days later, after 41 years of teaching at Monmouth School. As well as being an erudite and enthusiastic teacher of both Russian and French, John has been Housemaster of New House and House Tutor of Weirhead House. Although OMs of every vintage are very welcome, I would particularly like to encourage as many of John's former pupils as possible, whether Russian scholars or New House scoundrels, to attend OM Day. It would mean a great deal to him.

### ITINERARY

11.00hrs Chapel Service  
11.30hrs School Tours on Request  
11.30hrs Coffee in the Blake Theatre Foyer  
12.30hrs Buffet Lunch in Sports Pavilion  
14.00hrs Cricket & tea at Pavilion

Swimming Pool FREE to use ALL day  
OM Tennis and Rowing Events

Contact **Jamie Burn** ([jamiemprior2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jamiemprior2003@yahoo.co.uk))  
or **Sharon Finch** ([oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org](mailto:oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org))

## HENLEY DINNER

Leander Club, Saturday 1st September 2012

OMs and their spouses, girlfriends or partners, plus any guests, are warmly welcomed into what the Master in charge of Rowing at Monmouth School has recently described as the "hallowed portals" of the Leander Club, perhaps the most famous rowing club in the world, on the banks of the Thames. Given its proximity to London, together with the availability of superb accommodation in Henley itself (even at Leander), this is an ideal opportunity to plan a weekend away, safe in the knowledge that food and company on the Saturday evening will be first class.

**Contact Mike Mounsdon (01628 485297)**

**or Sharon Finch (oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org)**

## CONCERT BAND JSW REUNION

Sunday 16th Sept 2012

To mark the 25th anniversary of the founding of the concert band by Sean O'Neill a reunion of past players will be held in The Blake Theatre, Monmouth School on Sunday 16th September 2012.

ALL past players from both HMSG and MS are warmly invited to join the current JSW band for a scratch concert and opportunity to catch up with old friends.

**Contact Peter Dennis-Jones peterdennisjones@btinternet.com**

## WAR YEARS/AUSTERITY REUNION LUNCH

for Pre-1950 Leavers

Monmouth School Sports Pavilion, Saturday 29th September 2012

This gathering has been specifically requested by those who attended Monmouth School during the Second World War and its aftermath. Active among these is the irreplaceable and wonderful **Victor Spinetti**. There will also be representation from King Edward's, Five Ways, who were evacuated to Monmouth. It should be a marvellous day.

Suggested Itinerary:

11.00hrs Guest Speaker from King Edward's School, Birmingham

12.00hrs Pre-lunch drink

12.30hrs Buffet light lunch

(Cash bar available)

School Tours available on request

**Contact Sharon Finch (oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org)**

## LONDON DINNER

Haberdashers' Hall, Friday 12th October 2012

This dinner attracts a particularly stylish crowd of younger OMs who cut a dash through Smithfield as they take the evening to new heights after midnight. Speeches are kept to a minimum, and the emphasis is very much on re-establishing old friendships and making new acquaintances.

**Contact Steve Norris (0115 878 0635)**

**or Sharon Finch (oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org)**

## HEADS OF SCHOOL DINNER

Venue & Date TBA

A gathering of former Heads of School is planned for a date to be fixed in the next year. Please watch the website, emails and any correspondence for details.

**Contact Sharon Finch (oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org)**

## CARDIFF DINNER

Cardiff & County Club, Friday 25th January 2013 (TBC)

This remains one of the most popular events in the Club calendar, attracting OMs from far beyond South Wales and across a broad range of ages. It is particularly well attended by members of the Common Room.

**Contact Rollo Arthur (01633 400542)**

**or Sharon Finch (oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org)**

## OM CAREERS ASSISTANCE

Careers Evenings take place annually at Monmouth School and HMSG and students can benefit greatly from your experiences and professional advice.

If you feel you can offer Careers Advice, Talks to Pupils, Work Placements, or help organise fund raising for charity let us know at [oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org](mailto:oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org)



OMs Simon George (82-89)

Ray Blight (77-82)

Barry Morse (60-66)

David Evans (57-64)

at Monmouth School's Careers Fair 2012

## QUATERCENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

It is hoped that OMs will be able to help the School during 2014 with their contacts, support and help with organising special events.

A commemorative book is being compiled by Stephen Edwards who would greatly appreciate receiving any OM Memories or Pictures.

Please email [oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org](mailto:oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org)

Event Suggestions include

- Lectures
- Speakers Required
- Sporting Events
- Musical Events
- Social Events

If you have any other ideas please email Second Master

[sh.dorman@monmouthschool.org](mailto:sh.dorman@monmouthschool.org)



Artist's impression of Stage 1 of the Heart Project - one of the biggest building programmes ever undertaken by the School.

## OM DIARY

OM Golf (details opposite):  
Saturday 16th June 2012

### Monmouth OM Day:

Saturday 30th June 2012 - including tours of the School and Grange, swimming for children, lunch in the new Pavilion followed by cricket and tennis matches.  
Contact: Jamie Burn (07748 844337)  
Email: jamieprior2003@yahoo.co.uk

### Henley Dinner:

Saturday 1st September 2012  
Contact: M A J Mounsdon (01628 485297)

### London Dinner:

Friday 12th October 2012  
Contact: S H Norris (0115 878 0635)

### Cardiff Dinner:

25th January 2013 (TBC)  
Contact: R W Arthur (01633 400542) (h)

## 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)

Information is also posted on the webALUMNUS site, accessible via a link on the Club website, Facebook & LinkedIn.

### 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 omcc1886@hotmail.co.uk

Golf: Ian Bowen (01600 712955)

Rugby: Fred Hartley (01600 713143)

Football: Andrew Thomas (07973 266877)

Shooting: Colin Waldron (01233 622271)

Rowing: James Knight (01622 204035)

## OLD MONMOTHIAN GOLF

Old Monmothian golfers are invited to enter in the annual Golf Day to be held this year at Raglan Parc Golf Club, on Saturday 16th June 2012 - assemble at 12 noon for a 12.30pm start. **Format:** Stapleford • Full Handicap • Yellow Tees.

**Cost:** £30 per person to include coffee and bacon roll on arrival; 18 holes of golf in the afternoon; evening meal with Prize-giving.

**Contact:** Ian Bowen, Chusan, Dixton Road, Monmouth NP25 3PL  
Telephone 01600 712955 Email [leslybowen@btinternet.com](mailto:leslybowen@btinternet.com)



### The School's impressive new pavilion is the venue for lunch on OM Day - 30th June.

You may be interested to know that **The Hitchcock Room** is available to hire for private functions, and seats 100 guests. For larger events, the **Blake Theatre** can seat a maximum of 150 and the stage can be used for bands/discos/entertainment.

Details from Neil or Ginny Muir on **01600 713143** or email: [n.muir@monmouthschool.org](mailto:n.muir@monmouthschool.org)

## MONMOUTH SCHOOL SHOP

01600 710410 Email: [theshop@monmouthschool.org](mailto:theshop@monmouthschool.org)

**Opening Hours:** Monday-Friday 12.30-2.30pm and 3.30-4.30pm  
Sat 12.00-1.00pm

Please make cheques payable to Monmouth School Enterprises Ltd

The following items are available: price excludes post and packing.

**OM Club Ties** - Brown, Green and White sports ties or Dark Blue formal tie with Brown, Green and White stripes £7.50

**Monmouth School Cufflinks** - featuring School Crest £20.42

**OM Club Scarves** - Brown, Green and White design on the width, in a wool/cotton mixture, approx 58" x 11" £5.50

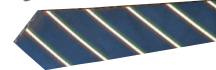
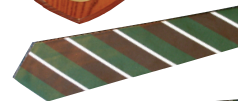
**New Line Bow Ties** - in OM colours (blue design), ready made up with fabric neckband £7.15

**Wall Shields** - the School Crest with Monmouth School emblazoned on the scroll £40.85

**School Prints** - from an engraving by the late Marcus Holmes, a former art master at the School, of the School from Wye Bridge in 1926 £7.50.

- a set of 4 prints from pencil drawings by Darren Ray who left school in 1989 and is now pursuing a career in Fine Art.

Complete set, unmounted £25.00. Individual print, unmounted £6.50.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on Saturday 29th September 2012 at 9.30am in the William Jones Room, Monmouth School (to be confirmed, please check website). Nominations for the election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee must be received by the Honorary Secretary in writing with the names of members proposing and seconding the nominee, and with evidence of his agreement to stand for election, at least seven days prior to the date of the AGM. The agenda for the meeting will be as set out in clause 11 of our Constitution. This can be found on our website ([www.oldmonmothians.co.uk](http://www.oldmonmothians.co.uk)).