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The Newsletter of the Old Maidonians' Association

OMA Committee News

OMA Website Plans are under way for an OMA website. **Chris Raymond (1962/68)** (see *News of Old Maidonians*), acting on behalf of the Committee, has registered the domain name of **oldmaidonians.org.uk** and has agreed to be the site's webmaster. He will control access to the site. The intention is to link the site to that of Desborough School's (**desborough.org.uk**).

The site will initially contain news items, a list of forthcoming events, a short history of the OMA, a membership application form, the Rules of the Association, items/photographs submitted by members, etc. A section of the website will contain copies of the current and previous issues of the OMA Newsletter, but as these include contact details of members, this section will be password-protected. When the site is ready to go live, the password will be emailed to all current members whose email addresses we have on record.

If any members are on email but have not let us know, would they please send us an email now to omanewsletter@aol.com. If there are members who do not have an email address but have access to a computer and need the password, they should make contact with Mrs Betty Collin, our Secretary, whose contact details are given below.

The Wilfred Upson Prize - 2008 For the first time, the Committee decided to award the Prize to two recipients, **Colonel Matthew Holmes DSO RM ((1978/83))** and to **Peter Jones (1977/82)**. Colonel Holmes was awarded the rare Distinguished Service Order early in 2008 for his leadership and dedication to high standards while the Commanding Officer, as a Lt Colonel, of 42 Commando Royal Marines during their operations against the Taliban in Afghanistan. Peter Jones is a very successful businessman and member of the high-profile TV

programme, *The Dragons' Den*. More information about these two prizewinners is given in the *News of Old Maidonians* section.

The G R J Murray Bequest Initial projects for which this bequest has been used have been the founding of the GRJ Murray Prize, the refurbishment of the School's War Memorial Board (*details given below*) and a donation to the Battle of Britain Historical Society for their assistance in identifying two of our Old Maidonians who had lost their lives during World War 2 as having fought in the battle (*details given below*).

The G R J Murray Prize is for the student who makes an outstanding contribution to the School and for whom no challenge is too much trouble.

School War Memorial Boards Special features of the School assemblies in 2008 related to the enlarged War Memorial Board to include four extra names of former pupils who died in World War 1 and the new Battle of Britain plaque commemorating two former pupils who fought in the battle.

The names that have been added to the list of those who fell in World War 1 are Rupert E Neve (Lt, Royal Flying Corps) and three brothers, Alfred K Scott DCM (RSM Cameron Highlanders), Douglas J Scott (Sgt, the London Regiment (London Scottish)) and Henry J Scott (the London Regiment (Prince of Wales' Own Civil Service Rifles)). The opportunity was also taken to indicate that Flt Sgt M Joe Darvill, who died in World War 2, had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

Annual Dinner

**Friday 27th March 2009 at 6.30pm
for 7.45pm**

At Maidenhead Golf Club

Booking form on back page

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Committee:	Colin Cutler, Mrs Helen Duncombe, David Eyre (President), Tony Lehain, Andrew Linnell (Head Teacher), Christopher Nunn, Ed Paine (Head Boy) Robert Weston.

Present at the Senior School assembly were representatives of the Scott family, members of the Royal Air Force Association and the CO of Maidenhead Air Cadets.

The work on the War Memorial Board was undertaken by **Alistair Price (19 71/77)**, owner of A R Price, cabinet makers and antique furniture restorers of White Waltham. The Battle of Britain Plaque, produced by the Battle of Britain Historical Society, pays tribute to Flying Officer Raymond W Clarke and Flt Sgt Eric E Williams who both took part in the battle and who lost their lives.

Annual Dinner – Friday 27th March 2009 As in the last few years, this event will take place at Maidenhead Golf Club. The cost this year is £17, compared with £22.50 in the last two years, as the sponsorship provided by **Julian Pearson (1974/79)** last year has been applied to the ticket price this year.

The guest speaker will be **Mark Turner (1971/79)**, who was a teacher at the School for 24 years, for the last several years as Head of PE and Games, until taking up a senior appointment at Claires Court School, Maidenhead. We hope that many of those who were his contemporaries or who were taught or coached by him, will make every effort to attend the Dinner this year. The application form is on the back page of this Newsletter.

If members attending the Dinner would like to visit the School beforehand, they are asked to be at the Reception Office at School at 5 pm.

Christmas Reunion - 18th December 2008 took place after the annual rugby match between OMA and the School at Maidenhead Rugby Club. After the meal presentations to individual players were made by Mr Tim Hamilton, Head of PE and Games, and by Mr Nick Leigh, 1st XV team coach. Mr **Mark Turner (1971/78)**, who had been Head of PE and Games until July 2008, attended the Reunion and was given a warm welcome.

Changes of addresses/email addresses Please remember to let us know if you change your address or email. After each issue we lose contact with a number of our members, with Newsletters and emails being returned as undeliverable.

Overdue subscriptions If you have received notification that your subscription is due for renewable or is in arrears, we would ask you to please give this matter your attention before it slips your mind.

Email addresses If you have received this Newsletter by post and are now on email, we ask you let us have your email address (by sending an email to omanewsletter@aol.com) so that we can send future issues by email, thereby cutting delivery time by some 10 days and reducing our postage costs, currently borne by our sponsor.

News of the School

We acknowledge with thanks the following contribution from Mr Andrew Linnell, Head Teacher.

I am writing this at the start of February 2009 and reflecting on the more significant events of the past few months that may be of interest to former students.

Firstly it is worth recording the names of some longer serving members of the teaching staff who retired from August 2008. Dr Peter Couch (Advanced Skills Teacher – Chemistry) has reached the age of retirement, and moved to Spain. For two terms (Terms 3 and 4) of his last year of service at Desborough, Peter held a prestigious School Teacher Fellowship sponsored by the Royal Society of Chemistry at the University of Reading. Peter of course has held many posts in the School during his 23 years service including a period as Acting Head Teacher.

Mrs Pat Brennan retired as Curriculum Leader for Mathematics and Mrs Jenny Tyte from the English Department; both after many years of dedicated service and outstanding teaching in the School.

Mr **Mark Turner (1971/79)** left the School in August after 24 years service.. He is now the Assistant Head Teacher at Claires Court School, Maidenhead. Mark is also a former student of the School and was Acting Assistant Head Teacher in the period between David Eyre's departure and my arrival.

We gave best wishes and collectively celebrated the contribution of these four long serving members of staff, and a small number of other teachers moving on to promotions in other schools. It is sad to see colleagues leave, but it necessary to have some staff turnover so new colleagues can be recruited. The current turnover of staff at Desborough is low and this is a sign that members of staff feel happy at the School and able to develop their careers.

The condition of the buildings is still a great concern and there is a massive backlog of maintenance after many years of low investment. The Sports Hall and changing facilities have been renovated to a high standard and are much appreciated by our students and pupils. There has been expenditure to improve the canteen area and catering facility that coincided with the catering contract being relet to Cooks-Innovate. This has made this a much more pleasant school facility.

In the Autumn, we were pleased to welcome Mr Pete Clifton to be our guest at Prize Giving. He is a senior member of staff at the BBC and we made contact with him when the School participated in the BBC School Report Programme. A team of students led by Mrs Dawn Hughes and Mr Dave Terrington got to the final and went to the BBC TV Centre. During their participation in this scheme, they interviewed some former students: **Toby Anstis** and **Nick Hornby**. There is another team participating again

this year and this week a group of students will meet and interview the author, **John O'Farrell**.

Another high point for the students and pupils was a visit by former student and star of the BBC programme, *Dragon's Den*, Peter Jones. He arrived with a film crew to make a programme related to the main series about his formative years and early career and spoke very fondly of his five years at Desborough School. He chatted with a large number of pupils, including some of our budding business studies students.

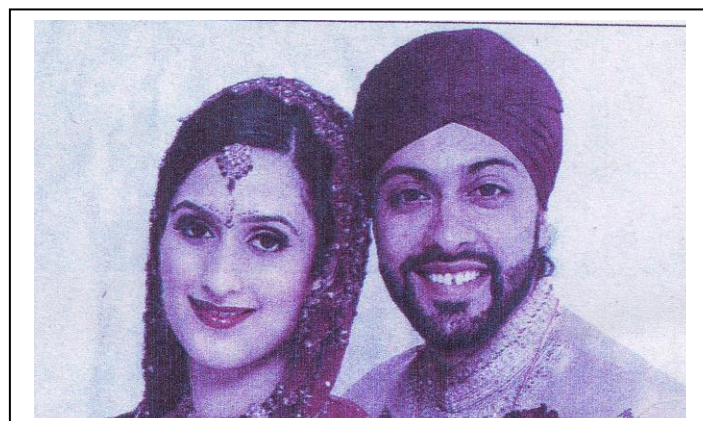
There will be a big change for the School from September when entry to the Sixth Form is opened up, for the first time in the School's history, to female students. Currently there are two periods in the week when students from Altwood CE, Furze Platt Senior, Cox Green and Newlands Schools can come to Desborough to study A-Levels. We have decided to extend this arrangement by also allowing female students to fully transfer to our sixth form as full members of the School. I must emphasise that there is no intention to alter the single-sex character of Years 7 – 11 as we strongly feel that many boys do better in a single sex environment until the age of 16.

I would like to thank the Old Boys for their continuing support of the School and in particular to Colin Cutler for his support specifically for our arrangements in November during the remembrance period.

Andrew Linnell, Head Teacher

Weddings

Jasdeep (Jassi) Bahra (1995/99) married Navpreet ((Nina) Chana, firstly at a civil ceremony in Essex and then at a Sikh service at the Ramgharia Gurdwara temple in London, attended by some 600 guests. The reception took place the following day at Newbury Racecourse. The honeymoon was in Tahiti. Jassi is a dentist in a mixed NHS and private practice in High Wycombe while Nina is a dentist in a practice in Reading. They both studied dentistry at Kings College, London. They are now living in Maidenhead.



David J Blogg (1975/1982) married Mary Mussett in "The Oak Hall" at Westobirt Arboretum, Glos. on Friday 19th April 2008. The reception was held at The Close, Tetbury. The honeymoon was spent in Madeira. David is working for W Atkins, consultant engineers; at present at the Ministry of Defence in Abbey Wood, Bristol. Mary is employed by Bath University in finance administration. Their address is 11a Weavers Close, Dursley, Glos GL11 4LR

Dominic Nusser (1986/93) married Sarah Liddle at St James the Less Church, Stubbings in June 2008. The reception was held at Frederick's Hotel in Shoppenhangers Road and the honeymoon was spent in Hawaii. Dominic is in the printing industry while Sarah flies with British Airways. They now live in Holyort.

Sarah's twin brothers are **David** and **Richard (1986/93)** who were in the same year at school as Dominic. David is a financial adviser and lives in London. He is planning to marry next year. He and his fiancée have bought a cottage in France near Le Touquet. Richard is married with a young baby and lives in Stoke Mandeville. He sells high quality bedding, under the 'Lexington' brand.

Craig Short (1987/92) married Lisa Ramsay at St Mary's Church, White Waltham in August 2007. The reception was held at Stirrups Country House Hotel, Maidens Green and the honeymoon was in St Lucia. Craig is a supervisor with a printing company and Lisa is a marketing executive with a CCTV distributor. They live in Maidenhead.

In Memorium

We regret to report the deaths of the following and extend our sympathies to the families::

David Bannister (1945/53) died in January 2009 at the age of 72. He achieved the rare distinction of being a junior international footballer. At school he held athletic records for the 100 yards and the long jump: at soccer he captained the Berk, Bucks and Oxon County side. In 1951, after taking part in an England trial at Reading FC he was selected to play for the junior England football team, playing in the left midfield, alongside the legendary Duncan Edwards, against Northern Ireland, scoring two goals. He subsequently played in the home and away matches against Scotland and was reserve against Wales and Ireland.

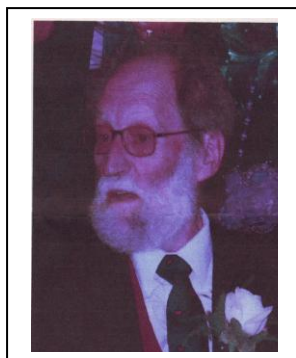
While still at school David played for Bromley, in the Isthmian League, before being invited to join Chelsea. His debut match in the first team was against Sheffield United in 1953. After only a few further games for Chelsea he was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident, fracturing his spine, necessitating a year of recuperation, and putting



an end to his top-flight footballing career. During his national service he played for the RAF.

David worked for Mars in Slough for more than 20 years before becoming the site controller at Furze Platt Senior School. He was married with four children, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

J Harold Blogg (1953/55) died in May 2008 at the age of 68. He was a former Secretary of the OMA. He served an apprenticeship with Tarmac and became a civil engineer, later joining and remaining with the Thames Conservancy (now the Environment Agency). During the boat trips organised for members of the OMA he was a mine of information about many aspects of the river. Harold and his wife, Janet, were involved in their younger days with scenery-building with the Maidenhead Drama Guild and the Grimm Players.



In the 1970's Harold started coaching at Maidenhead Rowing Club, later becoming secretary of the Club and of the Regatta. He and Janet became rowing umpires.

On retirement Harold and Janet took up bowls, with Harold becoming Treasurer of Maidenhead Thicket Bowls Club. He also took up off-shore sailing and supported the Jubilee Sailing Trust. He also took an interest in Masonry and became the founding Master of Regattas Lodge in Henley. He died a few weeks after attending the wedding of his son David (*see Weddings above*).

Group Captain John Burningham MBE RAF (retired) (1942/50) died in 2008 at the age of 75. After graduating from Reading University, where he was President of the Rowing Club, he joined the engineering branch of the RAF, serving for 27 years before a car accident brought an end to his promising career. He was involved in the development and operations of a wide range of aircraft from Hunters and Javelins through to Jaguars. After retirement he became active in local government serving as a County Councillor on West Sussex County Council and also as Chairman of the Horsham District Council.

Mark Caton (1948/55) died in March 2008.

Ken Grace-Dutton (1945/49) died in 2008 at the age of 75. After qualifying as a pharmacist Ken joined Boots The Chemist, becoming a branch manager. In the mid 70s he moved to Northants and ran his own pharmacy. On retirement he continued to be very busy as an elder in the Elim Pentecostal Church, Northampton, being chairman of Governors of a village school and, with his wife, running a furniture and food store serving two adjacent housing estates. Ken had been a regular attendee at the OMA annual dinners.

Ellis Halfacre (1926/29) died in May 2008 at the age of 94. He was born in Australia and raised in Maidenhead. He became a renowned bowler, playing for the county and the country. When he took over the family firm of Halfacre and Young, the building company based in Holyport, he became a master carpenter. During the war he repaired RAF aircraft at White Waltham. Ellis left a son, three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Colin Hatch (1941/46) died in November 2008 at the age of 78. On leaving school he was articled to a firm of surveyors in Reading, after which he joined the building company started by his father. He was later joined by his brothers, **Keith (1943/48)** and **Barry (1945/52)**. After the death of their father in 1976 the three brothers ran the company until they formed a new company, Colin Hatch Ltd, with Colin and Barry as joint managing directors. They retired in 1992 when the business was sold. Colin was then able to indulge his passion for travel, cruising around the world. He was married to Beryl and they had three daughters and seven grandchildren.

Michael Hawe (member of staff 1974/82) Michael, who died in 2008, joined the School as Deputy Headteacher in the year that the School became a comprehensive, his previous experience in the comprehensive sector being valuable. He left to become Headteacher at Waingels Copse, Woodley, and was later appointed Headteacher at the large Easthampstead Park School, a school where he was a major influence in the design of the new buildings.

Richard Hickox (member of staff 1970/71) died in November 2008 at the age of 60. He spent a hectic year as Director of Music at School, after coming down from Cambridge where he had been Organ Scholar at Queen's College. He went on to enjoy a glittering career and to become a leading British conductor, credited with successfully raising the status of choral music and of English composers. During his year at school he was responsible for the musical direction of Benjamin Britten's *Noye's Fludde*, co-produced by **Mr R S Stanley (member of staff 1961/84, Vice-President and former Chairman of the OMA)**. This was a joint production with Maidenhead High School for Girls (now Newlands). Gill Hornby, a member of the cast, paid tribute to the enthusiasm and inspiration of Richard Hickox, in her column in The Daily Telegraph.

Michael Page (1947/53) died in 2008 at the age of 71. After national service in the army he qualified as an accountant, later becoming a Financial Director. Michael was a keen cricketer and played for many years with Boyn Hill Cricket Club. On his retirement he moved from Maidenhead to Bournemouth. He was a regular attendee at the OMA Dinners.

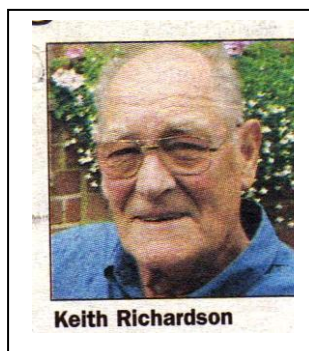
Trevor Peppin (1969/75) died in February 2008 at the age of 50. He had been a member of Maidenhead lawn Tennis

Club since leaving school. He was a talented golfer and played in several OMA golf competitions. He was a member of Hazlemere Golf Club.

Keith Richardson (1945/51)

died in April 2008 at the age of 74. On leaving school he joined the RAF and was posted to Gibraltar where he played cricket and hockey for the Combined Services. After his RAF service Keith joined Fairey Aviation at White Waltham before joining British Airways where he served for 30 years.

He started to play cricket at school during which time he played for Warren Row. At 15 he joined Littlewick Green Cricket Club where he was a playing member for 50 years. In 1960 Littlewick Green, with Keith as captain, won the Julian Cup. He also played hockey for Maidenhead and Bray. At the age of 50 he joined the Berkshire over-50s cricket team, playing for 11 years. He umpired for both cricket and hockey. On his retirement he joined Hennerton Golf Club.



Keith Richardson

L Eric Smallbone (1941/45)

died in December 2007 at the age of 78. He was a retired courier who for the last 30 years he had been a member of the Windsor and Maidenhead District Sports Association for the Disabled (WAMSAD), serving as club secretary before becoming a club director. He had recently been awarded life membership of the club.



ERIC SMALLBONE: Wamsad supporter

Raymond H Wilmott (member of staff 1965/81) died at the age of 85 in November 2008. He was a very successful Head of History. The results achieved by his pupils, including Oxbridge entrance, did much to enhance the School's academic reputation.

He served in the Army during World War 2 and was a Normandy veteran. He was with the 2nd Army HQ at the surrender at Luneburg Heath and later was part of the military mission in Denmark. He was a graduate of Bristol University and taught at Felixtowe Grammar School before coming to Maidenhead. He was the author of 'Discovering Heraldry', with illustrations by his wife, Sheila. Towards the end of his time at Desborough he served on the governing body and after his retirement he became a foundation governor of two schools in Binfield. He was a pianist and organist and enjoyed painting in water colours.

Old Maidonian's Sport

Golf

35th Annual Match v School – 7th April 2008

This event resulted in a win by the Old Maidonians by 3.5 to 1.5 matches. Representing the OMA were Colin Cutler (1936/43), Grahame Fisher (1952/59), Peter McNicholl (1967/74), Chris Raymond (1962/68) and Roy Squire (1945/50).

34th Competition for the Brooks Cup – 28th July 2008

Last year's winner and the previous year's joint winner, Nick Scrutton, was unavailable to defend his title. A worthy winner this year was Year 9 Desborough boy, David Langley, a member of Winter Hill Golf Club, who is already down to a handicap of 12.. Runner-up was Mike Clyde, who consistently produces good performances in this event.

The leading results were:

			Points
Winner	David Langley	12	39
Runner-up	Mike Clyde	9	38
3 rd	Geoff Ponter	16	34
4 th	David Long	14	33
5 th	John Weavers	16	31
6 th	Richard Woolmer	14	31
7 th	Grahame Fisher	17	31

Fixtures for 2009

Match v School – Monday 6th April 2009

Competition for the Brooks Cup - Monday 27th July 2009

Both events will take place at Maidenhead Golf Club. If you are interested in taking part please contact Colin Cutler

Rugby

The OMA v School match was played on 18th December 2008 and resulted in a win for the OMA by 24 to 14 points.

News of Old Maidonians

The Association is always pleased to hear from Old Maidonians and acknowledges with thanks the news they have provided about themselves and about other Old Maidonians, and invites members to send in their news. Please give dates of joining and leaving School in all communications, to assist in identification.

Captain Simon Airey RN (1969/76) is enjoying a variety of experiences as he progresses in the Royal Navy. While

at school, Simon was a member of the School's 18th Maidenhead Scout Group, becoming a Venture Scout. He was awarded a Royal Navy Scholarship, and after a gap year in Germany, he read Modern Languages at Queen's College, Cambridge. Naval training took place during university vacations, mainly in frigates.

While Simon's specialism was Logistics he also took up the study of Russian. After a spell in the USA at NATO Atlantic Command Staff, Norfolk, Virginia, he served for 2 years as Supply Officer on the frigate HMS London, part of the task force during the Gulf War.

On return from the Gulf, Simon was appointed Assistant Naval Attaché in Moscow, at the time of the break-up of the Soviet Union, when travel restrictions within Russia were eased to some extent. He then spent two years at Navy Service HQ at Portsmouth before being appointed Supply Officer, HMS Fearless. His subsequent appointments have been as CO of the Joint Services School of Languages at Beaconsfield, Executive Assistant to the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff at the Ministry of Defence covering operations in Afghanistan and Iran, and as Defence Attaché at the British Embassy in Kiev. He is currently in the UK on an assignment with the MoD.

Simon has twin daughters by his first marriage and as a result of his marriage to Sally-Anne he has twin stepsons.

The Barrett brothers

Alun Barrett(1979/86) married Catherine Breese (also known as Breezy) of Thornton-le-Dale, Yorkshire, in March 2008. He has an Event Management business based in Matlock, while his wife runs a ski chalet in Chamonix.

At present they move between the two businesses.

Andrew Barrett (1976/83), who read Mathematics at Southampton, is currently nearing the end of a 3-year contract as Chief Financial Officer and Actuary of ING Life Insurance in Taiwan. He has previously had 3-year periods Bangkok, Cairo, and Seoul.

Roger Barrett (1972/79) read Ergonomics at Loughborough. After some twenty years working on computers in the financial world of the City of London he lives in Pembrokeshire where he runs his own business dealing with websites, etc.

Nigel Bevan (1965/72) studied surveying at Trent Polytechnic (now Nottingham University) and joined a major national building company as a Chartered Surveyor. He stayed with them until 2000 when he left to form, with a partner, Quantic Management, Siena Court, Broadway, Maidenhead SL6 1NJ (01628 509027). The company provides project management, quantity surveying, CDM co-ordination, building surveying and facilities management and prides itself on completing projects on budget and to the agreed time scale.

Nigel, who was a member of the 18th Maidenhead Scout Group while at School and subsequently became a

Venture Scout Leader in the Group has since held appointments in Scouting at all levels, including national. He has now accepted the appointment as District Commissioner for Maidenhead and District, responsible for all aspects of Scouting in the District and we wish him well in this important leadership role.

David J E Butler (member of staff 1960/65), who retired in 1996 after 22 years as Devon County Science Adviser.

The Clifford brothers

Ian Clifford (1956/64) After leaving school Ian did a Physics degree at the University of Surrey and then went to work at Kodak Ltd in Harrow. Initially he joined the Black and White paper Quality Control department (a slight defect his colour vision kept him away from colour products) then soon after moved into the Film Production department, taking responsibility for the technical aspects of X-Ray and Graphic Arts film production. He married in 1972 and in 1979 he moved up to the Lake District to join a small black and white photographic paper manufacturer, Kentmere Ltd, where after a short while he became the Engineering and Maintenance Manager. He was responsible for developing and building new manufacturing facilities, as well as doing the engineering manager's job in the associated cardboard packaging manufacturing plant, where he looked after installation and maintenance of modern printing and die cutting machinery. He finally managed to retire early in 2007 thanks to a final salary scheme that had not been closed.

Ian and his wife have two daughters and a son. One daughter is married with two children, and the other is working as a Purser for Easyjet. His son is completing his commercial pilots training, and hoping there will still be jobs available!

Outside work Ian tells us that he spent, and still spends, 'ridiculous amounts of time' helping run the local Sea Cadet unit. Apart from teaching youngsters how to sail and tie knots (his experience with the 18th Maidenhead Scouts finally put to good use) he also manages to get to sea fairly regularly with them, either on board their affiliated frigate HMS Cumberland, or with the Sea Cadets' offshore fleet (one square rigger, two yachts and a large power vessel).

John Clifford (1961/68) is a flying instructor at Oxford Air Training School, dealing with the training of commercial airline pilots. John returned to the UK in 1998 after spending 20 years in Africa flying with the Missionary Aviation Fellowship.

The Cooper brothers

Andrew H C Cooper (1974/81) who was a helicopter pilot in the RAF, joined Airtours in Manchester in 1997.

He is now a Captain with Airtours' successor, Thomas Cook Airlines, flying an Airbus A320 (like the one that ditched in the Hudson River in January 2009). He flies short-haul routes around Europe to destinations such as Greece, Turkey, the Canary Islands etc.

Andrew has taken part in OMA golf matches in the past. He tells us that he was bitten by the golf disease very badly a few years ago and managed to get his handicap down to 16 before 'commonsense prevailed' and he resumed his role of father and husband. He also tells us that although he is at present in remission from golf disease, he fears there may be a relapse 2009, especially if the weather picks up.

Andrew married Jill, a dentist, in 1993 and they have 3 children ages 13, 11 and 9. They live in Lymm, Cheshire.

Andrew informs us that his brother **David (1972/79)** lives in London where he works as a project manager for UBS. His younger brother **Jonathan (1975/83)** lives in Poole, is married with 2 boys and is an accountant, working for Barclays.

Matthew Daly (1995/2001) is one of the stars of Great Britain's hockey team. He came to Desborough from Canada at the age of 14. At the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Great Britain finished in the Bronze Medal position, behind the Netherlands and Australia, Matt having scored three goals in the competition. Matt receives a small grant from British Sport and supplements this small income with a part-time job as a hockey coach at Kingston Grammar School. He relies heavily on financial support from his family. The press have made the point that had Matt been an equally skilful football player his financial circumstances would have been very different. Matt is currently planning to do a teaching course

Peter Eagling (living at the School 1942/54) Peter was not an Old Boy of the School, but was the son of the Headmaster, A W Eagling. He was born in School House (now the Administration Building) in 1942.. He attended Alwyn Road School and Windsor Grammar School. He read English at Magdalene College, Cambridge. He later taught at Merchant Taylors, Crosby, and at three primary schools before becoming a lecturer at King Alfred College. He is now retired and lives at 56 St Johns Street, Winchester SO23 0HF: tel 01962 890280. In June 2008 he visited the School, with **Michael Scrivener**, (see below) where he enjoyed visiting the house where he had lived and where he discovered that his old bedroom was now the School Manager's office.



Roger Flemington (1952/58) spent most of his working life on the sales side of the printing industry. He started at

Taylowe, Maidenhead, dealing with folding boxes, before moving to another company in the same business as a representative in the west of London area. He then took up an appointment with The Berkshire Printing Company in Reading in Internal Sales Administration before setting up, with a partner, to run their own business. Roger mentions that all these companies have now ceased to exist – through no fault of his!

Roger has always lived in Maidenhead and has renovated the four houses in which he has lived. He has a son and four grandchildren, including twin girls. Among his hobbies, apart from the grandchildren and watching cricket, are acting as a Steward at Ascot and beating for two local shoots during the season. Roger is grateful for the education he received at school.

Stephen Gleed (1963/71), who retired from the Army as a Lt Colonel and who now teaches at an independent school in Winchester.

Fred Hearman (1953/57) has moved within Maidenhead to 96 Cookham Road, Maidenhead SL6 2HS.

Colonel Matthew Holmes DSO RM (1978/83) was promoted to his present rank in 2008. Earlier in the year he had been awarded the Distinguished Service Order for his leadership and maintenance of the highest standards while CO of 42 Commando Royal Marines during which time he led them in more than 300 operations against the Taliban in Afghanistan. He was presented with his award by HM the Queen at a ceremony at Buckingham Palace. He is married to Lea and they have a 4-year old daughter. He is a joint recipient of the Upson Prize for 2008.

He is currently on an assignment with the MoD in the UK.

R (Bobby) Howes (1941/45) has lived all his life in Bray and has now stepped down as a member of the Bray Parish Council after 12 years service. He had also served as chairman of Bray Village Hall and as chairman of the Lych Gate charity. In recognition of his services to the community he was invited to the Queen's garden party at Buckingham Palace in 2007.

Chris Jones (1974/81) In 2002 Chris returned from a 2-year assignment in Toronto where he was working on the Canadian Chip Card Programme. The family moved to a village near Andover, Hants, where they have settled into country life. He is currently working as a Principal Consultant for an IT Outsourcing and Consultancy company in London.

Before going to Canada, Chris had held a number of posts in the Scout Association, including that of Assistant County Commissioner (Activities) in Berkshire. On his return from Canada he took on a 5-year project, managing the coach transport for the very successful World Scout

Jamboree, held in Essex, in 2007. During the Jamboree some 300 coaches per day were used over a 14-day period, catering for 600,000 passenger movements. There were 41,000 participants from nearly 200 countries.

Chris lives in Appleshaw, Hants

Peter Jones (1977/82), on leaving school qualified as a tennis coach and set up his own tennis coaching school. He later set up a few businesses that did not prosper until he formed the very successful Phones International Group, based in Marlow. In 2005 he became a member of the panel of BBC2's celebrated Dragons' Den. . He is also involved in other TV programmes, in the UK and USA, concerned with assisting entrepreneurs. He published his book *Tycoon* in 2007. As recounted in the Headteacher's contribution in *Notes from the School*, the School featured in a TV programme about Peter. He is a joint recipient of the 2008 Upson Prize.

Neal Pearce (1978/85) studied Medicine at the University of Southampton and is now one of the country's leading surgeons specialising in pancreatic surgery. He is consultant general surgeon at Southampton General Hospital and Southampton Spire Hospital. His brother **Alan N Pearce (1975/82)** is a financial adviser.

Richard Pearce (1956/61) informs us that on a visit to Dubai for a friend's wedding he met **Jason King (1981/88)** and **Simon Bownass (1991/96)**. Jason, a former deputy Head Boy has lived in Dubai for the last 7 years and is Head of Secondary, Gems Wellington International School. His wife, Kim, is a Canadian and also a teacher. Jason was previously Head of PE at Harlington Upper School, Bedford and took part in several of the OMA golf matches. He has recently won a golf tournament in Dubai, playing with Simon's new father-in-law.

Simon has been working in conservation but has now decided to join the Royal Navy.

David Perrem (1955/60), who attended the 2008 Dinner contacted the Maidenhead Advertiser as he wanted to get hold of a copy of the School song, sung during his time at school. The song, *Scholae Laudes*, was in Latin and had been composed by Mr Eagling, the Headmaster in the 1940s, with music by the music teacher, Mr Frank Hammersley. It was sung at assemblies and Speech Days. OMA Committee member and retired member of staff, Mr **Tony Lehain (1965/96)**, was able to fulfil the request by obtaining a copy from Mr **Ray Wilmott** (member of staff 1955/81) who has since died, as recorded in the In Memoriam section above. The use of the school song was discontinued some years ago.

Colonel Christopher Pope OBE, who retired from the Royal Engineers in 2006, has changed his email address to chrispope276@btinternet.com

Christopher H Raymond (1962/68), who has kindly agreed to be the webmaster for the OMA website, achieved

an 'A' level in Art and went to the Army Surveying School, Hermitage, Berkshire, where he gained a Certificate in Cartography. He then joined Shell UK Exploration as an exploration draughtsman, later moving to Fairy Surveys in Maidenhead. He next spent 3 years in Zambia, working on copper mines draughting. On his return he joined Amoco, once more in exploration draughting, during which time he spent 4 years in Gabon, with a range of responsibilities. In 1999 Chris set up his own business, Cobalt Graphic Design, covering all aspects of graphic and website design. Chris is a member of Maidenhead Golf Club and takes part in the OMA golf events.

Chris's son, **Charles (1997/2004)**, studied at the Reading College of Art and is now setting up his own illustration business.

Chris' two brothers were also at Desborough. **Robin (1965/71)** is in overseas property development, while **Charles (1970/75)** has his own exhibition stand design company, Sienna Exhibitions Ltd, Hungerford

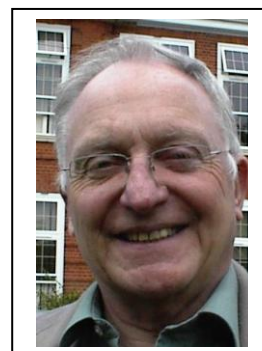
David Revell (1958/64) has moved to Frome, Somerset.

David N Rhymes (1971/78) is now in his ninth year working for Haymills (Contractors) of Stowmarket. Until recently he had been their site agent on a social housing project covering housing from Great Yarmouth to Grays, Essex. He is now the site manager of a contract at the British Museum. He still enjoys playing rugby and is now in his third year as captain of Colchester's 4th Team. David's youngest son, Dan, is in his second year at Bath studying chemical engineering. He is a very able rugby player and is following in his father's footsteps as a blindside flanker.

David has moved within Colchester

Michael Scrivener

(1954/59) was a member of the School Madrigal Group. He left to take up an apprenticeship with ML Aviation at White Waltham and later worked for Bell's Asbestos, Slough. In 1990 he set up his own business, a successful acoustics consultancy, now run by his son. His daughter is a speech therapist. He is a Rotarian. He is the organist and choirmaster of All Saints, Winchester, which is where he met Peter Eagling (*see above*) who is a member of the choir. Michael lives in Chandlers Ford



Malcolm Tanner (1956/63) has moved from Maidenhead to 29 Parkfield, Devizes, Wilts, SN10 2EB. He is a solicitor with Chebsey & Co, 10 High Street, Burnham, which took over his former employers Abbott Lloyd Howorth of Maidenhead. He is Secretary of the Maidenhead charity, Spoores, Merry and Rixman. He has a share in a narrow boat.

Malcolm's brother, **Brian Tanner (1944/51)** a former Deputy Head Boy, is now retired from The British Council, with whom he worked in West and South Africa and China. He took a Master's degree in Linguistics at Reading University. He now lives in Roche, Cornwall.

Tony Taylor (member of staff 1982/2007) In the last issue we published details of Tony's career and interests. We can now add that Tony is also a keen and experienced photographer who has, for many years, been a member of Henley Photographic Club. He has planned the Club's programme for the coming season which includes training for newcomers to photography, competitions and talks to increase knowledge about the increasing software available to amateur photographers.

During the last 15 years he has visited many European cities taking numerous photographs. He also photographed Desborough School sports days for several years until regulations on photographing young people intervened. With the advent of digital imaging he has started to produce audiovisual presentations. He has also photographed the South Oxfordshire area where he grew up and is in the process of linking the photographs to the history of the area. The results can be seen on his website www.lowerassendonmuseum.co.uk, which includes a photo gallery.

Tony, who has held a number of appointments in the Scout movement, is now the County Secretary of the Oxfordshire County Scout Council.

Duncan Trigg (1948/51) was interested in the account of the last issue of the OMA Newsletter by **Ernie 'Ozz' Austin (1948/51)** of his involvement in the development of the Peerless car. Duncan owns a Warwick, from the same stable as the Peerless. He has pointed out that the car nearest the camera in the photograph in the last issue, and reproduced below, is a Warwick. Steps are being taken to organise a reunion of those who worked on the production of Peerless/Warwick cars.



Form 3A – 1949

Back row: C J Ivermee, Nick Burley, F Haines, Dave Chesterman, D M Bosher, Robert West, P N Rideout, Adrian Cannon, ?

Third Row: Leon Stallwood, Michael Dance, R E Walker, C J Palmer, P J Walker, Howard Mortimer, Len Aldridge, ?

2nd row: Graham Moule, Dave Bannister, Mr Parry, Alan Cooper, Ken Tyson, R A Yeulet

Front row: Ernie 'Ozzy' Austin, Ken Lawrie, Robert Westcott, Mike Hawthorn, Alan Stanley

The names of those in the front row of the above photograph did not appear in the printed version of the last issue. The caption is reprinted with corrections kindly supplied by **Michael Hawthorne (1948/55)** and **Tony Dickinson.(1950/55)**

The above photograph shows David Bannister (*see In Memoriam*) in the 2nd row.

We are indebted to Michael Hawthorn and Tony Dickinson for their corrections to some of the names of the above.

Table Plan for Annual Dinner 13th March 2008

Table 1

Bert Bellworthy
Betty Collin
Colin Cutler
Helen Duncombe
Grahame Fisher
Alec Jones
Julian Pearson
Len Reynolds
Cllr Leo Walters
Mrs Margaret Walters
Chris Webb

Table 2

Andrew Bond
Chris Brown
David Evans
Dayne Ferrar
David Harrington-Hill
Tony Lehain
George Scott
Josh Stevens
Will Torrent
Richard Wager
Jonathan Webb

Table 3

Mike Braxton
Peter Brown
Derek Cook
Malcolm Cutler
David Morrow
Luke Over MBE
Derek Woolford

Table 4

Bob Allan
Colin Edwards
David Evans
Roger Flemington
Lawrence Keys
Roy Squire
Ron Walker
David Wheeler
Mike Wilkey

Table 5

Ray Clark
Michael Courtney
Tony Grant
Fred Hearman
Nobby Hearman
Tony Hearman
John Moses
John Powell
Bart Sams
Barrie Woolford

Table 6

Bryan Battye
Mike Churchman
Stephen Clements
Colin Funnell
Des Hele
Ian Lloyd
Peter Lyons
Chris Maltin
Richard Pearce
David Perrem
Keith Whiteside
Eric Woodin

Table 7

Graham Bridges	Paul Carey
Michael Cook	Bob Duncan
Pat Folliard	Alan Frampton
Dave Horton	Philip Palmer
David Revell	David Scott
John Smith	Mike Willoughby

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Annual Dinner – Booking Form

Friday 27th March 2009 at Maidenhead Golf Club, at 6.30 pm for 7.45 pm

Tickets will be available only from Mrs Betty Collin, although orders may be left at the School Office, care of Mrs Read. Ticket price this year will be £17 compared with £22.50, for the last two years. The price reflects the sponsorship generously provided by **Julian Pearson (1974/79)** last year.

The Guest Speaker will be **Mark Turner (1971/78)**, member of staff at Desborough for 24 years, for much of that time the Head of PE and Games. He left in 2008 to join Claires Court School, Maidenhead, in a senior capacity.

It is hoped that the lower ticket price this year will attract more Old Maidonians to book this year and that those who were contemporary with Mark Turner or who were taught or coached by him will make a special effort to attend.

Those who attend the Dinner without being paid-up members will be able to avail themselves of the opportunity to subscribe at the Dinner, if they wish.

For those who would like to visit the School there will be an opportunity of making a tour at 5 pm, starting at the Reception. Please mark the form accordingly.

If you or any members of your party require a vegetarian meal, please indicate on the form below.

The bar will close at 11.30 pm and the Club will close at 11.45 pm.

All orders must be accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope. Tickets will be issued only for named Old Boys. Members wishing to make party bookings must name those on whose behalf they are purchasing tickets.

Please use the booking-form and complete all requested details. **Bookings cannot be accepted if they arrive after Tuesday 24th March 2009.**

To: Mrs Betty Collin, 18 Badminton Road, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 4QT (tel: 01628 626349; e-mail bill.collin@talktalk.net)

Name* Address.....

..... Tel.....

Email address..... At School from.....to.....

I wish to attend the Annual Dinner on Friday, 27th March 2009 and I shall be in a party which includes the Old Maidonians whose names and addresses are listed below. I enclose a cheque (endorsed a/c payee only) drawn to the Old Maidonians' Association, **together with a stamped and addressed envelope**, for tickets as follows:

.....tickets at £17 each. The total value of my cheque is £.....

(Signed).....

Names* and initials of party	Address	Years at School from to
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3.....		
4.....		
5.....		
6.....		

*Please include first name (or name known by) and initials

Numbers of vegetarian meals required

Names of those interested in touring the school at 5 pm

