

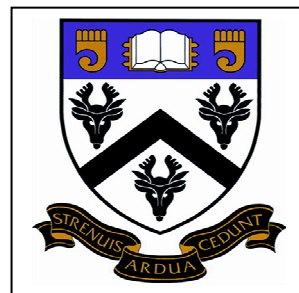


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The Newsletter of the Old Maidonians' Association

OMA Committee News

Vice-Presidents The Committee invited the three past Head Teachers at Desborough School to become Vice-Presidents, reflecting the valuable services each had made to the Association and to the School. They are all past-Presidents of the Association and the Committee is delighted that all three have accepted the invitation. They are **David F Miller (1982/88)**, **M Jerry Oddie (1989/1995)** and **David W D Eyre (pupil 1963/70 and Head Teacher 1996/2005)**.

World War 1 Casualties Until the last few years the School War Memorial Boards showed only 4 names of former pupils who had died in the war. In the light of the several hundred boys who had been at the school since its inception in 1894 as Maidenhead Modern School and the considerable casualty rate on the Western Front, the figure of 4 seemed far too low. In recent years 4 new names have been added and as reported in the last issue a further name was due to be added.

We can now report that due to diligent searches by an experienced genealogist specialising in WW1 casualties, **Michael Willoughby (1958/64)**, a remarkable further 16 names have been identified. It appears that when in the distant past the Memorial Board was commissioned, only the names of those who joined after Maidenhead County Boys' School opened in 1908 were included. The result is that pupils who were first registered with the Maidenhead Modern School and subsequently died during the War were omitted from the Memorial Board, even if they went on to MCBS and would have been taught in the same classes as those listed on the Board. At this distance in time it is difficult to understand why this distinction was made, particularly as the School has always claimed that its roots go back to 1894 with the Maidenhead Modern School.

The result of the foregoing is that two new Memorial Boards will need to be commissioned, one for each World War, as one enlarged Board would be too long to be viewed comfortably.

The names to be added are:-

Arthur F Ada	Stoker RN
Herbert H Barford	Pte Berkshire Yeomanry
William H Bissley	2 nd Lt Royal Berkshire Regt
John H Caudell	Lt RAF
John L Dashwood MC	Major, Central Ontario Regt
Harold W Dovey	Pte Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders
Leonard M Dovey	Sapper, Royal Engineers
Ernest C Jarratt	Trooper, Life Guards
Edward P Jackson	Captain, Royal Berkshire Regt
Douglas Joynson	Pte Royal Army Medical Corps
Ronald L Kirk	2 nd Lt London Regt
Lyndum D Mills	Pte Lincolnshire Regt
Reginald L Pitcher	Wireless Operator, Merchant Navy
Eustace L Spindler	L/Cpl Manitoba Regt
George N Viner	Captain Middlesex Regt
George N Wooldridge	Pte Berkshire Yeomanry

In addition to his work on the above, Michael has also researched the 8 casualties already on the Board. Full details of his research on all the names to be included on the new Board will be available in a file for consultation

Annual Dinner

**Friday 23rd March 2012 at
6.30pm for 7.45pm**

At Maidenhead Golf Club

Booking form on back page

Chairman:	Grahame Fisher, Bramleigh, Shoppenhangers Road, Maidenhead SL6 2PZ (01628 625555)
Hon. Sec:	Mrs Betty Collin, 18 Badminton Road, Maidenhead SL6 4QT (01628 626349), e-mail: bettycollin@oldmaidonians.org.uk
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Committee:	Colin Cutler (President), Mrs Helen Duncombe, David Horton, Tony Lehain, Andrew Linnell (Headteacher), Christopher Nunn, Charlie Kern (Head Boy), Robert Weston.

in the School. The Association places on record its deep appreciation for Michael's endeavours.

The Association would like to hear from any member who may be related to, or has any knowledge of, any of the above, or any of the names on the current Memorial Board.

The School Song The Association has received some requests for the words and music of the school song which was in use in the 1950s. The words, in Latin, were composed by the then Headmaster, A W Eagling, and the music was composed by the then Head of Music, Frank W Hammersley. The words and music are reproduced on page 9.

OMA website In the second year of operation of this website there were over 800 hits, 84% visiting the site for the first time, a very satisfactory usage rate. Over half the users had been referred by search engines while over a quarter were referred by the School's website.

OMA Annual Dinner 2011 Nearly 80 were present at this event including members of Staff and a welcome number of members from the Desborough era. Among those who made special efforts to attend, coming from long distances, were Stephen Barber (1981/88), who had come from Switzerland and John Caton (1946/52) who had journeyed from Fife, as he had the previous year. During the Dinner the Wilfred Upson Prize was presented to **S Jack Tomlin (1940/44)**, who, as reported in the previous issue, is currently President of Buckinghamshire County Cricket Club and also President of Wycombe Wanderers ex-Players Association. In accepting the Prize, Jack said that he owed much to the quality of the sports played during his years at School.

Changes of addresses/email address Please remember to let us know if you change your address or email address. 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 renewal 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 to 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 for which we no longer have a sponsor.

News of the School

We thank Andrew Linnell, Head Teacher, for the following contribution on events of the past year.

I appreciate this opportunity to keep former pupils up-to-date about developments in school.

In the Newsletter number 77 (December 2010), I reported that we had decided to update the very sad and tired science laboratories. This work was completed for the start of the 2011/2012 Academic Year and all the laboratories and the preparation areas have been renovated. The area is unrecognisable and brings the facilities up to 21st century standards instead of having a 1950s feel. This is only right and proper for a school where science teaching remains strong and highly successful, with large numbers studying A-Levels in four sciences: biology, chemistry, geology and physics. Any Old Boys who would like to look round the facilities would be most welcome and perhaps the redoubtable Tony Lehain (01189340916) OMA Committee member and retired teacher has agreed to arrange such visits.

Other capital has been spent updating the ICT facilities and also bringing the toilets up to a very high standard. All the toilet facilities have been upgraded now. There has also been extensive work on the heating and lighting in the New Main Building. The School Hall has been completely renovated. We have bought new purple curtains and are strengthening the use of the gold and purple school colours in school. The new lighting and radiators have made the venue much more impressive for big events such as Prize Giving and Remembrance Assemblies. On the latter occasion, I was really pleased that some Old Boys and other representatives of the Association were present at the three assemblies that occurred. I know your President, Colin Cutler, and others appreciated the opportunity to be with the current members of the school community on this important occasion and Colin was kind enough to contact me to say how impressed he was by the atmosphere and demeanour of the students and pupils.

There is a great deal of change in the world of education and the push to develop educational institutions that are more independent of central and local government, namely academies and free schools, will affect us. We are sure that our mission is correct. We want to become the school of first choice for the parents of boys in the Maidenhead and surrounding area. Our mission is "to endeavour to realise every boy's potential to enable him to take a place as a confident, caring and informed citizen of the world." We are committed to specialist subject teaching to achieve this and our balance between the best of our traditions and a sensible choice of good developments and initiatives will stand us in good stead to develop further.

Our Sixth Form students are one of our strongest assets. They make an enormous contribution to the School. Mrs Helen Duncombe (Head of Sixth Form) and I

are trying hard to support them to get offers of places from the best universities in subjects that will give them the greatest chance of success in their careers beyond the Sixth Form. They face for September 2012 the enormous potential barrier of fees and costs. The raising of tuition fees to £9,000 by the majority of universities is a challenge. I am pleased to report that the numbers of boys and girls applying for entry in September 2012 has not dropped at all and I hope they feel they are being supported to make better-informed choices. I am pleased to report that one student so far, John Henley, has obtained an offer of a place to study mathematics at Christ's College, Cambridge. It is always good to call in the man with the gold paint pot to update the Honours Board.

I would like to thank all Association members for your continuing support of the School and wish the Association every success in 2012.

Andrew Linnell
Headteacher

Old Maidonians' Sport

Golf

38th Annual Match v School - 13th June 2011

The match could not take place during the Easter vacation as usual since the School was not able to raise a team at that time. By the time of the rearranged match in June it was the Old Maidonians who found difficulty in raising a team. Consequently the Old Maidonians fielded a team of only three players, Michael Clyde, Grahame Fisher and Colin Cutler. The School team of two boys and three members of Staff won by 3.5 to 1.5, thus avenging their defeat the previous year.

37th Competition for the Brooks' Cup – 25th July 2011

A total of 16 players took part in this event, played in perfect conditions. It turned out to be a memorable occasion because David Langley, then a member of the School's Year 10, playing off scratch went round in 67, with 39 Stableford points. This is the first time a scratch player has taken part in this competition and the first time any player has come round in under the par of 70 for the course.

Special mention must be made of **David Long (1975/77)** who, off a handicap of 17 also scored 39 points, losing on countback.

The leading scores were:-

	Handicap	Stableford Points	Ranking
David Langley	0	39	1
David Long	17	39	2*
Grahame Fisher	18	37	3
Richard Moore	22	35	4

Nick Snell	18	35	5*
Malcolm Kempton	9	35	6*
Peter McNicholl	14	33	7
Myles Stuchbery	10	32	8

- on countback

Longest drive Malcolm Kempton

Nearest to pin on 13th Michael Carr

Nearest to pin on 16th Myles Stuchbery

Fixtures for 2012

Match v School - Monday 2nd April 2012

Brooks' Cup competition Monday 23rd July 2012

Both events will take place at Maidenhead Golf Club at 2 pm. If you are interested in taking part please contact Colin Cutler (01628 629130): colinarcutler@aol.com

Rugby

The annual OMA v School match took place on 14th December 2011 and resulted in a win for the OMA by 27 points to 15. After the match over 50 players, members of Staff and supporters enjoyed a meal after which presentations were made to individual members of the Desborough team.

Wedding Bells

We have pleasure in reporting the following wedding that took place in 2011.

Julian Pearson (1974/79) to Lesley Julian (née Gibson) on 2nd July 2011 at Dereham Registry Office. The reception took place on their farm at Holme Hale, Norfolk. For further information see 'News of Old Maidonians', below.



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.

Stephen Barber (1981/88) has sent us the following email for which we thank him.

After leaving Desborough, and obtaining an Electronics BEng(hons) from Brighton, I joined the repair/production team of a small firm in High Wycombe (PCL) who supplied "Warehouse Management Systems" throughout the UK. As time went by, and the company was bought/sold, I moved around various roles; Project Management, Customer Support Management and a few other techie posts. After the tech bubble burst we were owned by a Swiss company "Swisslog". At this point I was back in a techie role, installing and supporting systems, server-side, creating high availability servers. I qualified as an Oracle Database Administrator in 1998 and have stayed in this as my main role. In 2004 I transferred to Switzerland (Global HQ). I brought over my family fairly soon after. My son and daughter (14/12 respectively) are both fluent in German AND "Schwiitzerdeutsch". I divorced (amicably) last year, but am still in close contact with both of my wonderful children and see them very regularly. Before the move, I was in Bicester for 7 years and was an active member of the Round Table there, treasurer for 2 years, area treasurer and Vice Chairman for half a year (cut short by the move to Switzerland). I have been the President of the English Speaking Club of Aarau for a couple of years and am currently taking a back seat, as various personal pressures dominate my life.

William Barnard (1954-61) has emailed the following contribution for which we thank him.

It's taken 50 years but, almost on the anniversary of my leaving school in 1961, I decided it was high time I researched what had happened to MCBGS and found the Old Maidonians website. From there I was soon devouring "One Hundred Not Out" and recalling my personal memories of Gus, Pumice, Clicker and the rest. Dave Horton suggested I might contribute a piece for the next Newsletter to talk about what I have been doing and I started to reflect...

I read Mechanical Sciences (Engineering by another name) at Cambridge, which seemed a logical choice after years of Maths, Physics and Chemistry but I must confess my heart was not in it and that showed through in my tripos results. I was far too interested in my social life and the business management of Varsity, the undergraduate newspaper.

Towards the end of my 3 years, I concluded that I wanted to pursue a business rather than an engineering-orientated career. The emerging opportunities of an American Business School were beyond me, so I settled for training to become a Chartered Accountant. After the usual milk-round process, I settled on what was then considered the maverick of the profession, Arthur Andersen & Co whom I joined in London in 1965.

Before long the combination of an engineering degree and chartered accountancy financial training opened up opportunities for me to join the fledgling management consultancy side of AA&Co and I started to focus on production & cost control. Between 1967 and 1970 I was deeply involved in the development of one of the world's first comprehensive computerised manufacturing control systems and become an ambassador for Material Requirements Planning.

I stayed with the management consulting side of AA&Co (later to become Andersen Consulting and now known as Accenture) until 2000. My time there took me to some 25 countries around the world and I was actually based in Canada for 6 of them and France for a further 6 years with the remainder in London.

Since 2000 I have been largely concerned with trying to help fledgling businesses develop in areas as diverse as micropayments, voice recognition systems and small speedboats!

Most recently the engineering interest and geographic location has almost come full circle and I became non-executive Chairman of Stuart Turner Ltd in Henley-on-Thames. I am also very involved with the City of London Livery and was Master of one of the modern companies - the Worshipful Company of Management Consultants - a few years ago.

I have a son with a thriving career in the theatre world and my (second) wife and I now divide our time between Sydney, Australia and the South of France.

50 years is a long time and I have lost touch with all but one of my former school friends but have every intention of attending a reunion dinner in the near future in the hope of meeting some of those who share fond memories of Shoppenhangers Road.

William's address is 2/63, Muston Street, Mosman, NSW 2088, Australia

Mark Bullen (1964/69), lives in Portishead.

Derek Cook (1942/47) reports that he retains a limited business involvement in a printing company in Maidenhead.

He took up rowing at school and is still active on the river. He enjoys travelling and recording details of trips in sketchbook form. He and his wife Jill celebrated their Golden wedding three years ago and both actively maintain a large garden in Burnham

The Courtney brothers

Douglas Courtney (1963/68) went to work with Barclays Bank for a few years after leaving School. At that stage he made a career change into the travel agency business and went to work for the Pickfords Travel Agency. After several moves, he is now with Eton Travel, 104 High Street, Eton.

Doug has been a keen hockey player since school days and still plays occasionally in one of the Maidenhead and

Bray teams. He has renewed his interest in archaeology, first kindled as a member of the Archaeology & History Society when at MGS, and re-ignited by his daughter's enthusiasm for the subject. His daughter is now in her final year at Durham University, reading Archaeology, and is a keen rower.

Doug has been active in tracing his family history and says he has got back to about 1600. Since 2000 he has organised pilgrimages for those with the Courtney/Courtenay name to Courtenay, Burgundy (twice), Courtenay, Vancouver Island, Canada, historical family places in Ireland, and is currently organising a tour for the extended family around southern England.

Through the Friends Reunited website, Doug has been in contact with a number of his contemporaries and hopes that a good number will be at the 2013 Annual Dinner to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their first arrival at the school. Perhaps other OMs might care to follow his example?

Doug's address is 10 Bloomfield Road, Maidenhead SL6 4NS (01628 620234)

Michael Courtney (1952/57), on leaving school, joined the Purchasing Department of Southern Electricity Board and had several jobs in materials handling before settling down into sales/marketing with a company pioneering mechanical sweepers & scrubbing machines throughout the UK. He retired in 2001 and moved to Sturminster Newton in Dorset.

He played hockey for the school and Maidenhead & Bray Hockey Club and represented Berkshire periodically until 1969.

Michael married Ann (nee Scott) in 1963 and they have a son Timothy, daughter Hannah and 4 grandchildren.

Michael lives between Sturminster Newton and Shaftesbury with stunning views of the Blackmore Vale and hopes old school chums will find time to pay a visit. His address is 7 Hambledon Close, Todber, Sturminster Newton, Dorset. DT10 1JD; tel : 01258

Mark Donalds (1967/74) has changed his email address to mark_donalds@tiscali.co.uk.

The Dugdale brothers

Chris Dugdale (1984/91), internationally acclaimed close-up magician, appeared on ITV on 30th July 2011 on the Penn and Teller's Fool Us show performing a very clever trick in front of professional magicians. He later had a show at the Leicester Square Theatre which ran from 13th September to 1st October 2011.

Will Dugdale (1987/94), Oxford golf Blue and former golf professional, completed his PGCE at Cambridge in 2009, during which time he was awarded a Cambridge golf Blue. He taught German at the Latymer School in

North London and we congratulate him on his new appointment as Head of German at Dulwich College, which he started in September 2011

A (Tony) J Dunning (1969/76), who features on the photograph below as the runner up in the second competition for the Brooks Cup in 1976, graduated in History from the University of Swansea before spending a year at the Midland Bank as a graduate trainee. He then joined Wyeth Pharmaceuticals at Taplow, Bucks, and was there for 27 years in various roles including customer service, data analysis and marketing support before taking redundancy at the age of 49. After a year at Hawkins Sports Bourne End he joined Northern Foods, Colnbrook, in an IT support role. Northern Foods, with DHL, have a contract to supply BA with in-flight meals for all their short-haul flights from Heathrow.

Tony is a keen sportsman and played cricket for Boyne Hill till his late 30's. He has been married for 20 years and is stepfather to 3 sons and father to another son. As a result he has become very involved with youth football at Boyne Hill, and over the years has coached the range of youth teams. In the last few years he has become a youth football referee. It is not surprising that he has had little time to develop his golfing talent.

Tony's email address is tonydunnings@aol.com

Colin Edwards (1946/52) and his wife Roni have moved from Bristol to 8 Fedden Village, Nore Road, Portishead BS20 8DN; tel 01275 460411

Colin is a Vice-President of the OMA and for many years supported OMA golf by supplying golf balls to all players in the Brooks Cup and in the annual OMA v School match.

Professor Ewan Fernie MA PhD (1983/90) was appointed Chair of Shakespeare Studies at the Shakespeare Institute, Stratford-upon-Avon, University of Birmingham, in January 2011. He graduated from the University of Edinburgh in 1994 with a first-class honours degree



in English, winning a number of prestigious prizes, before going on to the University of St Andrews where he gained a PhD in 1998. He was then appointed the Caroline Spurgeon Research Fellow at Royal Holloway before becoming Lecturer in English at the Queen's University of Belfast from 1999-2003. He returned to Royal Holloway as a Lecturer in Shakespeare in January 2003, becoming Senior Lecturer in 2005 and Reader in 2007. In 2004, he had been selected by Gary Taylor and the Hudson Strode Program of the University of Alabama as 'one of the six

most brilliant scholars of Renaissance drama in the world under 40'.

Ewan is a regular speaker at conferences in this country and around the world. He published *Shame in Shakespeare* in 2002 and *Spiritual Shakespeares* in 2005. With Simon Palfrey he has co-written a novel *Dunsinane* and is joint General Editor of the 'Shakespeare Now' series of books. He also writes poetry (when he can) and this year will publish *Redcrosse*, the new poetic liturgy for St George's Day he co-wrote with Andrew Motion, Jo Shapcott, Michael Symmons Roberts and the theologian Andrew Shanks. *Redcrosse* premiered at Windsor Castle and Manchester Cathedral in 2011. Another critical book, *The Demonic*, will go to press in 2012, and Ewan's next project will be called *Shakespeareance*, also the name of the blog he writes for the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust's 'Blogging Shakespeare' website. He is a member of the Royal Shakespeare Company's Committee for the major Shakespeare anniversary in 2016.

Ewan lives with his wife, Deanna, and children, Theo (10) and Kirsty (6), in the village just north of Stratford where Shakespeare's mother lived. The family cherish their holidays with Jeremy and Irene Newton in Cornwall.

Dr Martin Gibson (1939/46) MA, D Phil, Open Scholar, Exeter College, Oxford (1946)

We are delighted to have received the following from Martin Gibson, whose name features of the School's Academic Honours Board.

On leaving school, in 1946, I went on a scholarship to Oxford University to read Chemistry - largely thanks to the help and encouragement of my teachers at that time. After six years, during which I obtained my doctorate, I spent two years of National Service in the Royal Signals. Then it was back to Oxford to complete work with Sir Robert Robinson, followed by a research fellowship in Houston, Texas. Then, after a spell with Thomas Hedley & Co., Newcastle-on-Tyne, in the basic research department, a fellowship took me to the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel where I stayed two years (1958/60) during which I met my wife, Brenda. Back in the UK, a fellowship at Manchester University was followed by my first permanent position as lecturer at UMIST, where I spent seven years teaching and supervising research students. This involved the examination of MSc and PhD theses and, in addition, reviews of research articles for publication.

In 1968, I moved to Canada as Professor of Chemistry at Brock University, St. Catharines, not far from Niagara Falls, and one of a number of new universities established in Ontario. Thus began 26 years of teaching and supervision of research students, together with post-doctoral fellows. Apart from Canada, these came from the US, UK and other countries in Europe and Asia, and research interests led to a series of collaborations with

chemists elsewhere. I also served as Chair of the Chemistry Department, as Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Science, and on a variety of academic committees. I was further involved in Provincial committees relating to graduate studies.

I enjoyed a number of sabbatical leaves, which took me to the University of California at Berkeley, Punjab University at Chandigarh, India, and to the University of Sussex in Brighton.

I finally retired in 1994, and Brenda and I celebrated our golden anniversary in 2009.

Martin and Brenda have been doing voluntary work at their local hospice for some years as well as a number of other voluntary activities. They live in St Catharines, Ontario. Their email address is martin.gibson@brocku.ca.

Joseph Robert (Bob) Greig

(1949/56) has sent us the following for which we thank him: *I attended School 1949-1956 and left as Head Boy with a scholarship (Open and State) to Imperial College, London. After a BSc in Physics (1st) I stayed for a PhD in Plasma Physics leaving IC in 1962. I worked for Central Electricity Research Laboratories in Leatherhead for three years, then left the UK to join the faculty at the University of Maryland, in College Park, MD, USA. I returned to the UK in 1970, and worked for ICI Paints Division for three years, during which time we lived in Maidenhead. In 1973, I returned to the US and have been there ever since.*

*In 1964, I married Miss Joy Ford also of Maidenhead. We have three children, Elizabeth (1965) - born in UK, and Andrew (1967) and Katherine (1974) - both born in the US. We live in a small town called Greenbelt, MD which is just outside Washington, DC. At the end of June 2011 while visiting in Maidenhead, I met up with a very old friend, **Laurie Keys (1949-54)**. (Laurie and I started in first grade at East Street Primary School when we were five.) We were invited to dinner with **David J. Wheeler (1949-54)** and **John Doe (1951-1954)**. Laurie was kind enough to email me a copy of the OMA Newsletter which enabled me to send this email. I attach a photograph of Joy and myself (already a few years old (2005), from which I hope we will both be recognizable. Joy attended School for Chemistry lessons with Mr. Norman Parry then Mr. Fox though we were already old friends. My address is: 103 Northway, Greenbelt, MD 20770, USA:*

We are pleased to add that Bob has joined the OMA.



Barry Hatch (1945/52) has moved from Dunsden Green, near Reading, to 28 Nashdom, Nashdom Lane, Burnham, Bucks SL1 8NL : tel 01628 298752.

He has sent us the photograph on page 9 of the School's 6th Form in 1951.

We congratulate **Malcolm Kempton (1970/72)** and **Michael Carr (1967/74)** on the 25th anniversary of the company they founded, Kempton Carr, Chartered Surveyors.. Since then,



the company has expanded by merging with other companies in the same field, including Croft and Co, bringing about the change in the company's name to Kempton Carr Croft, with Malcolm as Managing Director. More recently the company has merged with Mead Briggs Chartered Surveyors, a specialist firm of valuation and property management surveyors who were based mainly in London.

Kempton Carr Croft's head office is in Chatsworth House, 29 Broadway, Maidenhead, opposite the Town Hall. They now have other offices in Windsor, Egham, Gerrards Cross, London West End and Basingstoke.

The company, which is the leading firm of Chartered Surveyors in the Thames Valley, employs more than 10 chartered surveyors. As part of their anniversary celebrations, members of the firm walked all four peaks over 3000 feet in the Lake District, raising money for two charities, Macmillan Cancer Support and the Berkshire Autistic Society, of which Malcolm is Chairman.

Kempton Carr Croft, jointly with the Parnell, Fisher and Child & Co, Independent Financial Advisers, sponsor Desborough's rugby shirts and we are grateful for their continuing support in this activity. Both Malcolm and Michael took part in the 2011 Brooks Cup.

A (Tony) J Leaver (1941/48), Captain of the School 1st XI Football Team, graduated at Reading University in 1951, later gaining a Master's Degree at Brunel University. He enjoyed a long teaching career in secondary schools, becoming Head Teacher at a comprehensive School. His final appointment was as an Education Authority Adviser. He plays golf at Burnham Beeches Golf Club and continues Ballroom Dancing, having danced in national competitions with his wife on television many years ago. Tony lives at 55 The Fairway, Burnham SL1 8DY.

Andrew Livsey (1969/76) has sent us the photograph, taken in 1976, of him (right) holding the Brooks Cup that he had just won. In the photograph are the late Eric Brooks (1915/21) who had donated



the Cup to the OMA and **Anthony Dunnings (1969/76)**, runner-up, see above. 1976 was only the second year of the competition.

Andrew tells us that he went to Nottingham University where he studied Sociology for 3 days before switching to Geography. This had been his plan on going to Nottingham as his grades were not good enough for the Geography Department, but was possible by switching once he was in the Arts Faculty. He says that he never looked back and went on to get a 2:1 degree on what he says was one of the best Geography courses in any university.

Andrew is now a property developer and lives in Norfolk and where he plays golf at Sheringham, which he describes as a beautiful course with sea views from every hole. His current handicap is 11 and he hopes to get down to 9. He has every intention of playing in future Brooks Cup competitions. He recently got divorced and has five children aged from 14 to 9. Three live with him full time and the other two with his former wife half the time. His email address is andrew@livseyland.co.uk.

Mrs Irene Newton (former Head of Geography) has emailed us to report that they now live near Truro in Cornwall where Jeremy (former Head of German and of the Sixth Form) is indulging his passion for gardening having created a garden out of their fields. He is still in contact with the German teachers that he started the exchange with and sees them when they come over for the annual exchange. Irene, apart from looking after house, hens, a crabbed goose and two cats, has taken up fencing as her grandson, who lives with them is part of the GBR U17 and U20 fencing squad, persuaded her to start.

They are still in contact with some of their ex pupils, including **Ewan Fernie** (see above) and would welcome any Old Boys who are ever down in Cornwall to call and see them. Their address is New Mills Farm, Ladock, Truro, Cornwall TR2 4NN

Chris Nunn (1967/74) has taken early retirement after teaching at Desborough School for 32 years, his last appointment being Assistant Head Teacher, in charge of Middle School. Since the departure of **Mark Turner (1971/79)** he has been the only Old Maidonian on the Staff.

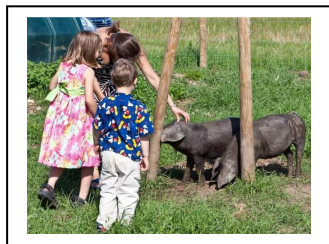


Chris graduated with a B.Ed degree at West Sussex Institute of Higher Education in 1977 and then taught Art and Design at Park House School, Newbury for two years. On joining Desborough he soon became Head of Art and Design and later a Head of Year, before joining the Senior Management Team as an Assistant Head Teacher.

Chris has taken part in many school activities outside of the classroom. He has participated in many ski trips, educational visits to Europe including visits to war graves and outdoor pursuits in north Wales. He has been a school governor on more than one occasion and the Staff representative on the Parents' Association. He started the School Council, now 'Pupil Voice', many years ago, and led the changes to invigorate the School's House system. One of Chris' last act's at the School was to present the prizes at Junior Presentation in July. He reminded the pupils of the academic successes of Desborough and said they had much to live up to.

Chris is a long-standing member of the OMA Committee and is looking forward to a closer involvement with the Committee. Chris lives in Maidenhead.

Julian Pearson (1974/79), has moved from his previous home in Sawston, Cambridgeshire, and now resides at Red Barn Farm, Hale Road, Holme Hale, Thetford, Norfolk IP25



Young guests with piglets

7EE. As reported under 'Wedding Bells', Julian married Lesley Julian, who had been his partner for the last 16 years last July. The wedding reception was different from most, as it took place on their farm, with bouncy castles for nieces, nephews and grandchildren, a Bucking Bronco for adults and teenagers, cow cuddling, sheep grooming and pig tickling for everyone. There was a mini assault course, some giant lateral-thinking puzzles, and finally a roaring campfire, as many of the guests would be camping there because of the distances travelled. The wedding feast involved a whole black hog roast, a whole Wiltshire horn lamb and two maple-smoked whole strips of sirloin of Galloway beef, all of which had been bred on their farm.

Julian is currently building a livestock barn for his rare breed animals and is erecting a 6kw wind turbine on a 15m mast. He claims that they are self-sufficient with water, electricity, meat, vegetables, beer and wine. His and Lesley's company, Julian Projects Ltd, continues to provide programme and project management, business analysis and strategy advice for a number of major companies at the top end of the FTSE 100.

Julian, who was guest speaker at a recent OMA Annual Dinner, says that his attendance at future Dinners will depend on whether, with the cooperation of his ram, the start of his lambing season can be delayed until after the Dinner. He is aware that this year the lambing on his farm will start before the Dinner.



Julian with lamb

Michael Redman (1947/53) has sent us the following communication.

Many thanks for your efforts in locating a copy of the 50's School Song. It brings back memories of speech days in the old Drill Hall. I am now working on the translation.

After leaving the school in 1953 I worked for the Atomic Energy Authority at Harwell, meanwhile becoming an Associate of The Royal Institute of Chemistry and doing Doctoral work at City University. I then left in 1962 for The Massachusetts Institute of Technology and four years later left for Industry and for the next 35 years worked as a hydrometallurgist with specialisation in precious metals, retiring in 2000.

I married a US citizen in 1963 and have two children and four grandchildren.

I still hope to one day to walk up Shoppenhangers Road once more and see the difference.

Any correspondence from my contemporaries would be an added bonus

Best wishes to you and the Association.

*PS Others may remember my brother **David (1951-58)**, who unfortunately passed away at the age of 40.*

Tim Stanleick (1957/63) has changed his email address to timstanleick@northclew.net.

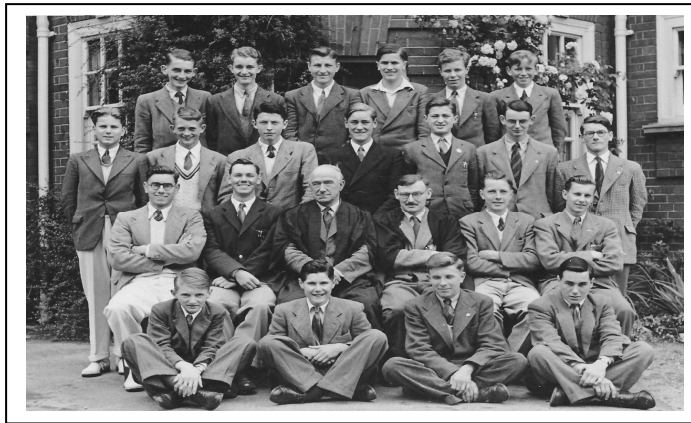
Michael Willoughby (1958/64) completed his apprenticeship as a heating engineer and spent 15 years as a service engineer before setting up his own business, 33 years ago. He is now semi-retired. He acquired a hot air balloon in 1973 and gained his pilot's licence for lighter-than-air craft – his email address and his car number plate reflects the number of his licence.. He and his family enjoyed this hobby for 20 years, without mishap, being able to walk away safely from several hundred landings.

Some years ago he was asked by a relative in Canada to provide some details about a great-uncle who had died in WW1, whose name was recorded on a memorial in church in Hampshire. This project led him to take up genealogy seriously, specialising in WW1 casualties, with the main object of ensuring that those who fell were recorded properly in their local vicinity and that war memorials carried the correct information.

Having completed a thorough review of those recorded on the Knowl Hill Church war memorial Mike then

proceeded to do the same for over 20 villages in the area. His most recent project was to review all the casualties on the Maidenhead Borough war memorial and on the war memorial in Desborough School. In November 2011 he gave a talk on his researches at the Maidenhead Heritage Centre, and will be presenting them with 6 volumes of his findings relating to Maidenhead. As indicated in the item above under OMA News, a copy of his work on the School's WW1 casualties will be available for consultation when the new Memorial Board is in place.

Michael regularly attends the Association's annual dinners. He is married to Lesley (née Edwards, sister of our Association Vice-President, **Colin Edwards (1946/52)**), and they have two daughters and four granddaughters. Michael lives at 60 West Chiltern, Woodcote, Reading RG8 0SG: tel 01494 680828



Back Row: Jack Leonard, Malcolm Vigo, Charles Price, Alan Storey, David Tritton, Jack Dorney

Third Row: Colin Edwards, John Caton, Gordon Leeves, Keith (Dick) Richardson, Francis Cartman, Tony Bingham Jones, Alan Catliff

Second Row: David Johnson, Fred Allgood, 'Buster' E.W Brown (Form Head, Physics Teacher), Philip Cole MBE (Head of French), Brian Tanner, Barry Hatch

Front Row: Tony Eycott, John Morton, Michael Barnes, Peter Golding

Notes: **Charles Price** died in a flying accident in the RAF. His Hawker Hunter jet aircraft had a flame-out while taking off in front of Princess Margaret

Keith Richardson died in April 2008 as reported in issue no. 75

David Johnson, remembered as a demon fast bowler.

Fred Allgood, School Captain

'Buster' Brown, tricky leg break bowler, causing havoc in the Staff v School matches

Philip Cole MBE, played hockey for the RAF

Michael Barnes JP, died in 1996. Having qualified in pharmacy and optics he ran his own opticians business in Maidenhead.

Barry Hatch, later, School Captain.

In Memoriam

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

E Hedley Bray (1943/49) has died in January 2011 at the age of 78. Hedley and his wife June were regular members of the river cruises organized by the OMA between 1996 and 2004. Hedley was an accountant by profession and spent much of his career with Milward Shoes in Reading where he was assistant Company Secretary.

Dr Jan Palme (Head of German 1963/1976) died in May 2011 at the age of 98. Jan was born in Vienna in 1913 and studied Law at Vienna University, graduating in 1938. When his mother was arrested and sent to concentration camp (she did not survive the war) Jan escaped to Switzerland before moving to Paris where he was joined by his wife-to-be, Hertha. From there, they moved to England and were married in London on the day the WW2 broke out, September 3rd 1939. He served as an Air Raid Warden for 2 years after which they moved to Maidenhead. After undertaking teacher training in Cambridge, Jan taught in Slough for 16 years before being appointed Head of German at Maidenhead Grammar School. After his retirement he continued to educate adults and children on an informal basis.

Jan was a larger than life character, an extrovert, and a great enthusiast and ambassador for his subject. Jan's wife died in 2004 and he is survived by their adopted son Chris and by granddaughter, Roisin.

Joe Young (former Head of Geography and former Head of the Sixth Form), died in June 2011 at the age of 78. Joe moved to the West Cork on his retirement in 1989 and enjoyed the rural life there, only 1 mile from the sea. He had many activities, including sailing, fishing, dry stonewalling and watercolour painting. He planted over 300 trees in his neighbourhood. Joe is survived by his wife, Doreen, five children and thirteen grandchildren.

SCHOLAE LAUDES

A.W. Eagling

1. Laudemus nunc praeteritos
Et omnes bene meritos
Nobilium memoriam
Et scholae huius gloriam

Refrain:

Floreat, floreat schola nostra.

2. In Summo colle struitur,
Aura salubri fruitur:
Hic rident prata mollia,
Hic pandunt cedri folia.

Refrain:

3. Nos scientiae favemus,
Nec non litteris studemus:
Ut studiis assidui
Sic in campo strenui.

Refrain:

4. Nunc Medoniensibus
Praeteritis, praesentibus
Hanc scholam diligentibus,
*Sit felicitas.

Refrain:

Tune: 'Shoppenhangers'

SCHOLAE LAUDES

F. Hammersley

Refrain: Flo-re-at Flo-re-at scho-la no...-stra

Last verse: * Sit - fe-li-ci-tas

Table Plan for the Annual Dinner 31st March 2011

Table 1

Bert Bellworthy
Michael Clyde
Colin Cutler
Colin Edwards
Grahame Fisher
Asghar Majeed
(Deputy Mayor)
Naheed Majeed
(Deputy Mayoress)
Chris Maltin

Table 2

Geoff Barnes
Peter Brown
Derek Cook
Malcolm Cutler
Barry Hatch
Keith Hatch
Tony Johnson
Tony Leaver
Jack Tomlin
Derek Woolford

Table 3

Ray Clark
Michael Courtney
Bob Duncan
Tony Grant
Fred Hearman
Tony Hearman
Richard Hildreth
John Moses
John Nash
John Powell
Bart Sams
Barrie Woolford

Table 4

Sohal Akhtar
(Deputy Head Boy)
Andrew Bond
Lawrence Corbitt
(Deputy Head Boy)
David Evans
(ex-Staff)
Tom Hudson
(Deputy Head Boy)
Tony Lehain
(ex-Staff)
Ed McPherson
(Deputy Head Boy)
Tom Pearce (Head Boy)
James Ward
(ex-Staff)
Chris Webb

Table 5

Bob Allan
John Caton
Colin Hurley
Graham Moule
Roy Squire
Mike Wilkey

Table 6

Nick Baldwin
Steve Barber
Jon Brennan
Simon Lofts
Richard Marks

Table 7 (Staff)

Julia Barry
Angela Bradshaw
Helen Duncombe
Dawn Hughes
Nick Lee
Suzanne Lewis
Martyn Nicholas
Chris Nunn
Hazel Picket
Steve Reed
Wayne Stewart

Table 8

Ian Baker
Graham Bridges
Alan Frampton
Philip Palmer
Philip Redrup
(ex-Staff)
John Russell
John Smith
Ian Turner

Table 9

Richard Burfitt
Bob Heaver
Dave Horton
Glyn Jones
John Plews
David Revell
Mark Roberts
David Scott
Mike Willoughby

Annual Dinner – Booking Form

Friday 23rd March 2012 at 6.30 pm for 7.30 pm

You are warmly invited to come to the above event in the cordial surroundings of Maidenhead Golf Club. This year there will be no guest speaker and other speeches will be kept to a minimum to give those attending more opportunity to converse with other Old Maidonians.

The ticket price will be £21 for paid-up members and £24 for Old Maidonians who are not members of the Association. Those joining on the night will be refunded the £3 difference in ticket price.

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

Tickets will be available only from Mrs Betty Collin, although orders may be left at the School Office, care of Mrs Read.

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 20th March 2012.**

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, 23rd March 2012 and I shall be in a party of 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 £21 each, ...tickets at £24 each. The total value of my cheque is £.....

(Signed).....

Names* and initials of party	Address	Years at School from..... to.....
1.....		
2.....		
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

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Continue on a separate sheet, if necessary