

OLD MORGANIANS

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Editor: Geoff. Marchant; NB: See bottom of page 8 for all contact details.

Editorial – Before I start anything else this time I must remember to include the following two requests from our committee:-

1) Advertise (again) that OM ties are available from Bill King, by mail, phone, e-mail, or at our dinner. Cost is £10 + p & p. Do please help us to reduce our stock if you haven't already done so.

2) Publicise that if members wanted to attend the Dinner, but were not doing so as they think there would be no-one there they would know, they could use the Newsletter/web-site to try to get their friends/ex classmates to attend. For putting information on the website we have to pay £26 an hour and a request for that would have to be addressed to the Newsletter editor (as would Newsletter information), or to our Secretary, Roger Richards.

All details for contacts, see bottom of Page 8, or Bill King's address is 73a Durleigh Rd., Bridgwater, TA6 7JD.

While in the 'selling' mood I will also give a further 'plug' for Old Morganian, Emeritus Professor Peter Haggett's book "The Quantocks", first published 2012, reprinted 2013 with corrections, and which I have now read. For all who love the Quantock area this is a 'must' to read (or even to just look at the many excellent pictures!) It is very detailed and a bit technical in places (as Peter himself says in Chap.2, "I hope you will persevere with this chapter for learning to 'read' a landscape, just like reading music, will bring added pleasure. But, if not, just skip to Chapter 3 and begin with the human story." It really does cover all aspects of the area's history and right up to the present time with a third Nuclear Power station on the way. It also refers to DMS, Jack and Berta Lawrence (and their own books), and with a photo of four former DMS sixth formers taking a break on the hills. I can assure you it makes a

very much appreciated present for anyone from the Quantock villages, Durleigh to Old Cleeve, Bristol Channel coast to Bishop's Lydeard & Kingston St. Mary. Contact Peter at 5 Tun Bridge Close, Chew Magna, NE Somerset, BS40 8SU, or tel. 01275 332780 for price, p & p. It's highly recommended!

Also, while on the subject of books, can I remind members of OM Bernard Storer's recent new book "Somerset Wild Flowers – A Guide to Their Identification" published by Halsgrove Press at £9.99

Finally, back in February this year I saw on display in our N. Somerset library "Sedgemoor 1685 – Marlborough's First Victory" by John Tincey published by Pen & Sword Books Ltd., 47 Church St., Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S70 2AS at £19.99 This book has certainly enlightened me about the battle on our doorstep and the events leading up to it and consequences thereafter. Again I thoroughly recommend it, - and its in the local library systems!

Speaker at our Dinner on 19th Sept., 2015.

This year our speaker will be **Old Morganian Graham Addicott, O.B.E.** and he has kindly given our secretary a summary of his life after DMS:- (This also appears on our website drmorgans.com)

"On leaving Dr. Morgan's School in 1955 I started work with Somerset County Council in the Clerk of the County Council's Department. From 1958 to 1960 I did National Service with the Somerset Light Infantry and on completion of that duty I returned to County Hall. I undertook various Committee posts there ending with a period with Somerset Quarter Sessions from 1964 to 1965.

I was then appointed to a post at the Old Bailey where I worked for two years before moving to North-East London Quarter Sessions where I remained until 1972. During my time in that post I gave a great deal of evidence to the

Beeching Committee who were examining the structure of the Courts in England and Wales.

Whilst at North-East London Quarter Sessions I also masterminded the building of a 15 Court complex which became Snaresbrook Crown when the 1972 Courts Act came into effect and I was appointed as its first Chief Clerk.

Having got the new court complex under way and looking forward to some time to relax I was asked to go to Manchester to become the Chief Clerk of the Manchester High Court and Crown Court. The Court had a large backlog of work following the number of trials as a result of the Moss Side Riots and I became involved in another Court Building Programme.

In 1977 I was appointed as Courts Administrator for Merseyside responsible for the administration of the Crown and County Courts in Merseyside and for masterminding (wait for it) the building of a new 27 court complex. The building was opened by the Queen in 1982. There were still a number of trials awaiting hearing following the Toxteth riots.

There followed a one year period as Courts Administrator for Lancashire and Cumbria.

In 1983 I moved back to Manchester as Courts Administrator responsible for all of the Crown and County Courts in Greater Manchester. Having spent my first three days visiting Courts at Bolton, Bury, Rochdale, Wigan, Leigh, Oldham, Stockport, Hyde and Ashton-under-Lyne etc. oh how I longed to go back to my roots.

For a period during 1985 I served as the Acting Circuit (Regional) Administrator for the Northern Circuit.

In 1986 I was appointed as Courts Administrator for the Old Bailey and for all of the 120 Crown Courtrooms in London (with a large building programme on the books!!) I remained in that post until my retirement in 1999. I was also on the Management Board of all of the Crown and County Courts in South-East England.

In 1999 I was awarded the OBE for services to the administration of Justice.

At the dinner I propose to speak about the History of the Old Bailey and to talk about my role in running it including some behind the scenes information. I am not, of course, a comedian but I will try to keep it as interesting and lively as possible.”

More on our 2014 after dinner speaker.

While talking and e-mailing committee member Colin Brown I learnt that he had access to a good write-up on our 2014 speaker and, so as not to get too far away from that event, I have decided to add the following which is self explanatory:

‘REPORT FROM COLIN BROWN – COMMITTEE MEMBER

It gives me the greatest of pleasure to add a few observations on our after dinner speaker for 2014 Mr John H Davies. Before securing the services of our esteemed colleague and former pupil of Dr Morgans School, I had as speakers’ secretary for the East Quantocks Probus Club, booked JHD to tell us all about Millfield School and his involvement over the past 46 years with the undoubted success of this iconic public school. Now nearing 79 years of age he is still travelling the world as a fundraiser and emissary raising the profile of Millfield and in so doing gathering funds so generously given by former pupils and parents. The facilities offered do not come cheap even with fees approaching £35,000 p.a.!

We are very fortunate to have as our scribe at East Quantocks Probus Club a very able published author, Mr Jeremy Stockley, who praised John’s talk as below (permission has been given), a report that far exceeds my own scribblings.

“MILLFIELD SCHOOL PAST AND PRESENT: JOHN DAVIES - 13TH August 2014

Every once in a while, you meet someone who instinctively tells you that here is a person who has found his niche in life, his character enriched by the memories he relates. Our speaker today was one such. He stood before us to give a clear delivery in a sure tone so demanding of attention that no visual aids were needed. If there was ever a person who had “been there, done that”, here was a man who had not only been offered the opportunities, but taken them, and described them with a turn of humour which peppered his talk throughout. We might perhaps have liked a photo of the school’s founder, Jack Meyer, who had taken young John, in the course of his interview for a job, from one bank to another with a stop-off at the bookmaker’s in between, but it might also have detracted from a masterly way with words which painted his every anecdote of the school he loved.

John Davies was educated in Bridgwater and after national service in the RAF, spent three years in local government, four years as a PE

instructor, and then applied for a teaching post at Millfield where he has remained in several different roles for the last 44 years. Now the largest co-educational (since 1939) boarding school in the country, with 1700 pupils in junior and senior schools, it was founded in 1935 by this eccentric cricketing son of a Bedfordshire clergyman, soon to earn the nickname Boss. In that year, after a cricket tour in India he returned to England with 7 pupils of whom 6 were princes, promising them an English education. He bought Millfield house in Street off the Clark family where he set up shop. From the outset he adopted a policy that would bring on the latent talent in every pupil which only small class sizes and a large curriculum could deliver. In the upper school the staff to pupil ratio is 1:6, double that for juniors. Such facilities do not come cheap, but Meyer had no set fees and those who could afford to pay for someone else's child too were forcefully persuaded to do so. Today, 44% of all pupils are supported by bursaries, earned through their exceptional promise in one or more disciplines, academic or sporting. 22% come from abroad, offspring of film stars in their midst and in 1967 the Crown Prince of Thailand was among their number. 80% of all pupils are boarders.

In 1971 Colin Atkinson took over as headmaster for fifteen years, who with his successors have taken the school campus 'supersonic', more like that of a university.

When John Davies joined the staff of the school, there were no sporting facilities and the campus consisted of numerous ex WW2 Nissen huts. Soon there was a blow-up shelter over the swimming pool (twice the 'blow-away' shelter), and maths was taught in an old chicken shed. After John's first 10 years teaching PE he was appointed housemaster of Mill House, 5 miles from Street. His responsibilities were extended to Health and Safety and recruitment of catering staff, an experience which reminded him, as he dealt with some awkward trade unionists, of the film "I'm All Right Jack". He then served as bursar and for the last 22 years he has been secretary of the OM Society (Note Old Millfieldians here!) with 35 branches worldwide and 20,000 OMs on his database. This role has

taken him on worldwide travels and given him unique chances to look up OMs in exotic places, even palaces while garbed in the national costume. In the course of these tales it was refreshing to learn that a British sense of humour and taste for the practical joke had permeated Arab culture at the very top of their regal hierarchy.

In the final two years' of Jack Meyer's headmastership, sunshine days were introduced. On one such day the head boy was persuaded to ride Boss's horse (and win) at Wincanton races, cheered on by a coach load of his fellow-pupils.

Famous Alumni were mentioned in droves, many of them household names today in a wide field of activities, all of them adding credit to the founder's philosophy that a child needs self-belief and the opportunity to excel, which only small groups can bring. 9 OMs competing in the 2012 Olympics and 21 in the recent Commonwealth Games is a success story in itself."

After our annual dinner and another excellent speech, John generously offered to arrange a tour of Millfield School –for a small representative group (more to follow in coming Newsletters).'

Old Morganian's Newsletter Editor's comment:

In the write-up above by Jeremy Stockley there was a photo described as:

"Old Millfieldian Chronical Society Secretary and Editor John Davies (left) with his Excellency Sheik Nahayan Bin Mabarak Al Nahayan of the Arabian Peninsular Branch." I was unable to include the picture above but will try to copy it in a suitable position on a later page. (See p.4.)

R.I.P. I received the following from our secretary on March 6th this year: "I am writing to pass on the sad news of the death of **John Growthage (DMS 1941-46)**. Dick kindly passed me the news from the Somerset County Gazette that gives details of the funeral service." (At Taunton Deane Crematorium on Thursday 12th. March at 12.30 pm.) We were represented.



The picture alongside is the one referred to in column 2 of page 3 and shows John Davies (left) with Sheik Nahayan Bin Mabarak Al Nahayan.

In the last newsletter I presented the first part of David Derham's article on the men behind the names of our Old School Houses. You may well have seen this second part before as it is a reprint from OM Newsletter No.1, but it completes the story for those who missed it...

Hopton - Wyndham - Cromwell – Fairfax (Part 2) *Continued from Mar. 2015 Newsletter, Page 6)*

The four different surnames (but five persons), were the three Royalists Sir Ralph Hopton (born Witham Friary); Colonel Edmund Wyndham and Francis Wyndham and the two Parliamentarians, Oliver Cromwell (born Huntingdon) and Sir Thomas Fairfax (born Denton, Yorkshire). I would hazard a guess that the DMS Wyndham, if not representing both, was probably Edmund?

I have woven into this piece, Robert Blake. He seems to be a hero of Bridgwater. I did a bit on him in a thesis of Bridgwater at DMS I seem to recall. Though why he was such a Bridgwater hero has yet to become clear to me. Perhaps someone can help? From school, I only held memory of his maritime affiliations. The stories recorded here, were new to me (or had been known but completely forgotten!).

1642. Colonel Robert Blake, a Parliamentarian, survived (just) a three month siege in Taunton Castle by Sir Edmund Wyndham, the Royalist Governor of Bridgwater.

1643. Blake fought for Parliament in the siege of Bristol

May 1645, Blake was Governor of Taunton and was again besieged, this time by the Royalist Sir Richard Grenville. In advance of his arrival, Blake stripped the countryside around Taunton of food and other supplies, just in time. Not only that but he cleared the region of anything that might have been useful to Grenville's troops. I recall Napoleon did the same during his retreat over the Pyrenees into France in the face of the coalition armies in the Peninsular wars (scorched earth policy) and the Russians did the same to the Germans with devastating consequences during a bitter winter. (My g. g. grandfather Richard Baby and two of his brothers, soldiers in the Somerset 40th Regiment of Foot, fought in the Peninsular wars and also at Waterloo. My g. g. uncle was born & christened while the regiment was encamped outside the gates of Paris in Oct. 1815 and my g. g. grandfather, his brother, was born in Brussels in 1816).

While as DMS school boys we were invited to revere Robert Blake as a son of Bridgwater (isn't that him on the Cornhill?), he surely made an entire community of our beloved Somerset suffer badly in the name of Parliamentary objectives and the destruction of England's Monarchy!

Blake's resistance to the Royalists in 1645, resulted in a half of Taunton being destroyed and laid to waste by fire (not too big a place in those times) and much of the rest of it left in ruins. His garrison just managed to survive the attack by a miracle when Sir Ralph Hopton, who was in charge of the Royalist assault, got wind of an impending approach of a detachment of relief troops from the New Model Army and so withdrew with speed.

April - July 1645, George Goring's army terrorised Somerset. The nearest they came to Chewton was a short stroll down the road in Wells. Their presence will have been keenly felt in Chewton without doubt! Of all the opportunities for Ann Derham to have been made pregnant through rape at the instance of soldiers of war, this one would seem to be the most likely - from what we have learned about "Goring's hordes".

July 1645, Sir Thomas Fairfax and his New Model Army laid siege to Bridgwater, governed by Col. Edmund Wyndham. In the ensuing battle, both used fire. Wyndham fired Eastover after Fairfax fired areas such as the Cornhill, St. Mary's Street and High Street. Between them, they burned 120 houses out of about 400 - and we revered them in our school house names! To their joint credit, they allowed women and children to leave the town prior to battle - 800 in all escaped the fighting including Wyndham's wife.

September 1645, Sir Thomas Fairfax and the New Model Army, recaptured Bristol for Parliament.

October 1645, Blake and Col. Sydenham, laid siege to Dunster Castle (governed by Francis Wyndham)

January 1646, Hopton was appointed by the Prince of Wales (Charles) to command all Royalist forces of the Western Association (5000).

February 1646, Sir Thomas Fairfax and the New Model Army, defeated Hopton at Torrington.

2nd March 1646, Flight of Charles to the Scillies and later to France. The fortifications at Bridgwater were dismantled on the orders of Parliament.

12th March 1646, Hopton surrendered to Fairfax, the remains of the Western Association's army

16th April 1646, Robert Blake met Sir Thomas Fairfax at Chard, on his return from Torrington. The following day, Blake's forces were joined by an infantry regiment of Fairfax's New Model Army. They proceeded to resume the siege of Dunster Castle. By 19th, Francis Wyndham had surrendered the castle.

1647, The war was now over, the last army to march across Wiltshire was Fairfax's New Model Army.

1648, Fairfax was garrisoned in Bath with many issues for and interference with local inhabitants.

So one of those events close to Chewton was probably responsible for the illegitimate Jonas and the father was probably a European mercenary carrying that Tunisian gene! There were plenty of mercenaries in the armies of both sides for sure.

The Civil war was clearly why our school was divided into four houses named after these gentlemen! I am still confused however, as to why the forefathers of DMS chose to immortalise these men who brought nothing but death, torture, terror, theft, plunder, rape, pillage, butchery, confiscation of goods and food, multiple taxation to support the war and misery of untold magnitude! The war was not of the people, it was of just one man and his parliament who could not agree. The King was clearly at fault in refusing to accept other than that he was King by the will of God rather than by the choice of the people or by conquest or by succession. Had he given up his belief, there would almost certainly never have been a Civil War and he would have continued to rule as head of the Kingdom but together with his parliament. This would have ensured not only he but all future monarchs, would have been held accountable. Charles lost his head because he would not agree to such a change. Since the restoration, monarchs have survived through having learned the lesson of their predecessor monarch's mistake and how not to both ignore the will and underestimate the power of their subjects. Even our current reigning monarch, 400 years later came close to coming "unstuck" over the death of Diana, Princess of Wales we may recall. It was only by the action of the Prime Minister of the day, Tony Blair (who had a quiet word in her ear) that the day was saved (or should that be the monarchy?).

Had my main source of information through the written word not been researched and compiled from the 1970's to 1999, the above would not have been possible. John Wroughton's book "An Unhappy Civil War" published in 1999, is a marathon work of research sourced from 79 separate references stored across many libraries and universities. I recommend it to any son or daughter of Somerset. It is so incredibly illuminating in explaining the hardships endured, the pressures to support either side and the terror unleashed upon ordinary simple farming folk everywhere.

In my days at DMS, this work was 42 years away so we would not have had available such collected, detailed information on the effect of the war on the West Country! Perhaps John attended DMS! He was at one time the Head Teacher of King Edward's School in Bath and is now a Doctor of Philosophy. His string of published works are largely on the Civil War and the Stuarts. He is clearly a significant authority on this period.

Oliver Cromwell 1599 - 1658 born Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

Sir Ralph Hopton 1596 -1652 born Witham, Somerset

Sir Thomas Fairfax 1612 - 1671 born Denton Yorkshire. 3rd Baron Cameron

Sir Edmund Wyndham 1601 - 1683 born prob. Kentisford, or Orchard Wyndham, Somerset

David Derham, Dec. 2010. DMS (Cromwell House) 1952-57

Well that must have taken a lot of time and detailed study and I do thank David for sending it to me for use in our newsletters. If anyone has comments or other views, please do send them in. (Editor. Contact details are shown bottom of Page 8).

After all that detailed reading I thought it would be appreciated if I could put in a couple of pictures from our present archives. I am told there will be a stack of recently received pictures to draw from at some time in the (hopefully) not too distant future but these have been with us for some years:-



Upper 6th Hockey
Match with BGS
1961-62
Courtesy of the late
David Rudram.



Upper 6th 1961-62
Courtesy of the late
David Rudram.

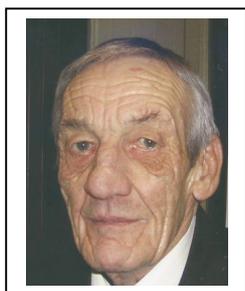
Now we can continue with an e-mail recently received from Andy Birkett referring to the correspondence from John Francis on page 2 of the March 2015 Newsletter:-

Hi Geoff ref the article John Francis, I was also a contemporary of John although not mentioned, I was obviously totally unremarkable! Over the years I have contacted a few mentioned in his email: Richard Acreman is local and I occasionally see him, Rob Burnett was at Lloyd's in Burnham and Bridgwater, Steve Limburg lives in Malvern, Arthur Frampton is still in Ashcott and owns Moor Beer Co., Paul Arrigoni worked for the Environment Agency in Bridgwater, Nick Williams I have met a couple of times, Mike Givens is (Paul Givens), as Mike Barrett is (Mark) and he is a Methodist Minister, 20 years ago I bumped into Andrew Hartop in Shaftesbury and recognised him!! and Rob Pouncey had a retail outlet in Burnham. Regards Andy Birkett '67.

So that gives a bit more information on Old Boys of that time and many thanks to Andy for contacting me.

We can now continue Committee Member, Ray Haines' memories of life at Dr. Morgan's School, 1953 to 1960...though I do feel that a lot of serious learning has been omitted from this report!

PART 3.



By far and away the best P.E. teacher I had was Mal Davies. I think it was in 1956, following the departure of John Thomas that he joined D.M.S.; if this is incorrect please accept my apologies. Patronising though it may sound, be assured it certainly is not, this man engendered in me a life long interest in sport and the ambition to become a teacher in Physical Education. This I achieved much to the surprise of some of the other teachers. Mal was one of the referees on my successful application form to St Luke's College, Exeter – the college at which he had trained – great!

Speaking on reflection and from a teacher's viewpoint I am sure that Mal had a lot of work to do in his early days to pick up a department, which had fallen by the wayside somewhat. A basketball club was started, and I remember involvement in this and later playing in fixtures with other schools. Tony Parsons, Dave Bennett and myself, under Mal's guidance, started a gymnastics club. We were there obviously because of our own interest, but also to encourage younger pupils to join and help Mal teaching some of the basics. I do recall writing articles on the gymnastics club in a couple of editions of 'The Morganian' – we signed ourselves 'Raytondave' – how's that for originality! The club was flourishing when we left D.M.S.

Rugby was my number one passion in sport. I played as a hooker in the Colts team, but Mal suggested I could change to scrum half; this was a good move as I played in this position with some measure of success for the rest of my rugby career. In early 1960 I played for Somerset U/18 schools against Gloucestershire at Lydney; this was my only game for them and I was dropped following a somewhat mediocre performance. My first two years teaching were at Alton in Hampshire where I joined the local club, captaining them in my second year there (1964-65). In that season I was selected to play for Hampshire U/23. That game, believe it or not, was against Bridgwater & Albion at Bridgwater and I think we were narrowly beaten. On returning to Somerset to take up the post as Head of P.E. at The Kings of Wessex School in Cheddar I joined the Weston Rugby Club where the rest of my rugby playing days were spent. In my early years there I played a lot of 1st XV rugby, being selected once to play for Somerset in a friendly against Dorset & Wilts; we won that game. In my later playing days at Weston I did go on to captain the United (2nd Team) one year and subsequently the Athletic (3rd Team) for one year. I am now a Patron of the club and a member of the Past Players Association. Attending as many home games as I can, meeting up with old mates I played with, and reminiscing about our post exploits on and off the pitch are continuing sources of pleasure.

As far as the summer programme at D.M.S. goes there were cricket and athletics. As I recall it, we had three P.E. lessons a week, one double lesson and one single. Mal gave us the choice of

spending more time on the one we most enjoyed i.e. the double on your first choice and the single on your least preferred. Being no good at cricket I naturally chose athletics; sprints, long jump and triple jump were my strongest though I wasn't the best by any means. A couple of occasions I can remember regarding athletics! In my final year I entered, in addition to sprints, the long jump. Archives would no doubt reveal that the school record, standing since the early 1950's, was held by Tony Fuller with a distance of 19'1". My second jump came in at 19' 2" – Hooray – I had broken a school record! Not for long though – on came Brian (Gobber) Sealy and beat me with a jump of 19' 3". My record therefore lasted all of five minutes or so. Brian, who I think is now a Professor, was an excellent sprinter, always seemingly winning the 100x and 200x. My other athletics memory is of some of us entering the Area Youth Athletics Championships, thanks again to Mal. At U/15 I was in the junior section and the event was held at D.M.S. I still have in my personal memorabilia two certificates, one for 3rd in 100x and the other for 1st in long jump. These certificates were both signed by Mrs Irene Tester (I wonder who remembers her).

I have written at some length about Physical Education and how it has played a huge part, not only in my personal enjoyment of sport, but also my working life and I have many happy memories of both. If you are reading this Mal, your encouragement, inspiration and motivation played a big part and I will be eternally grateful – thank you. **(Mal died 2nd June 2013. May he rest in peace).**

It may look as though articles from committee members have taken over this particular newsletter, but that is just how things have turned out and I can assure other members that we do still need and welcome their input. I say that because the next item was sent to me again by Ray Haines and refers to a report in The Sunday Independent South West (Yeovil?) paper, he believes, sometime in the early part of this year. It was entitled "Man For All Seasons Still Going Strong" and was 'Bridgwater by Tony Pomeroy. It started "On the face of it, December 20 was just like any other day. However December 20 2014 was the 67th birthday of Bridgwater & Albion President Mike Berry." As a lot of OM's will know, Mike is also an Old Boy of Dr Morgan's School, 1958 to 1965. The four column report gave a good insight into Mike's life and sporting record which I would love to have been able to reproduce here but copyright issues forbid me from doing so. Suffice it for me to say that it records that up to mid December 2014 Mike had played 1587 matches for B & A and 51 for other clubs, an achievement that the author suspected was unlikely to be surpassed. It gave a list of teams Mike had played against, his best memories, and details of his life "off the field" too. (DMS and the late Mal Davies got a mention too.) Alongside a photo of Mike the author concluded "His contribution to rugby, not only in Bridgwater but in the South West, is unlikely to be replicated and his achievements in the game will be applauded by rugby lovers everywhere." Ray feels that Mike deserves an entry in The Guinness Book of Records, and virtually says "Watch this space!" In the meantime many thanks to Ray for bringing that to my attention, and I am sure we all salute Mike and wish him well in the coming years.

Rod and Diane Bishop have recently been on a visit to Australia and there met up with Clive and Rosemary Pay plus Clive's sister Joan who Rod had not seen for 59 years! Full story and pictures hopefully in next newsletter. Rod says he intends to be back in UK in time to see us at the 2015 dinner, both Rod and Clive being Old Boys of DMS.

R.I.Ps On 25th April our secretary, Roger Richards, sent me the following:- "Dear Colleagues, Mike Dodden has received a letter saying that, sadly, **John Holroyd** a former teacher at DMS has passed away. John taught me Physics in my later years at DMS (I left in 1963) and I believe that he also taught maths. The funeral will be at Taunton Crematorium on Monday 27th April at 12.00 noon. I will be sending a letter of condolence. Regards, Roger."

Also on 30th April Roger sent "Sadly we have heard, via John Stuckey, that **Chris Lawrence** passed away on the 28th of April, quite suddenly after a short illness. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made but I will circulate them when I know." Westerleigh Crem, 2.30pm, 29th May. John Stuckey represented OM's.

I have also heard of the death after a long illness of my classmate **Malcolm Yard**, DMS 1951-56. He died Friday 1st May at Truro Hospital and funeral was at Perranporth Church, 3pm on May 14th. Alan Chedzey represented OMs. May they all rest in peace

More pictures will be available on the website soon (I am told!). I did notice that the changes in software (I assume) did cause a blip on the digital format of the March 2015 Newsletter (but not in the hard copies!) and that what commenced as a tidy 8 pages over-ran onto a 9th page! I don't claim to understand why – we have never had that problem before, but I do apologise for it – but I don't know what to do to stop it occurring again! However, we are out of space yet again and it just remains for me to remind you all again of the next dinner date, 19th September 2015. Hope to see you there! Please phone Mike Dodden on his mobile as below if you get delayed or can't come at the last minute.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OLD MORGANIANS Website Address is drmorgans.com and it has been totally updated by its producer, Greg Kett, son of DMS Old Boy, the late Clive Kett. Greg runs Ravenswood Media.

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