

OLD MORGANIANS

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Editorial – Hardly had Mike Dodden sent out the October 2014 Newsletter when our phone rang and Michael Beaumont (DMS 1956 – 61) was able to tell me the answer to the question posed by Bernard Storer on page 6 of that newsletter, i.e. “What happened to ‘Chinese Pople’? It turns out that Mike B and ‘C P’ were good friends in the same years at DMS and Mike B could tell us that ‘C P’, alias Brian Pople, had sadly died in his early thirties from a heart related problem. Evidently he was a brilliant scholar getting 10 GCE’s and all in high grades. Despite this, he decided to join the Merchant Navy and Mike remembers receiving postcards from him from around the world, including China. Mike feels that Brian learnt most of his Chinese from someone in the Bridgwater Chinese Restaurant near the Town Hall and opposite the Duke of Monmouth, and as reciprocal, taught him English! However, when it came to the exams, he had to pay £7 for the oral examiner to attend DMS as that was not a regular subject there. Before the time of his death he had left the Merchant Navy, lived in Cranleigh Gardens, skittled regularly, but had “never really used his high intelligence or got married”...*thinking about that as I typed it in I decided I should say “no comment”, perhaps the two were not meant to be linked in any way, Ed!! I just hope Mike phoned Bernard to tell him all that first hand.*

Some will know that I had great problems with the Oct. Newsletter just at the last moment when I wanted to send it to Mike Dodden before we went off to Cornwall for a few days. It was all OK until I went to complete the last page with the dinner write-up and put in all but the Treharne Centre picture on page 4. For some unknown reason, every time I did that it was all accepted each time but then when I wanted to attach the file to an e-mail to Mike it refused to open, ‘Word’ giving me an explanation that it was corrupted! It was with some trepidation that I eventually completed it for the fourth time and sent it off to Mike having done a few open/close checks...and was I glad when I got back from holiday to get an e-mail from Mike saying that it

had opened perfectly OK and he was sending it out. I hope I don’t get a similar scare with this one. However, when I sent off all the accumulated photos of the Mount Street DMS plaque unveiling and OM’s dinner to Greg Kett for the website drmorgans.com (q.v.), there was another blip as I was told I had far exceeded my limit for one e-mail and eventually I sent eight!

At the OM Committee Meeting on Monday 27th October 2014 I was asked to put the following requests and notices into this next newsletter: **TIES...** Bill King still has a good stock of the present design of **Old Morganian Ties**; anyone who would like to purchase one (or more!) at £10 each, please contact Bill. (See box on Page 8 for telephone No.)

NEW (OLD!) PHOTOS: A selection of a large collection of recently acquired DMS photographs, mainly sports teams, was on show at the 2014 dinner and much interest was shown in these. If anyone would like a copy, at cost, of any of those photos, or if you wish to obtain a copy of any particular year photo that may be available in the rest of the collection, again contact **Bill King**, as above. **It is envisaged that some, or all, of these pictures will eventually be posted on our website, drmorgans.com, but if anyone has objections to that, please let Bill know. See the website now for Dinner pics 2012, 2013, & 2014 + the unveiling of the Mount Street Plaque; and also president Bryan Lancaster’s DMS scrapbook pages in ‘Archive pictures’, all in the picture galleries.** Ray Haines is still looking for a 1959/60 1st XV photo if anyone has one that can be copied, but Bill has been able to supply him with the 1958/9 picture he was looking for and the late John Gardner had one of 1957/8, see p5, June 2014.

Item 11 of the committee meeting agenda was **“Replacement of Geoff Marchant as Editor of Newsletter – all involved”!** Was this because on p.8 of the Oct. newsletter I had put “committee member *Robin* Brown, when of course (and I have apologised sincerely!) it should have been

Colin. (Robin was a colleague at Airbus!) *Now there is evidence of a computer "doing its own thing", I have tried smaller gaps between the above paragraphs until there was a big gap at the bottom of the RH column on page 1 and still it would not accept another line on that page, to level off with that at the bottom of the LH column! Sheer computer bloody-mindedness!!*

No, the reason for my hoped for replacement was that I have done 30 newsletters now and feel that perhaps a new, younger approach would be beneficial to getting more younger members into 'OMs'. Not a soul has shown any interest though, so I seem to be stuck with the job for the foreseeable future...However, if someone out there reads this and would like to try their hand PLEASE do get in touch with me, Roger our secretary, or any committee member.

Another thing which came up at the committee meeting was that we had gained a new member. Rodney K. Browne (DMS 1951 – 57, and now of Eastbourne) had visited Bridgwater and made enquiries (at the Carnival Office, I believe) and been put in touch with Dick Raymond who had then asked him to contact Mike Dodden with a subscription!...and he has done so. We welcome Rodney to OMs, and I do especially, as I was a classmate of his and had tried to find him a few years ago without success! We last contacted in 1956, but have now put that right. So, with Anthony Hitchcock, two of my old class have joined OMs in the last year. Members of other years, do please try to do the same!

Significant Anniversaries: 2015 is 25 years since the Society started dinners at The Tudor Hotel.

2017 is 80 years of the Durleigh Road school site.

Discussions are, and will be, taking place as to how these dates can be suitably celebrated.

Earlier Correspondence. In March last year I received the following from John Francis:
"Yes I was at the school when it closed down. I was in the 1st year 6th form at the time and I transferred to Bridgwater College to finish Geography and Economics A levels.

I remember Mike Dodden, he was two years ahead of me, & I subsequently worked with his father who worked in Sedgemoor's Housing Department where I did a couple of placements when doing my Housing degree at Bristol Polytechnic.

After poly I came to work in London for Lewisham Council as a housing officer in 1978. Then senior housing officer area Manger, Repair Manager, etc., then I became a Repair Manager, did an MSc in Construction Science part time worked as a Building Surveyor and became Head of Building for several London Councils and Housing Associations.

I trained for ordination as a Church of England Priest, was ordained in 1997 and continue to work in a Parish in South East London whilst also working full time in secular employment.

I am now Head of Property Services for West London YMCA

My contemporaries including Richard Acreman, John Adams, Robert Burnett, Robert Ferguson, Stephen Limburg, Phil Elliot, Arthur Frampton, Michael Tout, Stephen Curtis, Stuart Bussey, Paul Arrigoni, David Blake, Terry Huppler, Nick Williams, Dave Green (Swindon Town supporter), Mike Givens, Robert Mann, Mike Barrett, Andrew Hartop, Robert Pouncey. I am not in touch with any of them any more."

If anyone would like to get in touch with John, I will ask him if he is willing for me to pass on his e-mail address or details for any other method of contact – Ed.

Our ex – Secretary hits the Big Time on BBC 4

On 12th August 2014 I received the following from Dick Raymond: *BBC 4 8 pm tonight*

If you pay a great deal of attention and don't blink you may be able to pick me out starring in this, and only this, episode about Alfred the Great. Autographs and signed photographs are available at reasonable prices.....cash only. I thought that you may like this!!

Michael Wood made a 3 part TV series entitled King Alfred and the Anglo Saxons a small part of which they filmed on the bog myrtle fields at Shapwick where, every Thursday, I work as a conservation volunteer, and this particular day we were burning bog myrtle. I guess that he wanted to show the area that Alfie brought his merry band to at a stage in his career.

The programme has been on twice before on BBC 2 and on 3 and is currently on 4. I think that the BBC like to get maximum use of anything they get! I was not there because they thought I was actually one of Alfred's followers although I am considerably older than the rest of our working group!! I am still awaiting a call to appear in something else.....

It isn't any good looking at part 2 tonight or part 3 next week because I'm not in them! My 0.5 seconds on the screen were probably more than enough! Cheers Dick.



Photo of Dick's Grand-daughter pointing at Dick on screen!

Who is going to be the next OM committee, or ordinary, member to get an airing on TV?? Please let us know! – Ed.

RIP's I briefly mentioned in the last newsletter the deaths of **John Gardner** and **Alf Garner**. Now I have a bit more space I can print the information and appreciations which came in to us. **Alf Garner:** Dear Mr Raymond & Mr Dodden, I'm writing to you at the request of Mrs Jean Garner, to advise you of the sad passing of Alf in recent weeks. My wife & I have been Alf & Jean's next door neighbours for more than 40 years & he spoke of the Old Morganians to us on many occasions; indeed, we recall his trips in years gone by to your reunions. We shall miss Alf greatly - a true gentleman, fine neighbour & friend. Yours sincerely, Harold Dearden.

Dick sent this on to Roger Richards and Bryan Lancaster together with: W A Garner - Notification Sad news I'm afraid. Alf was a long-term employee of BCL whose father moved down to Bridgwater when BCL opened in 1937 and Alf joined BCL from DR Morgans in the process laboratory and moved up to Barrow in Furness becoming deputy manager there. I knew him and his wife well (she was a Bridgwater girl) and will write to her personally but I'm sure that she would much appreciate a letter from Old Morganians. He played for Old Morganians RFC for some years. Bryan will you pass the news onto Harold Palmer please. He did attend a number of the Society reunions but not for a few years as he did not enjoy the best of health in recent years. I will respond to Harold Dearden's e-mail. Regards, Dick.

Your editor was also notified of the possibility that the John Gardner of Bishops Lydeard who had died was one of our newest members, and so it turned out to be, so I replied to Dick: Dick, thanks for that...we have therefore

lost a Garner and a Gardner (John, my years 51 to 56 but he having stayed on to 6th form and Bernard Storer talked to me about a week ago and knew John well - John had visited him only last year but Bernard hadn't seen the bit in the Mercury which said he had died suddenly - heart attack.) Having informed Richard Hiseman, fellow classmate of John and myself, I then got this e-mail from Richard...

"Geoff, What dreadful news. I've been away for a couple of days and only saw your e-mail this afternoon. Still trying to come to grips with the reality. It's particularly sad, because John and myself have only fairly recently got back in touch, after many years of no contact. When I was but a lad, my folks never took us on holidays, so John's mum and dad used to take me with them to their caravan at Dawlish Warren. As you will recall, John was a very good runner and everyday we would run into Dawlish and back, along the sea wall, next to the railway line. Happy memories indeed.

I have never met John's wife, Suzanne, but I have just come off the telephone to her, and she was able to tell me all the details of his final couple of hours. Apparently he was working in the garden, felt unwell, called an ambulance and taken to Musgrove Hospital. He was having a heart attack. They took him into theatre, fitted a new stent but when he was back on the ward he had another huge attack and that was it. Sadly Suzanne, who had been at work when she got the call, was down in A&E for 45 mins. whilst "the system" tried to locate John's whereabouts. When they eventually located the ward he was in it was all too late. Absolute tragedy and she was not a happy lady."

Well there are some very touching memories and appreciations. May they both rest in peace.

Richard did add: "Hopefully you will be able to get a copy of the eulogy. If so, I will look forward to reading it. (*We didn't - Ed.*)

Thank you so much for letting me know. It is at times like this I feel very isolated from all my old pals. As you say, we are beginning to fall off the perch at an alarming rate. When I go, it could be years before the news filters down to all you rascals in the South West. The first indication might be when I fail to send you my cheque for £4!!" *Richard lives in Scotland, near Loch Lomond, and has a brother Jeff at Pawlett...and I keep hoping they will both come to the dinner one year! - Ed.*

Website: drmorgan.com Greg Kett has recently carried out changes to our website to make it relevant to announce the 2015 dinner and put on the 2015 Application Form. At the same time he added the 2014 dinner, and Mount Street Plaque unveiling pictures and made adjustments to how all the photos are grouped and the photographers acknowledged. In searching for some pictures which I thought were on Roger Evans' old DMA website, Greg pointed me to "The Dr. Morgan's School Homepage" website by Jon Bigwood - it is <http://homepage.ntlworld.com/foliot/dm/dmindex.htm> and I note that most of the pictures are 1960s/1970's so are later than most of the ones which I have on memory stick for OM's. I have asked Greg to put a link on our website to give quick access to Jon's website and I do recommend you have a look. Jon has suggested other websites (including Bridgwater Grammar Schools) on his site so hopefully, although he is not currently an OM member, he will be willing to put a quick link to ours as well. I must remember to contact him again, I have in the past I'm sure, but not recently (Jon is a DMS old boy, 1960s?) **See website for details of OM Graham Addicott, OBE, our speaker at 2015 Dinner.**

Now I really must fulfil the promise I have been making for some time - to re-run the Story of our old school house names (and also including references to the Derhams, of course, by Old Boy **David Derham**. David Derham (DMS Cromwell House, 1952-'57) has researched and written-up not only his own family history, but the following account of our old school house-name characters. It is quite an extensive history but I have decided it needs to be published in full. I have, therefore, split it into two parts, and here is the first one..... (Repeated from Dr. Morgan's Association Pre-Dinner Newsletter October 2011 pages 5 to7 so that all Old Morganians can see Part 1 and eventually the full version.)

Hopton - Wyndham - Cromwell - Fairfax (Part 1)

You know, even as an Old Morganian, those names meant until very recently, almost nothing to me except that they were the names of the four "houses" which generated amongst us, much "House"

competition to succeed and win in many ways during my five years at the School. I do think that Cromwell was probably understood as a one time "stand-in" for the monarch long ago!

I do not recall ever having been taught their significance when arriving there in 1952 and have no recollection of having studied their period - The English Civil War - during my History lessons. Of course I may have but amongst all those subjects which I understood were going to be of use to me in my future profession, I had very little understanding in those days of how knowledge of History might be of use to me. It is hardly surprising therefore that my brain conveniently "lost" it, leaving more room for the rest I suppose! However, a scan of my DMS exam results from 1952 to 1956 tells me I was in fact from pretty average to quite good at it at school!

My best form marks were 71 in the Summer term of 1953 with form place of 1st out of 25! (Work that out!) The report "remarks" for the latter said "A very good result and a good term's work!". There was a 74 in the Summer term of 1956 with form place of 3rd out of 26, when the report "remarks" said "A surprisingly good exam result. I hope he will keep it up!" - that sounds a bit like sour grapes for some reason but it probably surprised me too! My worst form marks were 41 in the Autumn term of 1953 with form place 19 out of 29 and same again in the Summer term of 1954 with form place of 11 out of 28. The report "remarks" for the first said "Satisfactory" and for the second "Works hard. Satisfactory progress!" As I said, my brain could lose it at will!

When I retired in 2001 after 44 years of unbroken employment with just two companies, I took over my younger brother's work on family genealogy and bought a PC to help get it organised. Today genealogy uses up about 3 GB of storage and comprises about 10,000 files. Many aspects of this work require a bit of historical knowledge and I now begin to regret not taking a deeper interest in it! Lately, I began tracing a Derham line from Parish records in Chewton Mendip where just one family is breeding there from 1552. I have no proof they are the same family but there is a good chance they have come out of North Curry (as have I) where my Derhams have been living without a break since records began in 1539!

My Derham line and the Chewton line each have Australian Pioneers both called Thomas Derham! They arrived in Melbourne in 1856 and 1857. When they left England, they had both been living in Bristol. I visited both groups in 2007 and now keep in touch. They carried out DNA tests in early 2010 and discovered that by the male DNA, the Chewton group comes from Tunisia or Kosovo! This did not rule out the two groups being related because we do not know at what point in the history of the line that the "foreign" gene entered it. I was already researching the Chewton Parish records (the original parchment copies - what a thrill!) and in the summer, I came across a christening record in 1648 for Jonas, the son of Ann Derham. Add these two bits of data together and Eureka! A cuckoo in the nest! This confirmed that all the descendants of Jonas were not Derhams at all whereas all other Derhams from earlier generations of his line may well be related to me but that's another untold story as yet!

The full 1648 date indicated a conception in early May 1647. The Civil War began in 1642 and lasted until 1646 with Parliamentary troops still encamped in Wiltshire and in Bath in 1647 & 1648 respectively and still imposing themselves upon the locals for beds and sustenance (etc.). I needed to read the Civil War! After five books on the subject in about as many weeks (I couldn't put them down, where did all this enthusiasm come from for history!) I last read "Bellum Civile" The account of Sir Ralph Hopton's war in the west and already have more than enough evidence to show that soldiers on both sides were frequently either encamped in or close by Chewton or had passed through the village along the busy route between Bath and Wells & Shepton etc. The entire area was seething with troops in large and small groups almost non-stop from 1643 to 1647/8.

At one point, early in the war a gathering of 12,000 men of the Parliamentary persuasion mustered on the Mendip hills at Chewton. By their sheer numbers this simple threat told Hopton, encamped in Wells, four miles down the road that he was not welcome in this puritan region of the west - Hopton swiftly moved out via Somerton! In the Spring of 1645 an army led by the great debauchee and alcoholic of the Royalist camp, Lord George Goring, was behaving in an unbelievable manner committing acts of butchery, rapes and robberies. His army's exploits are recorded as having left lasting memories of abhorrence! No wonder that such a large proportion of the six west country counties was for Parliament, not that many of their troops weren't just as bad but the advent of the New Model Army was supposed to have changed this, its troops being ordered to treat the locals with more respect. It was this army, under Sir Thomas Fairfax, which eventually altered the balance of power in the west which led to the end of the war here and later, the capture (the Scots handed him over!) and beheading of Charles 1 and the fleeing of his son the Prince Charles, to Europe (albeit he was back for another try in 1651).

I have therefore become an amateur historian of the Civil War out of the needs of my hobby and now can't stop reading about it! There is an awful lot of written stuff on this period and so I have a way to go before I have seen all that is available to be seen. However, by now the penny has dropped how the DMS houses came to be named Hopton, Fairfax, Wyndham and Cromwell (mine).

So I have written up a few notes about these guys which any uninformed Old Morganian like me, might find interesting but might nevertheless still end up asking the question, "what was the reason or motive for the choice of these four gentlemen to represent the four houses of DMS?" Between them, Wyndham & Fairfax completely razed about 50% of Bridgwater, much of this by fire! Why would a Bridgwater School wish to celebrate such people? One of them, Oliver Cromwell, turned Parliament against our constitutional King, Charles 1st, such that he was driven from London in an act of self-preservation and ended up starting the civil war in 1642, in an attempt to re-secure the throne of England. His signature (amongst others) was even on the King's death warrant in 1649.

Cromwell & Fairfax were in one camp and Wyndham & Hopton in the other. Perhaps the choice of two from each persuasion was a deliberate act, designed to generate a spirit of competition - useful on occasions of sports' days etcetera as long as they stayed away from the matches!

To be continued next time.

Our other long running article is that giving the **DMS memories of OM Committee Member Ray Haines**. We come to Part 2 of that this time:

“PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This aspect of my time at D.M.S. is perhaps particularly significant to me personally since I ended up teaching P.E. for many years, and in later years running a residential outdoor education centre with a significant emphasis on outdoor pursuits.

In my day there were two areas designated for the purposes of changing for P.E. If you were lucky enough to get there quickly it was the purpose built changing room adjacent to the gymnasium. This room had showers and the added luxury of under floor heating! I believe that D.M.S. was the first school in the county to have the latter of these. If you weren't quick enough the alternative changing area, bearing in mind that space in the changing room was never enough for everyone, was the cold draughty cloakroom across the corridor. I guess in our first year all us experienced the cloakroom for changing at some time or another. By the time I reached the second year I had hatched a plan to try to ensure a place in the changing room – particularly when it was the double lesson of rugby in the winter term. As luck would have it my very good friend, John Ryan, (later to become 1st XV Captain and a very accomplished player in later years) was in the year above me, and one of his lessons preceded mine. The plan was that he would take my kit bag in with him and leave it hanging on a peg in the changing room when he left – it worked! Not only did it work then but also for the following year.

In my time at D.M.S. I had three P.E. teachers all very different. The first of these was a man called Fred Wilby. I don't know his background but he definitely had a very military-like approach. Everything was precise and regimented. Inspection of P.E. attire seemed to precede every lesson and he had an obsession with plimsolls (daps in our language) being whiter than white. My mum bought what seemed like gallons of 'Meltonian' whitening. I did not enjoy my first year of P.E. and was thankful that he left at the end of that year.

1954-56 Enter John Thomas, a Cornishman, and no mean rugby player. A fly-half, he had started his career with Penzance – Newlyn (now Cornish Pirates) and played for Cornwall and South West Counties. When he came (*sic! I think it should be 'came', but you never know!!- Ed.*) to us he was playing for Bath. John was a small dapper young man, good looking, with dark curly hair. In all honesty I can't remember any of his teaching. What I do remember however is being one of many boys spaced around the touchline waiting to receive and return his touch kicks or waiting behind the posts, again to return his kicks at goal or drop goal attempts.

When we had cross-country, not my strongest activity by any stretch of the imagination, Mr Thomas would set us off from the school drive. The exit route we took is somewhat vague in my memory. I do remember that the beginning part of the route was along Durleigh road then turning left along the lane running adjacent to the reservoir dam & works towards the church at Durleigh. Before reaching the church it was another left turn, over a footbridge spanning a stream (would this be Durleigh Brook?), and then across fields heading roughly towards Hamp. The next part of the course I cannot

remember at all but I do remember we emerged from the top end of St Matthew's field to finally complete the course where we had started.

To return to the footbridge at Durleigh – having set us off on the run Mr Thomas would drive by car to the footbridge to check everyone through. Three or four of us, towards the back of the pack of course, arrived at the bridge to witness Mr Thomas, above knee deep in water clambering out of the brook, having obviously taken quite a soaking. He was apparently jumping on the bridge and fell into the brook. Highly amusing for the boys – not so for him!

John Thomas moved elsewhere but I don't know where, though I think it may have been back to his roots in Cornwall. **WRONG He went to work for an oil company."**

R.I.P. Terrence Day DMS 1946 – 53 Passed away at home at Bracknell 7th Jan. 2015 aged 79.

Information received via Mike Dodden from Terry's daughter in Melbourne, Australia.

HAYGROVE SCHOOL VISIT TO CHINA.

Our committee asked me some time ago to report activities from Haygrove School's new Chinese Centre. While the following is not actually *about* the Centre, it does give a very worthwhile insight as to what has been stimulated by that new part of "the old school"...and what is more it is reported by one of the pupils who went on the trip! I thank him (a cousin twice removed) very much indeed for agreeing to do this report (and he provides pictures too!)

Fourteen lucky students travelled nearly 12,000 miles on an adventure of a lifetime when we took part in Haygrove school's first ever student trip to Shanghai in China. The long journey there and back was worth it as we spent the next ten days traveling around Shanghai and taking in the new culture and experience

This included visits to art exhibitions, museums and gardens; a stroll along the 1.8km 'Bund' boulevard that borders Shanghai's Huangpu River and a trip to the top of the World Financial Centre. After being on the top of the world, we then found ourselves travelling on the fastest train in the world, the Maglev, which reached a speed of 431 km an hour.

We also experienced a night-time cruise along the river and could see the city with all the tall skyscrapers all lit up, a bus tour of the city, a Suzhou canal boat ride, a tour of a silk factory, shopping at the East Nanjing Road market and a visit to a Temple and a Tea Plantation where the students were served with green tea made in the traditional Chinese way.

I can't believe how lucky I am to have been able to come on this trip. It was amazing, the best experience of my life, and has inspired me to travel when I'm older.

The staff and students at Haygrove's partner school – Yew Wah School of Shanghai – welcomed us into their regular lessons and provided extra classes in Chinese art, Chinese culture and cooking as well as playing football and basketball. They made us feel welcome and at home. We couldn't have asked for a better host for the trip.

Shanghai has benefited us as a group of students in so many ways because before the trip we hardly knew each other and now we have become really close friends and even with our teachers Mr. Wheeler and Mrs Capel.

I don't think I'm ever going to forget my trip to Shanghai and my experiences while I was there.

Benjamin Marchent- Saunders



The Top R.H. picture above shows the group exploring Shanghai.
 The Bottom L.H. picture shows the group doing Chinese lettering work at Yew Wah school, Shanghai Changning.
 Both pictures are with acknowledgements to Ben, Haygrove School and their website, and members of the group.

Do also have a look at the Haygrove website where you can see members of our committee taking part in the Remembrance Service to which they were invited, and more about Shanghai.

SO! OUT OF SPACE ON THIS NEWSLETTER AGAIN and it just beholds me to remind you all of the next dinner date, 19th September 2015 at the Tudor, St Mary's Street, BRIDGWATER, 7pm for 7.30pm, speaker OM Graham Addicott, OBE (see website as below). If you book and then at the last minute you can't come, PLEASE phone Mike Dodden's Mobile No. given below.

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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