

# DR. MORGAN'S ASSOCIATION

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

## Your Responses.

In this newsletter I have space to put in some of the comments which our members and new contacts have sent to me and Mike Dodden in the last 8 months or so. First, as mentioned in the last newsletter, my old class-mate **Richard Hiseman** (1951 entry to DMS) says " Thanks for the Summer Newsletter – it was great fun to read. I particularly enjoyed reading about some of the "old" teachers. Goodness knows we need a few of that calibre in our schools today. However I mustn't get started on that subject or we shall be here all day! I particularly enjoyed being reminded of Glyn Rees and his infamous line-up system for establishing class position in the metalwork/woodwork examinations. I was not in Wyndham House. I did not play in the school orchestra. I did not sing in the choir and I was rubbish at both metalwork and woodwork. No prizes then for guessing where I ended up in the line! Nevertheless each year I tried to hide myself about half-way up the initial line. Each year he spotted me and with a good clip around the ear sent me several places down the line. As he re-organised for a second time I would get another clout and be shoved further down. Third re-assessment and so on, the same thing would happen until inevitably I ended up right at the very end of the line. One year, in a desperate effort to avoid being bottom of the class yet again, I nicked a dovetail joint which I had seen sitting on a workbench. I think it was one the great man himself had made and was used to show everyone how the job should be done. It was a thing of great beauty. It was perfect in every way and a joy to behold.

With great confidence and wearing a proud smile I positioned myself in mid-line again. Tension grew as Glyn approached to assess my work. He took the dovetail joint.

He took one look at it and one look at me. I shall never forget his words. "This is a complete disgrace, boy. You are utterly useless" and so saying he grabbed me painfully by my left ear and dragged me directly to the end of the line. At least that time I got there in a "oner"!

Some years later, when I had left school, I bumped into the lovely Mr. Rees in Bridgwater High Street. He stopped and asked what I was doing with myself. I told him I was working for one of the Shell group of companies. He said, "I'm delighted to hear it. You must be doing a fine job because my Shell shares are performing extremely well. Keep up the good work boy." It was a memorable moment for me, as I had never expected to receive words of praise or encouragement from Glyn. I continued my shopping feeling the world was a better place. Happy days. Sadly I will not be able to attend the dinner in September (i.e. 2006 – Ed.) Perhaps you would be kind enough to pass on my best wishes to anyone who still remembers me and has the courage to admit it. In July ('06) I will be carrying out one of my rare visits to the West Country to see my brother Jeff (also an Old Morganian) who lives in Pawlett and my sister Jean who lives in Woolavington. Hopefully I will bump into one or two old lags whilst I am in the area. (Charmed, I'm sure!!- Ed.) On a previous visit some years ago I met up with Clive Grant and Tom Pearce. This time on my way down I am staying with one of the great cricketers of my era, Steve Berry. He lives in Bristol and I haven't seen him in 45 years or so. Once upon a time we shared a flat in Bristol when he was studying for something posh like the law and I was studying for something less posh like my seafaring tickets of competence. He went on to become a judge, I believe, so I will

have to behave myself for a change! I went on to drive a boat!

Having read your list of “Untraced DMS Old Boys” the only one I can help with is **George Whitelock**. He used to live in Burnham and all the girls fancied him I seem to remember – The swine! About three years ago, quite out of the blue, I received an e-mail from him and we subsequently met up for lunch near Peterborough when I was visiting one of my sons who lives in Stamford. George married a Scottish lass (as I have) and lives in Loughton near Milton Keynes. I’ve no idea whether he would wish to be reminded of old school chums and times gone by etc.” Well many thanks for those reminiscences, Richard, (If only more would take pen to paper/fingers to keypad and do the same!) and as I mentioned in the last newsletter, I also came across George’s name on the “Friends Re-united (F-R)” website so I sent my standard letter plus a few other words of greeting, and we have had a favourable reply.

From **Nigel Venner** we had: “Thanks for the newsletter received this morning (15 June ’06). Hope you will be inundated with e-mails and “lost” OMs...**Merrett ??** was Michael who lived like me in Combwich. (Thanks to Francis Pearce we also have a contact route, we hope!.....Ed.) **Wright , Mike & Pete** played for Old Morganians with me in the 70’s, also **Mike Perry**” (So Mike P. do you have any contact addresses? I have tried Pete Wright via the F-R web-site with no response so far – Ed. – **can anyone else help?**) **Kurgo, Paul** came from Combwich (again, (I have tried him via the F-R web-site with no response so far – Ed.) **Awre, Michael** became a vicar & was last seen at the Castle of Comfort (run by Nigel – Ed.) 5 or 6 years ago at a funeral tea party! (Thanks to Francis Pearce we received an address for Michael – Ed.) **Greenland, P** was Phil; **Palfrey Roger** is still in B/W, **McNally Dave** emigrated to Australia but still keeps in touch with **Ken Giles** in B/W (But we don’t have Ken on our lists! **So help us**

**here Nigel or someone, please!!-Ed.)**  
Many thanks for all that info. Nigel.

**Don Mulholland** came back to us saying that he did not wish to subscribe because he did not recognise any of the names – he left the school on transfer to Chastham House Grammar School at age 14 in 1936, spending only 3 weeks on the Haygrove site, all the rest of his schooling was at the old (Mount Street) school. He had attended a couple of Old Boy’s do’s but did not know anyone – “Guess at 83 they have mostly gone before me.” But then he gave us addresses for 3 Old Boys, **Geoff. Rowden** (Nove Scotia), **Martin Mulholland** (USA), and **Robert Mulholland** (Australia). I wrote back, thanking him and asking if he had known the late Ron Short who had also helped remove the school from Mount Street to Durleigh Road, but Don didn’t think so. I will use Ron’s anecdotes, together with photos of the old school ‘then & now’ as soon as I have room - Ed.)

**Garry Sutton’s** comments re the newsletter boosted my ego considerably and he also gave a few updates – **Sutton K** is his brother Kev living locally at Westonzoyland and a correction in that ‘**Oxley,P.E.J.**’ should have been Pete Loxley & Kev should have his address (Pete is already a member! What a help when we have the correct name!-Ed.) He could also tell me that **Graham Palmer** was currently the landlord of the Lime Kiln Inn in Salmon Parade, B/W, “**David Lederman 55** is, I believe, the son of my ex-neighbour – himself a remarkable man who survived the horrors of Buchenwald. If it is the same David Lederman he is living in L.A. (He is, we have an address, & have sent a newsletter!-Ed.) **Little, 57** is probably Steve Little and a letter c/o Little’s Stores, St. Mary’s St., Nether Stowey should reach him – we hope it did but don’t think we’ve had a reply yet – Ed.)  
Many thanks, Garry.

Now a really fascinating, and at the time it was sent, a very relevant piece of information:  
“**Tegwyn Jones** (DMS 63) saw this story on BBC News Online and thought you should see it – Untraced DMS Old Boys – I thought you’d be interested in the success of this old boy, (**Cross, T, 62** – **\*\*Tim Cross**: UK’s logistics expert in Iraq\*\* (NB: No cross ref. for the \*\* except see web site!) **Major General Tim Cross**, the UK soldier who is second-in-command of the efforts to rebuild Iraq, is no stranger to humanitarian operations.

<[http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/em/fr/-/2/hi/uk\\_news/politics/2948015.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/em/fr/-/2/hi/uk_news/politics/2948015.stm)>

Tegwyn also sent “What a good idea to ask old boys to help trace the missing...many heads are better than a few for this task. I can offer a few leads on the following; Cross,T,61? Must be Tim Cross, 62. Tim used to live next door to me in Edington, and did not shine at school academically or (as football was his game) on the sports field. He left at 16 to follow his passion to join the army, rising to rank of Major General. He was, until recently (19 June ’06) Number 2 in Iraq. Lots about him can be found via a search on the web (see above – Ed). An outstanding success story.

**Ager,??, 61?** might be Chris Ager from B-on-Sea. He had, I believe, an older brother at the school. (I have found a Steve on F-R website so awaiting a reply re both – Ed.)

**Annetts,??, 61?** Is probably Paul Annetts, from Kilve, who started DMS late to join the 63 year.(Still ‘missing’ – Ed.)

**Brass, R,61?** Might be Roger Brass, commonly known as Wadge, who started DMS late to join the 62 year. .(Still ‘missing’ – Ed.)

**Bruce,Tim, 60** is the older brother of Matt who may give you more detail.(He gave me Matt’s e-mail address and I sent to him on 3rd. Oct. and I am awaiting a reply – Ed.)

**Burton, Geoffrey,70?** Is Geoff. Burton who started DMS late to join the 1963 year. He has done well and a couple of years ago was Professor of Mathematics at Bath Uni.

(I managed to get Bath Uni. tel. No from Bristol Uni., since Bath Uni. isn’t in the Bristol area list, would you believe? Unfortunately he was in hospital having suffered an accident but I was promised by his Dept. Secretary that a message would be sent to Geoff. and I am awaiting a reply – Ed.)

**Clarke, Brynly,62?** Is Bryn Clarke who has also done well, in the IT world. Lives in Kent with Penny and 3 children. Joined DMS in 63. (Well this was a convoluted success story. I have a young friend near Canterbury who searched in the Kent telephone directories, or more likely on the web, & gave me 11 numbers to try for Brynly. Luckily I found him on the F-R website first, sent a message, **and got an answer**, and would you believe it, his tel. number wasn’t any of those my friend had dug out for me, so I would have had a frustrating and unrewarding time if I had started phoning! A newsletter has been sent, he couldn’t make the ’06 dinner, but he may join for ’07- we certainly hope so - & if so he’s reading this!- Ed.)

**Frost,??,63** is Bob Frost. Was until recent years an Immigration Officer. Popped up on University Challenge leading a team from the Open University. Has had 4 children with Penny Moore (ex BGS, ’64). Now a keen yachtsman and taught maths in Deal. Try him on....(e-mail address given)..for more details on his 3 brothers:-

**Frost, Paul,64** who now lives in Scotland, and is a director of Shell UK. (No successful contact yet made. Richard Hiseman, did you know you were perhaps previously working for a former fellow DMS pupil?!! – Ed.) **Frost, Guy,65? and his twin Peter, 65?** Both teachers in FE. (I e-mailed Bob on 3rd. Oct. & had a reply on 17<sup>th</sup> with Brothers’ e-mail details.– Ed.)

**Herd, ??** must have been Roger Herd, 62. (On the F-R website, no reply yet – Ed.)

**Howison, ??,61** must be Simon Howison from the Quantocks, Bath Uni., Smith’s Electrical Instruments, etc. Joined DMS in 63. (Still missing – Ed.)

**Pople, Christopher,70?** Joined DMS in 63. (Still missing – Ed.)

**Vize, ??,61?** Must be Gerald Vize, commonly known as Jed. Joined DMS in 62. (Still missing – & “Many thanks”, Tegwyn for all the above information - Ed.)

**Geoff. Williams** e-mailed Mike D. & myself and said “My mind (& ageing grey matter!!) have been focussing recently on looking back 40 years to the ‘Untraced DMS Old Boys’ list. Some of the names are certainly familiar, for a variety of reasons – but that’s not the purpose in trying to trace them!! Immediate thoughts are that some of the start years are erroneous – particularly recalling names of my peers starting in ’62 (many shown as ’61) ie **John Arnold & Mike Awre**, also **W ‘Tom’ Creedy**. I can add more ‘first names’ if it helps, and ‘start years’; please advise if you want me to respond where possible. However here are some names and possible contacts...” He then gave a similar length of listing as Tegwyn’s above: **Fisher Robert** – used to be our near neighbour in Grange Drive, B/W. My wife Jill recently bumped into his sister Hilary (still works at Bridgwater library I think.) His father Norman was B/W Borough Engineer, but died recently. Not sure of Robert’s whereabouts, but I believe Hilary still lives at present in Grange Drive. (Another success story here; with Geoff’s info., and my cousin living in Grange Drive, we obtained the correct house number, sent a letter for forwarding, **and** have had an ‘interested’ reply! He’s now living near Leatherhead, Surrey & has sent all contact details. –Ed.)

**Holroyd, John** - was that our Physics teacher who travelled in from Williton in a grey mini van? If so ’70 cannot be right. (From B/W area phone book there is a J.Holroyd still living in Williton so I shall be enquiring if it’s the right one – Ed.)

**Humphrey, Robert** – ‘Bob’ is still in regular contact with my brother Norman. He lives near Bristol (Failand, I think) and married to Jane (who lived in Oakfield Rd. – not far from DMS and Bob lived in B-on-Sea. Was it a DMS & Girl’s Grammar romance? He is a solicitor with his practice Humphreys(??) is in Brisol (Was that a deliberate mis-spelling, “cus that’s ow sum o they do talk up ther! – Brisol, or, more normally, Fred Wedlock’s “Brisle”! I shall try the Bristol phone book for this one when I get around to it – Ed.)

**Langford, Brian** – must be the ‘now retired’ somerset cricketer, who was recently (May/June ’06?) featured in the Somerset county Gazette at a reunion in Taunton. (One B.Langford listed in Taunton & one in B/W., so there are hopes here too. – Ed.)

**Livesey, Dave** – another teacher (Chemistry) who I recall came from Dartford, Kent. His claim to fame was going to school with Mick Jagger!!! (No D. Livesey in Taunton area phone book now, so still “missing” – Ed.)

**Palfrey, Roger** – have lost touch but he was in Bristol with Rank Xerox some years ago. His mother. Mary, did live in Edinburgh road. (Will try that lead sometime – Ed.)

**Perrin, Mike** – again lost touch, he used to live in Edward St. but then moved to B-on-Sea with his then young family. (No suitable entry in local phone book but he’s on F-R website! - Ed.)

**Sternier/Stirna** – I think the same person starting c’64 – from memory Martin Stirna is correct. (No contact possibility found direct via F-R but I have noticed a Diane Stirna in the BGSF F-R listing, so there will be an e-mail going to her just in case it’s a sister – Ed.)

**Stone, Peter** – believed deceased, will check with brother Norman who knew him well.

**Travers, Alan** – I’ve no contact but home used to be 390 Bristol Rd. His elder brother Mike was in my year, but he was killed with others in a car crash by Mole Valley Farmers on Bath Rd. whilst the temporary road was in place prior to the M5 being opened. (One A. Travers in Chard, one in Minehead, I wonder if either is Alan? – Ed.)

**Venner, David** – should be ’62 and he is younger brother of Nigel at The Castle of Comfort. Nigel told me David is a ranger on Exmoor and living in Barnstaple area. (We’ve now been in touch – Ed.)

**Way, Dave** – I knew only of Mike Way of the same era, who was studying as an accountant. Lost contact however. (In the phone book there’s one ‘D. Way’ at Dinnington and one ‘D.E. Way’ at Kingsbury Episcopi, and we have Mike, so it shouldn’t be too hard to find out – Ed.)

**Wiffen, Philip** – heard from him in last couple of years, as his mother passed away. Cannot find address at present but it was in Oxford. (**Please find it out if you can, Geoff.** – Ed.)

**Yardley, Tony** – was a late joiner in ’67, therefore probably of ’64 age group. He was living in Beggars Lane, N. Petherton but had been active on the West Somerset Railway until 2 to 3 years ago, I believe he was then confined to a wheelchair. (‘A.F.’ is at Beggs Clo., will try that, -Ed.)

**As for me, (Geoff. Williams),** having trained as an accountant (FCMA) I moved back to the area in 2003, after some 30 years away, as the Met Office relocated from Bracknell to Exeter. Not only enjoying again the beauty of West Somerset, I have been very appreciative of the medical support at Musgrove Park Hospital and at the Bristol Royal Infirmary!!! PS: Since the move I have re-established contact at work with John Clark of '64. We recognised each other immediately, having had no contact since '69!!! He is on contract as an accountant here, having been previously with UK Hydrographic Office in Taunton and travels daily from Bridgwater" (I have asked Geoff for an article on his life, and give him my hearty thanks for all the above helpful comments – Ed.)

**Back to the Dinner...** In the Oct. '06 newsletter I mentioned Tank's 'story with a moral' – that of the carefree chicken out for a walk on a beautiful morning – and I promised to recount it when space allowed. Well before I forget it, but at the risk of being 'struck-off' from the editorial board (& that's a very thin chance!!) I will do my best... Strutting along (said Tank), without a care in the world, our feathered friend rounded a corner and, not particularly looking where he was going, put one of his feet onto a drain cover. The foot slipped through between two rungs of the cover and, (well you know how a chicken's foot is shaped), his leg became firmly stuck in the drain cover. Pull as hard as he could he just couldn't dislodge it. After some distressing minutes, along came a 'slick Henry' in his Porsche, a scream of brakes and the driver backed back to our friend and enquired what the problem was as, when sweeping past, he had seen the chicken looking very distressed. The chicken explained his situation and the concerned driver told him to catch hold of his rear fender with both wings and hang on tight. Noting that he had done so, the driver revved his engine, let out the clutch with a jerk, and....the foot stayed fast in the drain cover, but the chicken's leg stretched painfully. Several times they tried this, all to no avail. The Porsche driver made his excuses and drove off and almost immediately a donkey put his head over the fence to find out what all the commotion was about. The chicken told him the sorry story. "Wait a minute" said the donkey; "I'll come round to you". When he arrived he was in "fine fettle" and said to the chicken, "I'll stand with my back legs over you; you reach up and catch hold of my great appendage, and, when I say, you bend your leg sideways, wriggle your claws, and hang on to me very tightly." He then called "Go" and very gently eased forward, and lo and behold, out came the foot on the very first try. "Well there you are" said Tank, and went as if to sit down. "Oh, I didn't tell you the moral of the story, did I" he suddenly interjected, "Well, it's this, you don't need a posh car to "pull a bird", just a dick like a donkey!!!"

In starting his act, tank had said that it was the second time that day that he had got up from a warm seat with paper in hand....he had no qualifications, no certificates, but he still enjoyed life and hopefully made people laugh because he was just funny....On 12th. March '06 his granddad had passed away aged 100 – when he was only halfway through the "bumps".... Then there was the woman who went into Tesco's beer & wine department and asked the attendant if he could recommend a good port. "Certainly Madam" he replied, try Dover!... He queried whether anyone came from Cornwall, our Malcolm Yard said "Yes, I do" "Whereabouts? asked Tank. "Perranporth" says Malcolm. "Sorry" says Tank, "Perranporth" repeats Malcolm. "No, I heard you the first time says" Tank – I just said Sorry to hear it!! Isn't that the place where the golf course has 1262 holes? That's because the green keeper has a wooden leg!.... A young lad was found by his mother when he was reading "Bondage Weekly", "Masochistic Monthly" and "Sadistic Annually"- "What am I going to do with you?" she cried. "Well one things certain, mum" he said, "Smacking won't help, will it!!... A driver was trying to find his way to a place in Wales and getting totally lost with all the unpronounceable village names. He turned on his car satellite navigation system but not a sound came from it, so he pulled into a lay-by out in the country quite defeated. He noticed he was

by a field full of sheep. Suddenly the system boomed into action, "Make a U-turn" it said, and the driver was in that field all night trying to do just that!... **Mrs** Murphy was in her front garden when along came Mrs O'Toole from the Post Office with a "singing telegram" - "Well sing it to me, said Mrs Murphy, but she didn't expect to hear "Your sister Issy is dead,..She's dead in her bed!" A "Hoodie" broke into a man's garden shed. The man managed to apprehend him and then phoned the police. "Sorry, we've got no one available to come out" said the constable on duty. The man thought for a while and then phoned back and said "I've shot the blighter!" Within minutes 4 helicopters and 14 armed police turned up at his house. Seeing the "Hoodie" still very much alive, the police chief shouted "You Liar!" The man replied "You Tosser, you said no-one was available!" Tank then started to regale us with an account of a couple having sex in the "wheelbarrow" position "as on page 152 of the Kamasutra"! he said. Then swiftly turning to Mike D. he corrected himself "What did you say, Mike, page 156 was it?" Mike is completely floored (just as any of the rest of us would have been if we had been set up like that, when we hadn't really said a word!)

### **& Also Back to the Blake Museum Archives:**

With Christmas not too far gone by, I suddenly realised that I had a nice little article to share with you all, (and to bring a tinge of embarrassment to the perpetrators, perhaps??):- Item 4/32 in the Museum Box 20a is an envelope in which a Christmas card had been received by Headmaster Francis Davey; in December 1973, I believe. I suppose we could therefore call it a "Comprehensive Prank", but perhaps carried out by ex DMS entry boys who, (like me many years before them ) were obviously on postal sorting duties (at the old Drill Hall, or had that been demolished by then? – my Bridgwater books will probably tell me the answer to that question.) They came across a card addressed to "Sir", so decided to add their own script on the back: "Merry Christmas and Love to our dear headmaster, from your suave, good-looking, kind, nice & intelligent boys at the sorting office – PS And hard working. 21<sup>st</sup> December." So come on all you 1970 – 73 start pupils out there, **OWN UP to Geoffrey**, if not to Francis (or did you have to own up at the start of the next term??) We would love to publish a confession, **AND** a photo of these "suave" young men!!

### **While on the Museum Archives I will continue the "School Code" circa 1970:-**

(See the Oct. 2006 newsletter, page 4, for the first few rules in the 'General' section)

**No boy** may drive a motor vehicle to school unless he has received permission from the Headmaster to do so. The school does not provide parking facilities for Boys' motor vehicles. *(I wonder how Geoff. Salway's motor powered bicycle in 1956 would have fared under this law? He was stopped by the police in Penel Orlieu as the officer suspected he was too young to be driving such a 'vehicle' – what a nice compliment!! – he was in the 5th form and was a bit 'petite' in those days – I won't say anything else, Geoff!! – Ed)*

**Homework** may not be done on the school premises unless a homework card has been obtained. *(What 'Fuehrer' came up with this one? – Ed.)*

**Boys** should not play cricket or football for other clubs or take part in public performances during term time unless the consent of the headmaster has been obtained previously. *(Another Draconian decree to boost the head's big ego? Certainly we in our time were taken out by Bertie Bollom and/or 'Hatchetface' to perform at Goathurst village hall in the New Year term, and I don't remember any permission being sought by us lads. Anyway, all the church bell-ringers in the school – see June 1956 'Morganian' – would have been giving a "public performance" twice every week, including 1½ hours on practice nights, and no permission granted OR sought!! - Ed.)*

**No boy** may undertake any employment without prior notification to the Headmaster. *( In view of a recent conversation with Paul Ellis , who tells me he used to work endlessly in his father's stores in Nether Stowey, I don't think this one would have gone down too well with many a boy, OR his parents!, in our days. – Ed.)*

## BUILDINGS and BOUNDS.

**Boys are** expected to take a pride in the premises and to help in keeping them tidy and in good order. *(In this respect, Robert Fisher recently reminded me of Charlie Key's favourite catch phrase concerning litter, "which some of us used to mimic" – "If you see a bit of paper, then pick it up!" "The last three words were always emphasised", says Robert,... and followed by "Boy!" too, I suspect – Ed.)*

There is to be no running in the corridors or on any asphalt pathway. *(Some sense at last – Ed.!)*

**Boys are not permitted** to stay in the classrooms during the break or the dinner hour except during inclement weather. *(Oh dear, here we go again! Two or three of us in our first year were always getting turfed out by Bertie; now we know why! Ed.)*

**The south and east frontages** of the school are out of bounds. Boys may not walk on the grass in the quadrangle. The roof is out of bounds to all boys except prefects. No boy may enter the gymnasium or any laboratory or workshop without permission, or use the swimming bath unless there is a master in attendance. *(Well that was why on our 23 rd. Sept. '06 visit it was so nice to walk around the S & E sides, no doubt, though how 5A & 5B in our days would ever have got to our classrooms with this rule in place, goodness know! And as for nowadays...!! In the latter respect, "What grass, in what quadrangle?!" – Ed.)*

**During school matches** "side games" are not permitted. *(Sense, at last, again! – Ed.)*

**All breakages** should be reported to the office. *(Unfortunately, not all breakages occurred during office hours – as related to Nigel, the present "Site Manager", recently, I was at a school dance once when some lads decided to ignore two of the above laws – they ran in the corridor outside of the gym, one went through the glass swing-doors, the next one put out his hand to push it open again but put it straight through a glass panel, and severely cut his hand & arm. He was rushed off to B'water hospital by the officiating staff, while the rest of us were sworn to behave exemplarily in their absence. The alternative would have been to shut down the band & dance with immediate effect. We all took the former choice! – Ed.)*

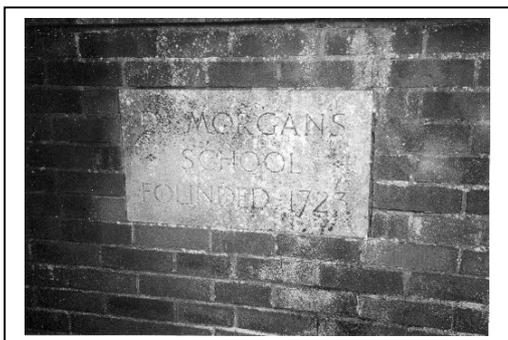
**To be completed in a later edition.**

## Committee Meeting.

The DMA committee met at the West India House on Durleigh Road, very near to the 'new' DMS site, at 8pm. on Wed., 29th. Nov., where we had one bar all to ourselves. Present were Mike Dodden, Mike Beaumont, Bill King, & Geoff. Marchant. (Ralph Sealey was not available, Clive Kett was not well.) We reviewed the 2006 dinner, MB being pleased to report that one person who had not felt 'at home' at a previous dinner, had thoroughly enjoyed this one & hoped to come again. Such sentiments make our work rewarding. MD suggested that he presents the Head of Haygrove, & his site-manager, with a bottle of wine each in appreciation of their afternoon spent showing us around the school. The 2007 dinner planning then began; suggestions for speaker, MC, & for the person who would say the Grace, were discussed & members asked to give thought to these for finalisation at a Feb.'07 meeting. BK was willing to continue the memorabilia displays & hoped next year to have the two salvaged honours boards on show at The Tudor. MD reported on finance – still healthy; and suggested that the future newsletter distribution policy be:- New contacts, those who had attended the 2005 dinner, and those who had paid the 2006 membership, would receive **only the next two newsletters if no completed application form (+ money) for 2007 had been sent back**. Fully paid-up members would obviously receive all newsletters. It was hoped that, in a drive for efficiency, newsletters would be e-mailed to members in the not too distant future. **(If DMA members have concerns with this policy, please let us know as soon as possible.)** MD tabled a letter from the DM Society which confirmed they were going ahead with their own 2007 dinner & some places would be available to DMA members if wanted. Your committee feels that a limited availability, though, would be a restriction on **our** members & could be a hazard to our own dinner numbers. We would much prefer to find a suitable venue for a future year where both Society & Assoc. could hold a combined dinner (as in 2002). With the efforts of CK & GM (& all members, hopefully!) still ongoing to procure extra members, it was good to note that our dwindling membership of 2006 had received a boost, even if it had now dropped to a slow trickle! GM reported that 329 e-mails had been sent out to 'old boys' on the Friends Reunited website, of which 236 had not been listed by DMA previously. 57 replies had been received & MD was enlisting new members as a result. The next effort was to contact BGSg girls on the combined DMS/BGSg F-R website in the hope that some had brothers, dads, or relatives who were ex DMS pupils – so far we had received 4 replies from the 89 e-mails already sent out. There being no other business, the date of the next meeting was left to MD's discretion, probably at the Tudor, so that menu choices could be discussed with the management.

**Tail-piece:** Ref. p.1, Summer Newsletter "News of Members - Paul Forrest, Avon Coroner" & "BBC Points West" Fri. 24<sup>th</sup>. Nov.'06, Bristol City Council has found funds (£1.2m) to supply a new mortuary at Flax Bourton, near Bristol, as Paul had deemed necessary. It obviously overshot the May 4<sup>th</sup> deadline, though!

**Picture Gallery.** These are the first three of the photos taken by the editor, or taken for him, on the school visit, 23rd. Sept., 2006. The top photo is of the group stood on the steps of the original “new” school building, and was kindly taken by the present head of Haygrove.



This central photo shows the “Dr. Morgan’s School Founded 1723” stone still set in the boundary wall on Durleigh Rd.



This lower photo shows the “In Memoriam” tablet, now in the Entrance, or “Crush” Hall, having been transferred there from the old Fives Court on the East side of the site, when that was demolished, see page 2, col.1, of the “After Dinner Mint” Newsletter.

**Material For Newsletter.**

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