

DR. MORGAN'S ASSOCIATION

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Editorial – This edition will be mainly given over to life stories of ‘Old Boys’ – and this time we will start with that of another old boy who went to school at DMS Mount Street. You may remember that last time (Oct ’10 newsletter, p.5) **Ray Mitchell** gave us his memories. Now, one of the people he mentioned in that account, **Geoff. Tout**, adds his memories. Other accounts come from younger members **Mike Perry and Chris Byrne**. I do thank these people who have put pen to paper, or fingers to keyboards, to give us accounts of their days at school, and life thereafter.

This is also the first newsletter since the 2010 dinner so generally a review of that event would appear right here. However, we have two very important items which must precede all the above. See p.8 for the dinner account.

NEW CHAIRMAN/DINNER SEC. REQUIRED.

As you will see from the last committee meeting minutes on page 5, Mike Dodden, one of the three founder members of DMA, has stepped down from the Chairman/Dinner Secretary role, although still retaining the treasurer and newsletter distribution roles. We all owe him a great vote of thanks for all that he has done in the former, and continues to do in the latter. Our funds would be lots leaner, or our subs. much higher, if it wasn't for his generosity.

BUT, UNLESS YOU HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION TO THE CONTRARY FROM MIKE WITH THIS NEWSLETTER, WE DO STILL NEED ONE OR MORE PERSONS TO STEP FORWARD AND FILL THE CHAIRMAN'S AND DINNER SEC. ROLES.

Preferably these people should be Bridgwater, or near Bridgwater, residents but a willing person could probably even work around that requirement! The duties are shown in the relevant section of the Committee Mtg. Minutes on page 5. Do please give it serious thought as both functions are required immediately if we are to have a successful dinner and existence this year. Please contact Mike Dodden if you can help – contact details in panel, bottom of page 8.

As much help as possible will be given by existing committee members to “lead you in”.

MEMBERSHIP DROP-OFF

In 2010 we experienced a drop of approx. 20% in membership, mainly we suspect due to members putting aside their application form or e-mail prompt, meaning to “do it later” but not getting to do it at all! We have tried to chase up such people, and all have had free newsletters sent on to them by Mike in the hope that consciences will be pricked, or memories jogged. As an Association, we cannot afford to continue in this vein – **PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE AND EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT PAYING FOR THE DINNER, DO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE (ONLY £4 STILL!) PLEASE PAY PROMPTLY NOW IN FEBRUARY, AND HOPEFULLY EACH YEAR THEREAFTER.** Those who have still not paid for 2010, please consider doubling up the sub to £8. If you can't remember whether you have paid or not, contact Mike and he has it all on computer spreadsheet!

Now last time I said I had a picture which needed enhancement as it was very dark but I must use it as so many of you will know who it is – perhaps it “rings a bell” for others...!!!

Mr DMS himself, for so many years – can you let me know when he arrived and when he left?



So who was it lurking in the shadows, lads??
Answer on p.8 if you are still confused.

So now we can give **Geoff Touts'** memories an airing:

“Morganian Dance Band 1940 – 1943

We were formed in early 1940, to meet a demand, not only for dances, concerts and other events, but also for ‘pocket money’. (That seems to go against my memory of what was allowed by those very strict school rules I published on p.6, Feb '07, but it says they were effective about 1970ish! Perhaps the lads could prove homework was not affected! – Ed.) Many local musicians were joining H.M. Forces thus reducing their availability – for ourselves that time had not come, as we were sixteen going on seventeen. We started with Lionel Hadden (piano), Cyril Connolly and Arnold Pickles (Violins), Colin Blackmore (Trumpet), Beck Wevell (Saxophone), Geoff Tout (Double Bass) and Tom Somerset (Drums) with Cliff Rossiter (Vocals). Later we were joined by Tony Fricker (Saxophone).

Our first event was a dance for a local charity. We were paid seven shillings and sixpence (37 ½ pence) – not each – but for the whole band!! I recall we used the money to buy three sets of sheet music. That was repeated several times in the town to build up our musical library.

Then we got very adventurous and had our first out-of-town booking – in Spaxton Village Hall. The Band was offered fifteen shillings (75 pence) but we had to provide our own transport. Luckily, Albert Stowell, a local Electrician, had an electric vehicle which he offered free of charge – he took the Band and all the instruments – we dangled our feet over the side of the vehicle. Once or twice we had to get off and push. When we got there he used the vehicle to provide current for the microphone!!

We managed to keep going for some two years or so with many dances and troop concerts in the Town Hall.

Gradually, our numbers declined due to calling up for War Service and the Band closed in early 1943.

Geoff Tout (1934-39)”

So it looks as if Geoff had left DMS before the band was set up and therefore my comments re school rules would not apply anyway. Geoff enclosed 2 photos of the band and 1 of one of the dances at The Art & Tech. Social, 27th. April 1940, at the Oddfellows Hall, which he says was on West Quay – is it still there or what is on the site now, anyone

know? Geoff’s nephew, Brian Scott, is in the DM Society and Geoff has that one relative in England but the rest are in Australia. He visits them for 10 weeks at a time and they want him to go out there permanently, but at age 87 he’s not sure that that would be a good move! “Hope there will be some interest (in the article and pictures)” he says – and I’m sure there will be. As the pictures are all in ‘landscape’ format I will put them on a later page to get better size and definition. (See page 4.)

In the meantime I will go back to the outstanding correspondence I have received. First to that from **David Derham** who also supplied the initial photo on page 1 of this edition. In addition to the comments in the Oct newsletter, David went on: “I do not know about you, but my inbox seems to accrue roughly two mails per day on average. If I do not visit my PC more than once per month – as is often the case in the winter and always so in the summer months – then I have 60 to sort out and sometimes can have 150 or more of them awaiting attention! They all get read and dealt with eventually, but I have to say that I would rather do ironing than have to sit at the keyboard reading and typing all day long! What happened to good old letters via the front door letterbox that I could open with my breakfast and a cup of coffee, sat comfortably in my lounge or dining room or, better still out in the conservatory with my garden as the “wallpaper”. However in the case of DMS Newsletters, you can see that I am nearly a year behind with these. It is clear that I have been “cherry picking” my long list of outstanding mail recently!

I often ask people why do they need mobile ‘phones and find myself calling out “mind the lamp post” as I see someone attentively pressing their tiny buttons as they walk along the street oblivious to their impending collision! I had lived well over fifty years before they came into common use and now just a year off seventy (at 16.04.10), I still do not have one, nor feel a need to do so. I place a lot of importance in my personal privacy in terms of being able to get away to where no-one else can reach me. Being a great lover of the countryside and walking, you can imagine what an infringement it would be to all that I hold dear, having that little electronic

box intruding into my life at such times. In spite of my age, I am not an anti-electronics or modern world technology person, indeed I worked in the aircraft industry all of my life, with such greats as Concord and Airbus. I grew up with computers at work from the very early punch card days and have two PC's, printers, digital cameras etc. and several TV's about the place. There is a radio in EVERY room in the house including the garage, plus one or two portables to enable me to keep up with favourites when in the garden. No, it is just that I have drawn the line on mobiles – another piece of equipment that needs constant monitoring and updating to keep viable and safe and so, another chunk out of my fast expiring allotted time on this earth. I feel I would rather be looking at prettier and more varied things than mobiles all day long so have got this far without having missed not having one yet! (not to mention the additional costs to one's budget of running one).

I was saddened to read of Neil Barrett's passing. Like him and Alan Chedzey, I grew up in Highbridge (born in West Huntspill). He was my elder brother Peter's age and so went on to DMS the year before me. However, I do recall a small story involving Neil of an event which occurred in London in the year of the Festival of Britain which I think was 1951? My brother Peter & I were staying in London with our Uncle Edward Reynell & Aunt Betty, my mother's younger sister. Both of these had jobs to do during the day and so we were allowed to go about the city on our own on some occasions as long as they knew where we would be – quite something for kids of 10 & 11 years of age. For a couple of days, Uncle Eddie drove us in his car to the Festival site and dropped us off with some money in our pockets, to spend the day there and be picked up later at a pre-arranged time. On show at the Festival was the amazing new Britannia Class Steam engine. Hundreds of people wanted to get on board to see it and so the queues were very long indeed and there were crowds all around it. One proceeded up steps into the driver's cabin and left by a route to the rear down another set of steps. While we were actually on the steps going up, we spotted Neil and I must assume his mother, going down by the others. Quite a co-incidence considering the distance we were from home and the congested situation!

Incidentally, Edward T. Reynell owned and came from, a family line which owned one of the largest newspaper advertising agencies in Chancery Lane, serving most if not all of the large national newspapers of the time. His office was large, with an equally large leather topped desk situated centrally. The walls were fully wooden panelled, hung about which, were large portraits of his ancestors, the ambiance as I recall, was dim and dingy – almost Dickensian to one's imagination! Best wishes, David Derham.”
Well thanks for all that Dave – Ed..

In May last year, having asked sister Janet for a contact with her brother **Paul Gill** as **Gordon Williams** had realised they both lived in Malmesbury, I received from Janet a note to the effect that Paul had never come across Gordon (presumably much different years? – Ed.) and was not keen to have his details passed on. ‘He works 24/7 so probably doesn't have time to meet anyone new.’

Then in June last year I received this in reply to my message sent out to Old BGS girls: “Dear Geoff, I apologise for the delay in replying to your email, it has only taken me 3 years!. You were quite right in your assumption regarding girls who went to BGS having a brother who went to Dr Morgans. I had an older brother, **John**, who went to Dr Morgans. Unfortunately he died several years ago after suffering a long time from mutiple schlerosis. Joan Hook, who you also mention is my elder sister. She still lives in Bridgwater & her husband is an old Morganian & he sometimes goes to the Morgan re-unions.

Another chap I know is **Murray Stewart** & as far as I am aware he also goes.

Will let you know if I think of any other "old boys" who you can contact.

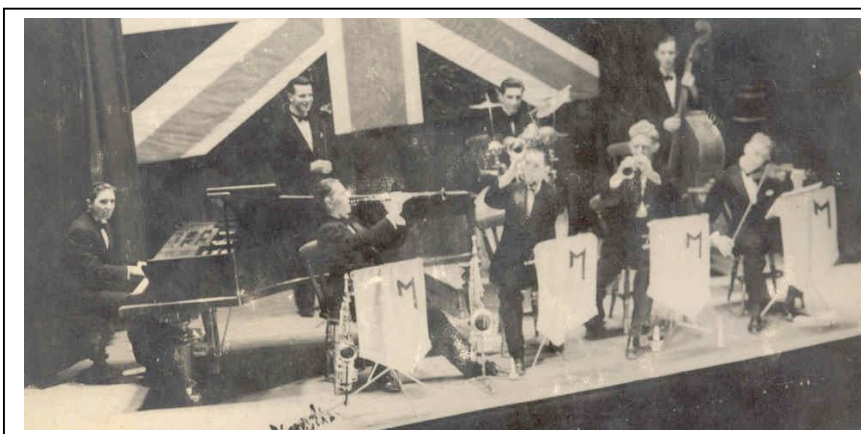
Regards, **Sheila Scott** (Nee **Hook**)”

(Murray is a member of DMA, and some of you out there must have known the late John Hook – Ed.)

Over page you will find Geoff Tout's pictures from the early 1940s.



Jan 1942 Morganians
Dance Band, B/W Town
Hall, Troop Concert.
Back, L to R: Lionel
Hadden, Chris Rossiter,
Tom Somerset,
Geoff Tout.
Front L to R:
Beck Wevell,
Tony Fricker,
Colin Blackmore,
Cyril Connolly.



Same as above.



Art and Tech.
Institute Social,
27th. April 1940
at the
Oddfellows Hall'
West Quay,
Bridgwater.

On receiving the photos back, Geoff Tout also commented: "Thank you for your letter and the return of the photos – glad they were usable. Never heard of gigabytes in those early days. To fill in a bit more – yes - Beck Wevell, Saxophone, was the son of Arthur Wevell (Head of Westover School) – I was his best man when he married Jackie. Further information on those in the photo of the band –

Lionel Hadden – piano – had a younger brother Gordon (also DMS) – their father was manager of Hodges the Outfitters on the Cornhill. He was a pilot in the RAF – from memory.

Arnold Pickles – violin – came from Burnham, his father was a clergyman there. His sister was Ida.

Colin Blackmore - Trumpet – his father had a grocery business in St. Mary's Street. *(Continued on next page.)*

Cyril Connolly – Violin – his father was the Chief of the Fire Service – sister Vera married Ron Thomas – Cyril died on active service in the RAF during the war.

Cliff Rossiter – Vocals – his father had the Bakery Shop in St. Mary's Street.

Tom Somerset – Drums – married Mary Gratton – she also sang with the band at the occasional concert.

Tony Fricker – Saxophone – never did know his connections!

Geoff Tout – dislocated shoulder at birth – not admitted to any Forces – started in Local Government Finance in 1939 at County Hall – several moves over the next 44 years!!

I'm afraid that's yer lot!! Geoff T."

Well, what a memory – puts me to shame, and he's considerably older than me!! Many, many thanks, Geoff. – Ed.

Important Development for Old Boy Paul Forrest. Last October's Newsletter and accompanying letter from Mike Dodden had only just been finalised when the following news was announced just too late to include in either: Latest News 28.09.10 BBC Points West announced today that Paul Forrest has been re-instated as Bristol and N.Som. Coroner following a legal mistake by Ken Clarke himself. We await further news with great interest.

Minutes of the DMA Committee Meeting held at The Tudor Hotel, Bridgwater, on Wed. 22.09.10.

Those present: Mike Dodden, Bill King, Clive Kett, Geoff. Marchant, Ray Haines, Ralph Sealey, Chris. Hockey. No apologies for absence. MD said he had had no reply from Mike Beaumont and wondered whether he was ill. (Enquiries since have established MB had not caught up with a great backlog of e-mails after his recent illness and so had not been aware of the meeting. He still has health problems.)

2010 Dinner: Numbers to date were mid 50's but hopefully these would rise to mid 60's by the day. Menu choice was agreed as: Starters Prawn cocktail, Soup, or Garlic Mushrooms; Main course Beef and a vegetarian option of the Tudor's choice; Sweets usual selection again at Tudor's choice. MD mentioned that Cheese and Biscuits from now on would probably be one of the 'Sweets' choice, not an additional course. We were grateful to the Tudor for that concession in the past and RH stated that at the recent DM Society dinner the new ruling had applied. MD agreed that as he had previous years seating plans on computer he would do the 2010 seating plan. He confirmed that the speaker would be 'Old Boy' Major General Tim Cross from Surrey and we agreed that Tim's expenses should include his overnight accommodation if he was staying at The Tudor or other Bridgwater hotel. Bill King agreed to be MC yet again and also to present the 'regalia and photos'. As we had received a number of photos from George Whitelock recently, and others were known to be held by another member, Bill hoped to get a reasonably new display this year. He also suggested we should get all photos available scanned onto a single disc for posterity. GM said he had all newsletter photos already on a memory stick. Grace at the dinner would be led by member Chris Cudlipp. Some discussion followed re members' name badges and both MD and CK thought they could possibly provide some. Perhaps these should be collected in at the end each year to save funds.

Membership: To date this year 57 were paid up for dinner and total membership was 108. A new list of members would be posted on the website. Membership had fallen by about 20% this year and we all need to remind lapsed members to pay up. CH suggested that each committee member contacted his own classmates and year to help get the membership back up to strength.

Newsletter: There were various appreciations of recent newsletters and MD, having recently received the e-mailed master for the October one stated that the committee would be well pleased with that one too. Editor GM said he had put a note on the website that any budding new editor would be welcomed, but he had not been overwhelmed by the response – zero!

Website: A second attempt at a new website has proved (D.V.!) successful (The first attempt ended up as moribund as the old one originally set up by Roger Evans in 2000 which now cannot be updated as all access is denied.) Greg Kett has used a new website provider and, at present, all links are operating well (as at 24.09.10!) So have a look at **drmorgans.com** MD warned of the work required to keep such sites up to date and it was agreed to get a quote from Greg for this, in addition to the £68 per year payable for the website. (Here your editor would like to repeat an amazing statistic gleaned from the British Library via a local history booklet – "The average life of websites known to the B.L. is between 55 and 77 days" – **days**, not weeks, or months, or even years!! We hope to improve on that!)

Chairman/Dinner Sec.: Having done the job for over 15 years, Mike Dodden announced he will step down from this formerly combined post after the 2010 dinner. The chairman's role was to set dates, venues and agendas for the comm. meetings; the dinner sec's role was to arrange and print menus, liaise with the Tudor, and book speakers.

(Mike was willing to keep the treasurer and newsletter distribution role.) RS said he would think about doing the dinner sec. role but later retreated from this as he felt he had insufficient computer knowledge to print menus. It was pointed out that these could be put out to a printer at cost to the Assoc. and the amount of free work previously done by Mike was greatly appreciated. BK thought it was about time the Assoc. paid for such services and found younger members to fulfil some of these roles. It was agreed to advertise for these posts at the forthcoming dinner.

Finance: MD stated that DMA had about £3200 in the bank but this included all money to be paid for the dinner. We could assume £1500 available at present.

A.O.B.: The comm. Mtg. Dates for 2011 were set as 8pm at the Tudor on Feb. 9th., May 18th., and Sept. 21st. (all Weds.) with the 2011 dinner being on Sat. Oct. 22nd. at the Tudor Bar 27. There was then a lot of discussion about the worrying 20% drop in membership this year – **all past & present members DO PLEASE PAY UP WHEN YOU RECEIVE THE APPLICATION FORM OR E-MAIL PROMPT, DON'T PUT IT ASIDE & FORGET!! Having had free newsletters in 2010, non-paid up members are asked to pay for that year as well.** The fee has remained low at £4 for many years and MD sends out newsletters to past members who haven't renewed for about a year. Do we extend this period to try to influence wayward members to pay up, or do we cut such a service earlier to save money? No conclusion was reached – we just hope members will pay up promptly and we will advertise this fact in the newsletter and in fliers in the hope that (Grammar School) Old Boys will respond responsibly. The meeting concluded at approx. 9.40pm.

I feel we could do with another photo here to reduce the starchy writing of your scribe! George Whitelock sent me a wealth of DMS photos of the 1950s last Autumn so I have picked one at random:



This is DMS Rugby 1st XV 1955/6. Known (remembered names!!) from George, with a bit of help from friends, are, L to R, Back Row: Gerald Pople, ?, ?, Brian(?) Pilling, ? , Wes Thomas, Geoff. Evans
Middle Row: Alan Chappel(?), James Hooper, James Forsythe, Cuthbert Walsh(?), Richard Hiseman, ?.
Front Row: Ted Ashman, Mo Thomas, John Andrews, Dennis Hubbard, Tony Fuller(?).
Can you fill in any of the names of unknowns?? Please contact the editor if you have any ideas.

All of George's pictures were on show at the Oct. 2010 Dinner and caused great interest. Some valuable information for the names and occasions was supplied by the viewers. I shall use the remaining photos at times in future newsletters.

So now to a more modern set of memoirs than used in the earlier pages of this edition! (I am rapidly coming to the conclusion that I shall have to hold over one of the promised items to next time as both **Chris Byrne's** and **Mike Perry's** items are quite long and I do not want to cut either one. Mike's was provided, I believe, just a shade earlier than Chris's, and is also shorter, so I shall use it here and ask Chris to bear with us until next time, but I do want to pick out a paragraph of **Chris's**. He has talked about the staff and then goes on to say: "Then, of course, there was

Sam(?) Napper the caretaker, and school-bell ringer; Mrs Gillard the laboratory technician; and the absolutely-indispensable Mrs Stevens who would provide aspirins, plasters and bandages as appropriate, looked after the Tuck-Shop (well, a large cabinet on wheels, anyway) outside the Hall at Break, and hammered away at an enormous typewriter. I suspect she was the one who really understood just how the school worked."

Right, so without further explanation, except look at those names above, I shall move to **Mike Perry's** memories. Even those will have to be serialised as I have a Dinner Report to put on the last page. I must say its good to have articles at hand to print but I just hope the senders will not get fed up waiting for them to appear! Mike says:-

"Life Either Side of Lower 6th Special.

My early education was at West Street School. We had no playing field; in fact we had little accommodation. We held some of our classes in a local church hall and others above the Blake Hall. Sport was a very low priority – it was waste ground, walk to the Fairfield or use a tiny patch of asphalt.

Those of us who in 1958 made it to DMS could not believe our luck. Not only playing fields surrounding us but also a guy in charge of sport. Our old school fell into the Bridgwater-Taunton Canal. (Just a bit of an exaggeration!-Ed.) We didn't care – we had our own sports Mecca.

I was placed in 1Y. Chas Key must have had a fair idea what he was in for – no 1B and 1C for us. 1Y with not 1Z below us! The early days set a pattern for what was to follow. Day 2 saw Perry get 0/20 for his French homework. My attempt to convince Ron Tickner I wanted to speak French not write it met with no sympathy whatsoever. I knew I was correct when five years later I was confronted by an "O" level examiner who wanted me to speak to her. I failed.

Latin was an even bigger mystery. It was not as much how but why. As a group we were moved to other studies after no more than a few terms.

The sciences were little better. Several of us were pulled out of the individual science courses (Chemistry, Physics and Biology) in favour of the much more straightforward General Science Course. I still failed it in 1963.

It only took a few hours for my parents to hear of each failure. I paid a big price for the fact that my father's golf partner was Oscar Bryden. News I had demolished the cycling proficiency test route (we set out to see how quickly we could complete it) en route to another failure made it home before me.

The fact that home was less than a mile from the school allowed me to make the maximum possible use of the playing fields and gymnasium. We had Mal Davies and in due course Mike Stanton as well to encourage us. We didn't need encouragement. We had moved from no sports facilities at West Street to a world of rugby, cricket, athletics, swimming and even fives. It wasn't just rugby on one of the two pitches but also across the gym at lunchtimes. As we got older cricket included Friday night games for the School and Staff XI run by Len Morley. Staying on in the summer evenings to swim in a pool we had helped to build was most enjoyable. The hours inside the old petrol tank used to form our filtration unit were well rewarded. (We went inside to arrange the stones and sand used as a filter.)

The summer of 1963 saw the big assessment of what had been achieved. No cricket or rugby 'O' levels to sit. We had to face the external examiners. I felt that I had done quite well to pass in two subjects (English and English Literature). I was not alone. Quite a group of us failed to impress the examiners.

We were seen as a potential handicap to those about to become the 1964 fifth year. Key ruled out putting us down a year to repeat our 'O' levels. Perhaps there was simply too many of us. Lower 6th Special was born. We had moved from Y status to being special.

The Xmas retakes came and went. Other passes were added to our C.V.'s – in my case not only history but also geography. (Four passes in only two go's!) We were left to compile our own study programme once the re-sit exams were out of the way.

In my case the plan was simple. Get to the Met Police Training College at Hendon where the rumour was that the more sport you showed an interest in, the less studies (AND WORK) you would be expected to contribute. There was one snag; I was a fraction too short to meet their height criteria. We (Mal Davies and myself) had a plan – extra sport to help me grow that additional ¼ inch.

In the Spring of 1964 Key called me in. The deal was quite simple – you can't stay with a study programme with no academic content. As our Head put it – 'you find a job and we will give you a reference'."

Well there we will have to leave Mike Perry's reminiscences for this time and they will be continued, together with Chris Byrne's, in the June 2011 Newsletter.

DMA Dinner 23rd. October 2010.

Our dinner attendance this year was considerably down on previous years, partly due to the drop in membership but also to a lot of people having to cancel at the last moment. 54 sat down to another excellent meal at The Tudor Hotel “Bar 27”. We would have been only 53 but Mike Dodden had a telephone call from the daughter of an ‘Old Boy’ asking about the school in Mount Street which her father had attended for all but the last term of his DMS schooling. Mike mentioned that the building was still there and offered to spend the afternoon of Dinner Day showing her dad around as daughter and son-in-law had intended bringing him to Bridgwater on that day. The daughter then noted on our new website that the dinner was that evening and so we had John Howell (DMS 1933 to 1938) actually staying at The Tudor and attending our dinner – and what good company he was too! John now lives at Amesbury, Wilts. He had excellent recall of school days and told those of us on ‘Cudlipp’ table that the cane was called “Dr. Tingletail” and was kept in a glass case in the hall at the Mount Street school, and used quite frequently!

Chris Cudlipp led us in the ‘Grace’ but gave a little tale before that as to when, at school dinners at the Durlleigh Road school in his days, there was a prefect at the head of each table, and another one as ‘Floor Prefect’. The latter would go round to the table prefects and get names of any offender to put on the floor sweeping list for that day. Prefect **Malcolm West** thought it a great joke to put “young Cudlipp” on, as “George” was officiating! So dad reads out son’s name and a general ripple of laughter goes round the hall.

MC Bill King spoke after the dinner about a supply of DMA ties which he hoped would be shortly available at only £10 (£11 to cover postage from Bill – phone or e-mail him for details, see panel below.) He then introduced our speaker, **Old Boy Major General (Retired) Tim Cross, CBE**, and listed all the events which Tim had been involved in. Tim started by talking of his school days and recalled one shilling a day dinner money and the fact that the bus driver on the 212 service through Edington (where Tim had lived) to DMS was a George Street. Many years later, on an official visit to ROF Puriton, he discovered that George was his taxi driver’s brother! Tim had left DMS with two ‘O’ levels, Geography and English Literature, but had joined the Army Cadets at 13 and enjoyed cricket, swimming, and basketball. He joined the Somerset light Infantry and went to Army 6th form college, but his results showed he still had a lot of work to do! He went to Sandhurst and was commissioned in 1971 having worked hard and obtained an honours degree and a Master’s degree. He told of troop and equipment strengths in the ‘Cold War’ days and then gave a fascinating account of the many events he had been involved in since the end of that time. The silence during his talk, and the number of questions asked at the end, showed how interesting members had found his reminiscences.

We thanked Tim very much for attending and speaking to us – especially as he was journeying back to Surrey that night as he had another appointment on Sunday!

Ralph Sealey gave me an update on ‘Cyberknife’ centres, from Ruth Peberdy, at the dinner and I will try to remember to include that next time. OH! That name for the page 1 photo, Sam Napper, Caretaker 19.. to 19.. Can anyone supply the missing dates?

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