

T.O.G.S. NEWS.

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Annual Dinner 2008

Nearly 90 members of Torquay Old Grammarians' Society met in July for their Annual Reunion Dinner at The Riviera International Centre, Torquay. Mr Don Roberts, former member of staff, was the Master of Ceremonies. Mr Steve Dobbs, Deputy Headmaster gave an address on behalf of the Headmaster and outlined recent developments at the School as well as its successes, both academic and sporting. In response the President, David Simmons, said that members were always pleased to hear of news from the school. He mentioned the recent achievements of Royal Marine Lieutenant Orlando Rogers who, aged 23, with a fellow Marine rowed the Atlantic over the Christmas period; Lee Farmer, who left the School in 1988, and climbed Mount Everest in June of this year and Roger Deakins who won a BAFTA and was nominated for an Oscar for his cinematographic work on 'No Country for Old Men'.

Among those attending was Derek Standen who was a member of St Olave's School when it was evacuated to Torquay from North London from 1939-45. During that time the two schools shared the Grammar School site at Barton Road. The President presented Derek with a copy of the School's Centenary Book. Several years ago all those who attended St Olave's during its time in Torquay were made honorary members of the Society.

In a Roll Call of members present the most senior was Mr John Holmes B.E.M., aged 93, who left the school in 1930. Thank you to all those who helped at this function and to Graham Willis who again generously paid for an insertion regarding the dinner, to be placed in the Daily Telegraph. (Ed.)

Annual Dinner 2009

This will be held on Friday July 3rd

**2009. The English Riviera Conference Centre,
Sea Front, TORQUAY has been provisionally
booked**

TIES

The TOGS tie is now available from the Treasurer at £9 (inc. p&p) and is proving to be very popular with members.

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News of Old Boys.

Lee Farmer (1983-88) In previous Newsletters we have reported on Lee's attempt to climb Mount Everest. I received an e-mail and photographs from Lee stating that he had summited the mountain at 5.37 am on the 24th May. He was the only member of the team to have success and climbed unguided. Lee also raised over £3000 for the charity National Society for Epilepsy at the same time. Congratulations from T.O.G.S. Lee - a fantastic feat.

Christopher Penford won an award at a ceremony for inspiring teachers. Christopher, deputy head of Torquay Boys' Grammar School, won a distinction in the category for the Ted Wragg Award for Lifetime Achievement. (Herald Express)

Robbie Lees (1986-'93). Former Boys' Grammar School pupil Robbie Lees was among Flying Officer William Wales' instructors when the Prince received his Wings at R.A.F. Cranwell. Flying instructor Flt. Lt. Lees taught Prince William at R.A.F. Linton -on -Ouse where the latter got to grips with the Tucano T1, which is the lead-in trainer for all RAF fast jets.(Herald Express)

Dylan Turner (1993-98) Former T.B.G.S. pupil Dylan Turner joined Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth and Julie Walters on the red carpet at the Odeon, Leicester Square for the first showing of the movie "Mama Mia". Dylan was picked for his supporting role in the film after appearing in the West End version of the musical. Dylan is now in "High School The Musical" as Zeke and is also understudy to the leading actor.

Prof. Yorick Wilks (1952-'58) was awarded the European Language Development Association's Zampolli Prize in Marrakech, Morocco in May 2008, and the Association for Computational Linguistics' Lifetime Achievement Award at its 43rd meeting in Columbus, Ohio in June.

Keith Paull (1938-'43). Keith who is now a Geopathic Dowser was inspired by Mr Sydenham , the physics master, subsequently following a career in electronics. He started with the British Broadcasting Corporation then via the military to the Royal Aircraft Establishment where for 39 years he was involved in electronics research and latterly ran a training school for student engineers and apprentices He says " I am quite sure that it would horrify Mr Sydenham, (or Uncle Bill as he was affectionately known), to see I am spending my retirement as a practising water diviner or dowser. Not very scientific I know, yet when one considers some of the things encountered in Quantum Physics I'm not so sure"

Alex Hyams (1971-'76). Alex says that he was in the "infamous 4X" and was delighted to see the 1973 photograph used as a header for the School's website. He is now living in London as a photographer. Alex says "Many years have passed but the memory of Mr Pike being my first form master and history teacher when I was fresh from Rhodesia are still very vivid, as are the happy six years spent there. I represented the School several times as a swimmer between 1971 and 1973. I hope I will be able to meet up with some old boys...." Alex (Sandro) Hyams

Ken Haines (1940-'41) was a St. Olaves' evacuee. He is now an honorary member of T.O.G.S. and sends his regards to all members of the Society and the School. He still has fond memories of the Tuck-shop and the two ladies who opened it specially for the pupils on Saturday mornings.

Roger Banks (1948-'53) who now lives in France is searching for his old school pals Bill Williams, Dick Furneaux and Brian Curtis. Can anyone help?

Anthony Taylor (1947-'52) now lives in Chicago and wished to be put in touch with Graham Willis and Colin Turner. On holiday in Devon he managed a short meeting with Graham but Colin was away.

Martin Dyer (1967-'74) knew the school had moved to Shiphay but remembered Barton Road premises . He recalls having lessons in various old huts with red hot coke burners for heating - always very smoky. Two friends were David Delahaye and Andrew Whittaker.

Chris Read, the former England wicketkeeper and captain of Notts Cricket Club, who left in 1996, is in the process of setting up his own cricket academy. The academy will utilise the first-class facilities at Trent Bridge and will benefit from the experiences of players like himself and Paul Franks, another Notts player and former England one-day international.

Chris made his England debut in 1999 and has played in 15 Tests, the last on the Ashes tour of Australia in 2006-07. He has also made 35 appearances in one-day internationals.

Matt Thompson, In July the Year 12 student at TBGS, was awarded a Brian Johnson Scholarship grant of £500 to assist with his cricketing development over the coming year. Matt is the Devon U16 wicketkeeper and opened for Torquay Men's 1st XI this season in the Devon Premier Division.

Oldest old boy?

Percy Dimmock (1919 -'22) Percy was born in 1906 so is now 102 years old. I found out that we had a mutual friend, who amongst others, kept an eye on him and took him to church on Sunday. I arranged a meeting at his home in Kingskerswell. Percy who still looks after himself with the aid of a carer in the mornings, is slightly deaf, has reasonable eyesight and walks around the house with the aid of a walking frame. He told me that after Ellacombe School he joined his brother at Torquay Secondary School in 1919 and left in 1922 - he had especially enjoyed the sporting activities. He was particularly inspired at school by "Chippie" Wheeler and would have liked to obtain a joinery apprenticeship. However he found this impossible so his father took him to see the head of Torquay Town Council's works department. There was a vacancy for a plumber's apprentice so Percy signed up.

Three years into a five year apprenticeship he was rushed to hospital with acute appendicitis and operated on. The operation left him with a weakness in his side and the Doctor's forbade him to continue with a plumber's life. As Percy said, at that time you had to haul large coils of heavy lead piping around everywhere and it would have been too much for him in his weakened state. On recovering, his time at the School put him in good stead, as he obtained a position with the Refuge Assurance Company in Newton Abbot. He remained with the company until 1948 working both locally and in St, Austell, Cornwall. In 1948 he joined Nye Bevan's newly formed Ministry of Health and National Insurance and remained there until he retired in 1970. Percy had married Doris May at Ellacombe Church in 1933 and was on the parochial church council before becoming a church warden. He had joined the church choir at the age of eight and retired at sixty eight. He is a former Chairman of the local Garden Association and remains as a vice president.

Percy is still a regular attendee at Kingskerswell Church. His main pastime is watching sport on the television and for his 102 birthday had treated himself to a digital T/V ready for sports and the Olympic coverage. I presented Percy with a copy of the School Centenary Book, looked over a few early pages with him and then took my leave - leaving him to follow his favourite pastime. (Ed.)

Memories.

Bill Towill (1932-'38) writes:- I was born on the 13th of September 1920, so my 88th birthday is fast looming up. I was at the school in Mr Jackson's final years and the first year of Mr J.W. Harmer, who I remember was a Wrangler and I was in the sixth form. The mention of Mr Wheeler brought back many memories, and somewhere or other, I still have a rather nice wooden bowl, which I fashioned on the lathe under his supervision. I also remember Mr Cooper who taught English and was perhaps my favourite master, Mr Dutton who taught Geography, Mr Ellis who taught History, Mr Martin French, Mr Jones Chemistry and Mr Pearson Mathematics to mention but a few.

Unfortunately I was induced to leave school for an opportunity which was wildly exaggerated, and I should have stayed on, but like everyone else was soon swept into the war. On Conscientious grounds I had joined the local T.A. medical unit, the 11th Casualty Clearing Station and served with them in France and Belgium in 1940 and was one of the last to get away from Dunkirk. Horrified by the sight of the poor refugees being strafed mercilessly and enraged by my experiences at Dunkirk, I realised how just it was for us to be involved and my conscientious objection vanished away. Recommended for a commission, I went out to India as a cadet and trained at the Military Academy (their Sandhurst) and was commissioned into the 9th Gurkha Rifles, serving with their 3rd battalion in India, Burma, Malaya and Java, commanding a rifle company with the rank of Major for the last two years of my service, which altogether took over seven years

and one month of the best years of my life.

Like most other veterans, I hardly spoke or thought about my military experiences, but about 8 years ago I joined the Epsom branch of the Burma Star Association and the opened up a bit! I initiated and published a journal called "Pagoda" and, until recently, sent this out twice a year, but the weight of years has caused me to give it up. At the behest of my old colonel (I was his adjutant at the time, I produced a little book called "A Chindit's Chronicle", dealing with an operation which kept us for over five months behind Jap lines. I feel I owe so much to Torquay Boys' Grammar School.

(Bill enclosed a copy of his book, the last issue of "Pagoda", a copy of some of the articles he wrote for "Pagoda" and also a DVD of a TV interview on the Chindits, which he gave back in 1995. He also enclosed a cheque for £50 for the school funds which has been passed on to the Headmaster. Thank you Bill.....Ed)

Anthony ("Army") Armstrong. (1938-'44) writes :- Being quite good on Anniversaries, mid-September 2008, is exactly seventy years since my joining our fine seat of learning at the Barton Road site. As 10 year olds, form one was our entry point, located in the upper floor of the dark, dirty and decrepit old house, well in front of the main building, which was then half-occupied by the Girls. We were taught and disciplined by the soon to retire , fierce old Welshman, Cocky Roberts.

This was all bang in the middle of the Munich crisis, the terrible risk of war being easily understood by we little 'uns. However there were no problems getting used to School life - All was friendly. The masters bore an amazing array of nicknames, which will never leave my memory. The collection included Cocky, Dopey, Faceache, Eli, Simple, Pob, Jonah (Art), Jonah (Chemmy), Skull, Bolshie, Buck, Tich., Mousey, Uncle Bill, Fred, Der, plus (unkindly but somehow appropriate) Soapy Joe. The only two I recall without possessing these dubious honours were Mr Lusy (French) and Mr Wheeler (Manual Instruction). The Prefects read the lessons each morning in assembly for prayers so we got to know them - impressive 18 year olds - often effecting a languid air as they strolled around , hands in pockets. Ebdon was Head Prefect and Sampson, Strong and Saunders were other big fellows. I am still sad over those in the higher forms who gave their lives in the war which was only a year away.

Our lives away from school contained the worship of such figures as Len Hutton, who scored 364 against the Aussies , and Arsenal who had been the top team for much of the 1930's. We lapped up the "Biggles" books and sat riveted to the wireless (not radio) for the comedy shows involving Arthur Askey, Stinker Murdoch and Tommy Handley. The popular music was provided by the dance bands, led by Henry Hall, Ambrose, Geraldo amongst others. TV was London only - and what was the use of that? Transport was on Devon General double deckers and by Great Western's shiny green and brass steam locos hauling chocolate and cream coaches. If our fathers ran a car it was probably a Ford, Morris, or Austin, rated at around 10 horse power. Up in the sky, Hurricanes and Spitfires began to appear. Our lives were tuned in to all these things.

(Anthony included a 1939 form one photograph with identifications. Thank you for your reminiscences Antony ...Ed.)

Phil Dand (1997-'04) performed a sponsored cycle ride from Torbay to Paris to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer Support. Phil was supported by the Rotary Club of Torbay Sunrise, which arranged hosting for him en route. He raised a total of £1250. Phil said: "This is my way of saying thank you to Macmillan for the help they gave my granddad in his time of need. The cycle ride was a challenge - a knee injury gave me some difficulty early on - but I am delighted to have been able to raise so much money for Macmillan".

Stuart Machin (1987-'90) is a Technical Architect who now lives in Brisbane. He writes: I am in Saigon at the moment. I am having some issues with the IT project I am working on but that is another story. The place is a bit weird! At lunch time they turn off all the office lights and everyone goes to sleep on the floor or in their chairs. The first day I did not know what was going on and just kept working by the light from my laptop. I am supposed to be in going back to Brisbane on Saturday night but that all depends on what happens today - I may have to stay longer.

The roads are completely nuts. Basically no cars except for a few taxis. Everyone has motorbikes and scooters and they go in any direction they want. They drive on the pavements and basically

anywhere they can make progress. If you want to cross the road then you can't try to dodge between the traffic, you just have to step calmly out into the road and slowly and constantly keep moving. The traffic sweeps around you like a big shoal of fish. I don't know how they don't crash into each other.

Obituaries.

Clive Angel (1945-'50) passed away on the morning of July 13th 2008. Clive was a member of the T.O.G.S committee until last year - he asked that he not be reconsidered for re-election due to poor health. He was responsible for collating the information for, and the publishing of the "Centenary Book" for the School. He had been a newspaper correspondent all his life starting with the now defunct Mid Devon Times. He had joined the Torquay times and also had a spell with the Western morning News. In 1981 Clive moved to Surrey and became assistant editor of the Nursing Times and later he joined the Western Times in Cardiff and eventually became the night editor. He officially retired in 1994, but kept working freelance, including spells at the Torquay office of the Herald Express.

His many interests included football and cricket, serving as assistant secretary of the Devon FA for a time, and chairman of the South Devon League. He also served in local government (Teignbridge and Devon County councillor), a J.P. at one time, and as an enthusiastic member of Dartmoor Vale Rotary Club and the Probus Club. Clive was married to Pat for 43 years and had three children and eight grandchildren.

A service to mourn his loss and to celebrate his life was held at a packed St. John the Baptist Church in Bishopsteignton. Your Society was represented by Dennis Reid, Colin Turner, Graham Bradshaw, and close friend of Clive's Graham Willis. The School was represented by the Headmaster, Mr Roy Pike.

(Editor and Herald Express)

John William Perkins (1946-'53) Michael Ray writes:- Old Boys will be saddened to learn of the death on 27th, May 2008 of John Perkins. John was born in Torquay and was a pupil at the Prep School 1941-1945 and the Grammar School 1945-'53. The Prep School officially closed in 1945 and John was among the pupils who were accommodated for their final year of elementary schooling at the Girls' Grammar School.

After Grammar School John went on to read Geography at the University of Manchester. His real interest however, was Geology, which had been awakened in his teens by observation of the marble decoration of his parish church in Babbacombe. (He later published a book on the Church and the parish). This early interest led him to buy the Observer's Handbook of Geology, and to check out local sites mentioned in it. From his undergraduate days his real enthusiasm was in how to share this interest with the General Public. And so after a short spell of grammar school teaching (1958-'65) he moved to the Workers Education Authority as Tutor Organiser for Plymouth and West Devon. In 1971 he joined the staff of The Department of Extra Mural Studies in the University College, Cardiff, as Staff Tutor moving steadily up the ranks to become Director of the Department of Continuing Education in 1988. Key contributions of his work there were his local and overseas field trips, all of which he carefully reconnoitred and described in detailed field guides, including *Cliff and Slope Stability: South Wales* (1981), *Utah and Northern Arizona* (1981), *Iceland* (1983), and *Colorado & Wyoming, A Geological Field Guidebook* (1984).

John was a member of numerous learned societies and a Fellow of the Geology Society of London and the Royal Geographical Society. He published numerous books and papers but will be best remembered for his three guide books published by David & Charles: *Geology Explained in South and East Devon* (1971), *Geology Explained: Dartmoor and the Tamar Valley* a year later, and *Geology Explained in Dorset* in 1977. John was a keen watercolour artist and his diagrams and sketches were a winning feature of these books which became best selling classics. He would have added to the series but for his illness.

He was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1994 and was forced to take early retirement from the University. He became progressively more disabled and in 1997 his wife Ruth, took early retirement to care for him, but tragedy struck the family again and shortly afterwards she died of cancer, leaving John to battle with Parkinson's Disease alone. John was able to organise the 2004 reunion of the Manchester University Geography Society, which took place at Dartington Hall, He led full day trips in Torquay and Dartmoor with great verve and obvious enthusiasm. This was the last occasion that he was able to travel from his home in Cardiff.

John faced his long illness with both fortitude and humour. He commented, after an afternoon standing at the top of the stairs at home and unable to move, that he must try and find more interesting ways

to pass the time. He was determined to stay in his home and the lovely garden which he and Ruth had created, refusing to become a burden to his family. He is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren and his brother Robert, who followed him to the Grammar School (1953-'60) and the university of Manchester.

Robin Gwyn (1953-'60) Geoff Burnett writes: Robin Gwyn who died last year came to TBGS in 1953. He lived with his parents in Audley Avenue and his father George was Head of Music at Audley Park Secondary School. Robin's time at school was marked by the contribution he made to the 20th Torquay Scout Troop. Clive Angel mentions in his Centenary publication that in 1958 Robin was running the troop almost

single-handed, and the troop's survival was due in the main to Robin's enthusiasm and leadership. He participated in many a Gang Show at what was then the Pavilion Theatre, Torquay and his top hat and tails routine with Alan Pope (who also died last year) was indeed memorable. Robin was a keen meteorologist and set up a complex weather station whilst camping on the shores of Lake Windemere. He was awarded the Queen's Scout Badge, the highest accolade in Scouting and served as assistant scoutmaster until he left school to continue his studies at Southampton University. In 1960, Robin returned to Torquay for the centenary reunion at the Imperial Hotel in 2004 and it was obvious then that he was not well. The following is a tribute written by Suruchi Sharma published in the Borehamwood Times on the 7th January 2008.

Tributes have been paid to a BBC producer who encouraged children to pick up their test tubes and light their Bunsen burners to learn science. Robin Gwyn, 65, from Shenley, died following a long battle with chronic leukaemia, in November, which was diagnosed more than twelve years ago. He was born in Hampstead in 1942 but moved to Shenley in 1985 while working at BBC Elstree studios in Borehamwood, and later served as chairman of the Shenley Park Trust. His wife, Jane, said: "He was always busy working on something but he was so supportive with both everything concerning his family and his work. He committed himself to whatever he did." Between 1974 and 1983, Mr Gwyn worked as a departmental producer at Elstree and other central London sites. In 1983, he became a senior producer and created science programmes for primary schools including the Brunel Experience, a show based on the work of British engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel. He later became a training instructor at the corporation and taught potential producers how to create and edit television programmes. Friend John Banes said: "We met in the early 1970's when we both became trustees of the Pictorial Charts Educational Trust, a charity that produces wall charts for schools. What I think he did well as a producer was he tried to make the subject of science interesting and exciting for children. He had wonderful skills in editing and not only did he have great ideas for the shows, but he often directed the programmes as well." In later years, Mr Gwyn, who had seven children, took on many community roles in the Shelley area, including chairman of the park trust, governor at Shenley JMI Primary School, in London Road, and also lighting advisor for Radlett Players and Shenley Drama Group. Mr Bains added: " He always wanted to be doing things and he thoroughly enjoyed everything he did. He was very interested in acting and singing, so that was why he involved himself with drama societies. It was always good to talk to him as he was a very stimulating conversationalist who always had interesting views". "Chairman of Shenley Parish Council, Denise O'Connor, said: " Robin went about all his work quietly and didn't blow his own trumpet. He was an incredibly intelligent man and an all round good person".

Anthony Cavanna (1934-'40) died on September 16th 2008 aged 84.

Anthony moved from Watford to Torquay with his parents when he was just six weeks old as his father and his uncle established a plastering and building company. (Now the Cavanna Group). He was educated at the Grammar School and qualified as a municipal engineer at Newton Abbot when he was 21. He represented the grammar school in both cricket and football and later played for the Old Grammarians. After war service with the Royal Engineers in Tripoli he joined the Cavanna Company in 1948 and continued working until 2002. He was always prepared to put time into all aspects of the building industry and this led to a number of positions including the national and regional presidency of the House Builders' Federation, a member of the National Housebuilding Council, a governor of the South Devon Technical College, a member of both Round Table and Rotary and was active in supporting and raising funds for many charities. He also found time to serve as a magistrate for more than a decade as well as playing a significant role in supporting the local Relate group. He supported Torquay United for more than 70 years and thoroughly enjoyed his period

as both director and vice-chairman of the club. Anthony leaves Joan his wife, four children, and seven

grandchildren. A few years ago it was said that twenty seven members of the extended Cavanna family had attended the Torquay Grammar Schools. Martin Cavanna is a committee member of TOGS and through his generosity a substantial donation was given to the Centenary Hall fund and the Hall is now known as the "Cavanna Centenary Hall"

Roger Matthews (1957-'62) died in August 2008 aged 64.

Roger was a member of the well known Torquay family. He had two brothers Colin and Barrie.

Ian Hibell (1947-'53) aged 74 was killed in a hit and run road accident whilst cycling in Greece. An article in the Herald Express stated that record breaking Ian Hibell, the world's most accomplished long distance touring cyclist, had died after a hit and run road accident in Greece. The remarkable 74 year old from Brixham, had covered almost every mile of the Earth's surface. Tributes were pouring in from cycling fans world -wide on the internet for the daredevil tourer who had been to the most remote spots on earth from Antarctica to Alaska and Indonesia. Some are hoping that his book, *Into the Remote Places*, will be reprinted as a posthumous tribute, and his enormous collection of photos and slides will be preserved and exhibited. Ian who lived at Drew Street in Brixham and cared for his mother until she passed away five years ago, died claiming a whole slew of records of long distance and "*first to go across*" records.

The adventurer, photographer and lecturer had been jailed, shot at and - having left on a two year sabbatical from his work at STC, Paignton - returned 10 years later murmuring apologies. He never did summon up the nerve to ask for his old job back! He travelled the world nearly non-stop for 40 years. Wikkipaedia records the "first true overland Trans-Americas expedition was that of Ian Hibell who rode from Cape Horn to Alaska between 1971 and 1973". This expedition formed part of his first book. In later years he lectured at Yale University in the USA and was a popular public speaker. He was no fan of the Torbay traffic, once complaining the stretch of road between "Windy Corner" and the old Nortel site was the most dangerous in the world.

Ian's last really long trip was two years ago, when at the age of 72 when he cycled from Rotterdam to Vladivostock via south-east Asia and China. His family are hoping that Ian's last book called *Four days at Ragged Point*, which was in the final days of proof reading, will be published posthumously. Once his trip to Greece was over, Ian planned to go to Seattle to oversee the photographs being assembled for the book. A service to celebrate Ian's life was held at St. Mary's Church, Brixham and afterwards cyclists escorted his ashes to be scattered at St. Mary's Bay, Brixham.

Adam Bynoth (2000-'07) died from a disease believed to be Guillain-Barre syndrome on Friday morning October 3rd 2008. Adam (20) had been travelling with his 23 year old sister Katie, in Vietnam, Cambodia and China this summer. He had returned to Bournemouth University where he was in his second year of studying law , and had moved into his new house. He complained of leg pains and eventually died after being admitted to hospital. It is thought Adam contracted a virus on his travels.

Adam was a keen sportsman, played tennis regularly, and when he was younger, took part in in the 35, 45 and 55mile Ten Tors Challenges, and played golf at Dartmouth. The Headmaster of Torquay Boys' Grammar School, Mr Roy Pike, also paid tribute to the former prefect who he said had "enormous potential". "Staff, governors and students - especially those who knew Adam - were devastated by the news. He flourished in the school and our hearts go out to his lovely family and we hope that they know that they and Adam , are in our thoughts and prayers".

2008 Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will take place on Thursday 27th November at 7.30p.m. in the School Library

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 30th November 2007 (to be signed by the President)
3. Matters arising
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report and presentation of Annual Accounts 2007/8
6. Registrar's Report.
7. Election of Officers
8. Election of Committee
9. Appointment of Auditor for 2008/2009
10. Headmaster's Report
11. President's Report
12. Any other business

Nominations for Officers, Committee and items for the Agenda should reach the Secretary before the AGM.

Present Officers:

Patron:

President: David Simmons.

Hon Sec: J.V. Pearce.

Treasurer: P. Whatton.

Registrar: M. Cavanna.

Committee: D. Cavaliere, B. Holmes, C. Madge, C. Turner, P.G. Willis, S. Margetts, John Alford.

Vice- Presidents: (who also serve as Committee members) R. E. Pike, D. Reid, Don. J. Roberts, D. Brunsdon, Simon Whittaker, Len Lewis. Graham Bradshaw

Honorary Members.

Current Staff:- Roy E Pike (Headmaster), Chris. D Penford

Former Staff:- Barry K Hobbs (Headmaster 1982- '86), Peter J Hewitt (Deputy Headmaster), David Berry (Deputy Headmaster), Gilbert Head-Rapson, John B. Hopwood, David Johnson, Don. J. Roberts, David Golder, Ian Kay, David Kerswell, A.K.Hele.

Governors:- Chairman Brian Wills-Pope.