

Notes for your diary and late news.

London Concert

The second biennial St John's, Smith Square music concert will take place on Friday 4 March 2005 at 7.30 pm. All friends of the School who find themselves within striking distance of Westminster are keenly urged to attend.

We would like to match or exceed the 300+ audience of 2003 who enjoyed a superb musical experience, displaying the very best of MGS music in a showcase concert. March's event will feature the winner of the 2004 Composition Prize sponsored by the London Section of the Old Mancunians Association.

Tickets may be purchased from the beginning of February, priced £10 (concessions £8). All ticket sales will be managed by the St John's box office, telephone 020 7222 1061 or securely online via www.sjss.org.uk

2005 Reunion

The 2005 Reunion Dinner will be held at School on Saturday 14th May. We shall be inviting all old boys who started at MGS in 1950, or before. An

organising committee is being formed and we still need a few more volunteers to make this a great success. Further information and progress will be available from www.oldmancunians.org and from Carole Pemberton in the Development Office at School.

<http://www.oldmancunians.org/html/events/events.htm>

In due course, we shall use postal mail to invite all eligible old boys for whom we have an address. If you can supply addresses, or other information, on any of the Lost Owls listed on the website, we shall be very grateful.

Trek Archive

Following the very successful Trek Reunion held at School in September, it has been decided to capitalise on the excellent range of display materials assembled by building a Trek archive on the school website at <http://www.mgs.org/trekarchive.htm>

Articles and photographs can be sent to Ian Thorpe to be scanned and returned by post. Alternatively, if you have digital images or documents these may be sent to Ian by email at: i.thorpe@mgs.org

South West Section

The Section's Autumn Event, as planned by Chairman **Derek Andrew**, proved to be a huge success. Our largest turnout for some time had exclusive use of the Bishop's Palace in Wells on Sunday 7th November. Following coffee we had conducted tours of the Palace and Gardens. Thereafter we enjoyed mulled wine by the log fire. We then moved into the Undercroft for an excellent lunch.

The Section will again host the Hugh Oldham Commemoration Service in 2005. It will take place on Sunday 26th June and will be the first time that **Christopher Ray** visits us. All Old Mancunians and guests are invited to the occasion.

Contact Hon. Secretary **Ed Bridge 01934 834521**.

Dan Binnion's Challenge (See page 3)

More correct answers were received from:

Wallace Greenhalgh (1932-/9)
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Direct Debits

The second run of direct debits took place on Monday 16th November. We do apologise for missing the target run date of October. We have now resolved the technical problem.



The Old Mancunian

December 2004

The Gala 200th Old Boys Dinner and OMA Century

This special event was held at the Freemasons Hall, Bridge Street, Manchester on Saturday 13th November 2004. There were 214 listed diners, who met the new High Master, Dr Christopher Ray. Dr Ray was accompanied by his wife Carol, who is very enthusiastic about MGS. The Hon Secretary of the OMA Carole Pemberton also attended this event, which she had done so much to promote and support.

The meal was excellent with a series of well thought out titles for each course:

- Pineapple du mode **Paton**;
- Goujons of plaice with sauce **James**;
- Sorbet **Parker**;
- Lamb noisette **Mason** in a port wine sauce, courgettes, swede and carrot **Maland** and creamed potatoes;
- Crepe **Stephen**.

The Senior Steward **Sir Howard Davies**, proposed the loyal toast which was followed by the National Anthem. He then called on the Junior Steward **Michael Crick** to propose the toast "The Pious Memory of Hugh Oldham"

Michael started off by saying how many after School activities were available when he joined the School in 1969 and that he wanted to try them all. These he stressed were run by staff on a voluntary basis and ranged from Train Spotting to Debating and Philosophy. Michael was most amusing with some thoughts on the problems associated today with the right of individuals to know what is said on their personal records and references. He suggested some subtle tongue-in-cheek ways of apparently flattering an

individual, but if you read between the lines....

The Recorder Paul Rose then called on the Senior Steward to propose the toast "Prosperity to the School and the Old Mancunians Association".

Sir Howard took an altogether more serious stance in regard to education. He quoted the London School of Economics of which he is Director ; saying that although LSE was listed 3rd in the UK behind Oxford and Cambridge, and 11th in the world, at present there is only one old boy of MGS studying there. He asked why? He went on to give in some considerable detail figures to justify allowing universities to select students purely on merit without Government legislation and interference. He concluded with the toast to the School. And the Old Mancunians Association.

Dr Christopher Ray responded to the toast and said that there was still an enormous choice of societies for boys to join. These are still run by dedicated staff, although he did not think that Train Spotting was still available. He went on to advise us of his thoughts about the School reaching out even more into the community at large.

The evening ended with the School song "When August Suns" and "Auld Lang Syne". Everyone I spoke to thought that the Recorder Paul Rose, with the support of the Dinner Committee, had produced an altogether memorable evening. The Recorder (who was wearing the new insignia of office presented by Neil Jones last year) drew the evening to a close with the advice that coffee was available in an adjacent room.

(If you would like to read the speeches verbatim, join the OMA, they are in the Annual Report.) Don Isherwood

Dr Christopher Ray

I have hugely enjoyed my many meetings with Old Mancunians since my arrival. The trekking reunion, celebrating 100 years of trekking at the School, at the start of term provided the perfect opportunity for me to see the strength of affection of former pupils and staff for this great institution. The 20/30 Club welcomed me to their Autumn Term lunch. The 'joint' Anniversary Dinner marking 100 years of the OMA and the 200th dinner was an immensely successful evening. And I have now started my first round of regional events with a lunchtime visit to the Midlands to meet members there. At every turn, I have seen in OMs a terrific pride in MGS and in its reputation, achievements and ethos.

High Master James believed that a critical part of the education provided by MGS is the capacity to develop leaders and that access to leadership must be based on merit. The key qualities called for in any leader he saw as intellectual, temperamental and moral. It is clear that the School has done much to promote these qualities in its boys, through all aspects of its educational activities: curricular and extra-curricular. For James, social accessibility was regarded as a foundation stone for the School and importantly access to the School was based on merit.

Social accessibility is now high on the agenda of those monitoring higher education. It is important that those concerned with access take due note of those schools which make every effort to widen access at entry. The MGS Foundation Bursary Appeal has enabled the School to come close to realising HM Stephen's vision of a totally meritocratic entry, with a place available to each boy who passes the entrance examinations

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regardless of the financial standing of his family as well as of his religion, his culture, or his ethnic background. Of course, more needs to be done if we are to realise this dream to the full – and I shall do my very best on this important front.

The boys of this School also continue their endeavours – in the classrooms and laboratories, on the sports fields and through societies, on the stage and in the studios. Wherever I look, I see a thriving, perpetual bustle – but this is activity with a definite and clear purpose. The education of young men is not just for their immediate future at school or university but for life in its richest and broadest sense. Yes, we are here to sharpen and order the intellect, but we are also here to engender temperamental and moral qualities – perseverance, courage, tact, good judgement and integrity – together with a developed understanding of the wider world around us and of the need to engage with that world to the full. I know that OMs will continue to help the School in these vital tasks and I hope that each OM understands just how his support for the School, in whatever form it is given, is appreciated and valued.

3-years-out Reunion

This is a gathering for all who left MGS after A levels in 2002. Tuesday 4 January 2005 7.30 to 9.00 pm at School. Letters of invitation to members of the year-group went out with the complimentary copies of Ulula. If you haven't received yours, further information is available from www.oldmancunians.org and from **Carole Pemberton** at School.

Readers' Letters

Mr Cuggy

I've just been reading about the sadistic Cuggy. Another of his tricks, which I recall painfully, would have got him at least disciplined these days. He would arraign a boy who had offended him directly in front of him and place his second and fourth fingers on each side of his nose; then he'd let the third finger go as hard as he could, leaving the miscreants nose very sore. Perhaps today's boys are softer!

Mike Broadbent (1944-50)
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I was much interested to read George Allen's letter regarding gym masters in late 40's/early 50's. His description of a Mr. Cuggy as an unmitigated sadist reminded me of a day when - I believe it was he - caught me running in the corridor to the gym.

He waited until we had been in the pool when, still wringing wet, I was made to touch my toes thus stretching the skin on my buttocks, whereupon he laid into me, not with a whole gym shoe, but with the large size sole of one (thus giving it greater flexibility). I still feel the pain.

I was also beaten by dear old "Haffie" Field with a lacrosse boot, but memory tells me that he didn't enjoy it any more than I did whilst the man Cuggy got pleasure from inflicting pain.

Alan Buckley 1945/50.

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"Billy" Hulme

I am puzzled by John Pearson's "fond memories of Billy Hulme." Members of 3 Alpha (1950) will recall that most of us spent much of the lesson time bent over Mr Hulme's desk, having our bottoms smacked by his bare hand. Were we unique? **(Yes, he had wooden Spoons! Ed).**

John Heywood (1947-55)

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Father Ambrose

When I arrived at MGS in 1946 pupils senior to me attributed the prior departure from the staff of Father Ambrose to an alleged

propensity for seating young boys on his knees while teaching them. So that might be why, as noted by Mike Broadbent, Ambrose does not now feature in the Staff list.

As for the late W.J.B Saunders surely no record would be complete if it did not also include his propensity for receiving his daughter in the school swimming pool, she dressed in the full regalia of a senior pupil of Manchester High School for Girls - and the rest of us dressed in nothing.

David Green (1946/52)

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In a much longer letter Philip Astington wrote about Father Ambrose and recalled Smiggie Smythe's propensity to twist the boys' ears in a very unpleasant way.

Phillip Astington (1944/48)

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Unfortunately, there was a small minority of masters who abused their positions, who made the headlines. The vast majority were and still are, hard working above and beyond the call of duty. In my day I think of Charlie Evans, Haffie Field, John Hicks, Gordon Hamflett, Freddie Winterbottom, Johnny Lingard, Chang Lund and David Williams not forgetting Ian Bailey and others too numerous to mention. After nearly six years of on-going correspondence I am proposing to draw a line under this subject. Ed.

Arnold Washbrook

Your correspondent John Pearson in the September issue was not alone in being rebuked by Arnold Ashbrook for declining the MGS mathematical path to academic glory. In the middle of the 4th year, I was unaccountably promoted far beyond my abilities into the top Maths set. I could often get the right answers, but unlike everyone else in the room, it seemed, I didn't understand a word of what was going on.

One day - probably a Friday, since Arnold was resplendent in his scouting kit, stout shorts, blue stockings and all - we were required to declare which 6th Form we hoped to enter. Up and down the rows the relentless answers came: Maths 6th, Science 6th Maths, Maths 6th.... "Fox?" I rose on quaking limbs. "History 6th, Sir." Arnold paled, unable to speak. Then, "A waste of a perfectly good brain," he pronounced.

I eventually persuaded my mum to put in for a free transfer back to the set below, which I imagine Arnold did not resist. There, at least, I had some less daunting company, though 'Gosser' Wood was stern enough. We all respected him and much admired his perfectly executed freehand circles on the blackboard. A few years later, when I was a junior member of the Common Room, Gosser was kindness itself. I could never bring myself to call him 'Bert', and settled for Mr Wood.

I met Arnold again in the eighties at Exeter University where I was teaching; he was an HMI - Senior Staff Inspector for Maths, I think. I'd been waiting for the chance to remind him of that moment along the Maths Corridor. I can't say he smiled much; I suspect our conversation merely confirmed his original opinion.

Geoff Fox (1948-56), Staff (1961-69)

Scafell Pike

The recent trek reunion brought home to me the part the school has played in instilling a long term love of the outdoors and in particular the mountains of the Lake District, into its boys.

Personally, although I now live in the 'soft south', I still take every opportunity to go back there, and thanks to an organisation called the Wooden Spoon Society I have had an excuse to climb Scafell Pike on at least one occasion for the last fifteen years. Last year when grinding my way down Rosset Ghyll into the Langdale Valley, I began to calculate how long it was since I had first been up there. I realised that the **big 50**

was rapidly approaching! My first visit to Borrowdale Camp

was actually in 1956, as I had a diversion via Grasmere and Helvellyn, but others had been there in 1955, including my friend John Barnes. Hence the idea of a Golden Jubilee climb was born. I discussed the idea with John but sadly, before we got any further, he died suddenly in March (his obituary is elsewhere in this newsletter).

However Keith Clarke and I felt it would be good to carry on, not least in memory of John, and a few potential recruits were identified at the reunion, possibly influenced by the fact that our table was well supplied with wine! but it would be really good, if we could get a larger group together of those who are still into climbing mountains.

The broad idea is to find a suitable hostelry near to the current site at the time of the school camp. We could do a short walk on day 1, climb Scafell Pike on day 2, visit the school camp on day 3, possibly joining the boys for a walk and return home on day 4. In 2005 that would be between 22nd and 26th May

Anyone who attended Borrowdale between 1955 and 1957, would be welcome to join us. If you are interested, please contact me, or Carole Pemberton in the Development Office with your contact details . Tel. 0161 225 0298

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will I will then firm up the arrangements, work out the costs and look for a firm commitment. I look forward to seeing how many of you still feel the pull of the Lakes!

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CONGRATULATIONS
Neil Buckley (1979/85) who was named Business Journalist of the year in 2004 British Press Awards and has been appointed Moscow Bureau Chief for the Financial Times.

OMA AGM

The 100th AGM will be held in the School library on Tuesday 30th November. The meeting last year was a happy informal occasion with much more time to meet other Old Mancunians. It is proposed to repeat that format this year. The new High Master Dr Christopher Ray will be invited to be President.

OMA Executive

We were sorry to learn that our Honorary Treasurer Philip Johnson had broken his hip and had to have a new artificial joint. We wish him a rapid complete recovery.

London Section

The programme of events for 2005 are not finalised so far other than the St Johns Hall Orchestral Concert. These will include a New Year Gathering, The Annual Dinner, pub evenings and a summer event. For details contact Nick Gartside or see the website. New members are always made most welcome.

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Golf at Knole Park

The 29th July saw six keen golfers of assorted abilities meet at Knole Park, Sevenoaks for the Annual Gold Event. A close competition ensued, but the highlight of the afternoon was an 'eagle' on the 15th par 5, by a newcomer to the meetings. It was a glorious afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed by all participants, so if you have a handicap 1-28 come and join us next July to catch up on old friends, or to make new ones.

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Midlands Section

The Annual Luncheon and Annual General Meeting were held on Saturday 20 November at the Forest Hotel in Solihull. The High Master and Mrs Ray were the guests with Ian Thorpe and his wife. After the luncheon the High Master spoke and gave brief details of his career, and how he saw the School developing both the education of its pupils, and increasing its connections with the community.

The Annual General Meeting then followed, with a Committee being elected for 2004/5. The meeting also approved an increase in annual subscription and a donation to the School.

Dan Binnion, Hon Secretary
(Please note his new telephone number: 01902 756894.)

South West Section

The full report on the South West Section's visit to the Bishop's Palace in Wells together with details of the Hugh Oldham Service in Exeter is on the reverse side of the address sheet used to mail this newsletter. For further information contact the Hon. Secretary **Ed Bridge** 01934 834521.

Trek Centenary Reunion

This reunion was held on the 25th of September with over 150 trekkers and staff attending the fascinating exhibition of photographs and memorabilia in the memorial hall. This was followed by dinner in the refectory. Dr Ray spoke briefly to thank the organising staff for all the hard work they had put in to make it such a success.

Each person attending received a copy of a beautiful 62 page booklet entitled *The Manchester Grammar School Trekking Centenary*. This booklet with many well written articles and a summary of all the treks is lavishly illustrated with colour photographs. It is now available at the production cost for £10 a copy, inclusive of postage. To reserve your copy please send order to **Carole Pemberton** together with your cheque for £10 made payable to **The Manchester Grammar School**.

Can You Help?

My thanks to the OM's who communicated with me to give the complete version of the 'Griffiths' poem which I sought in the last issue of *The Old Mancunian*. In particular I send my thanks to Piers Hemy, who added French and Greek versions, and to Brian Berry and to Dr C V Baddeley (who wrote to me from Turkey).

The correct version is generally agreed as follows:-
Sir, I send a rhyme excellent
In sacred truth and rigid spelling
Numerical sprites elucidate
For me the lexicon's full weight
If nature gain, who can complain
Lest Dr Johnson fulminate.

Now for the solution! Count the number of letters in each word. Put the decimal point after the first '3', and you have the value of that well-known constant pi, to 30 decimal places.

Dan Binnion

There were rather a lot of replies to Dan Binnion's request for help...

...I too was taught by Mr Griffiths - in his last year (1948-49), and I remember the verse to which Dan Binnion refers. I remember more of it than he does, and it is longer than he thinks. But my memory isn't so good any more. I can remember two more lines. However there remains another line which precedes them, but for the life of me I cannot bring it to mind. Perhaps someone else will be able to provide it...

R.C.Brunt (1948-55)

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...Now 85, a retired ear nose and throat specialist, Aaron Goodman telephoned to volunteer the answer to the missing third line of Dan Binnion's puzzle originally set by Mr Griffiths when he was in the second year at MGS...

Aaron Goodman (1929-35)

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...I was in maths sixth from 1933-35 (which I think makes me a genuine Old Mancunian!) I regret I cannot supply the third line, but I believe the second line should read in simple truth and rigid spelling...

Dennis Berry (1929-35)

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Piers Hemy wrote that Dan Binnion wonders if any OM readers can remember the missing line of a mathematical poem. I can't exactly remember, but, yes, I can help, although (being from the Modern side) I do not meet Dan Binnion's expectation that the missing third line of the poem is something that only "numerical sprites elucidate". Oops, that was it; the cat is out of the bag.

Dan has transposed the two adjectives in his second line, and the fourth line has been edited in his recollection, Piers then gave a solution in English which is correct as per Dan's latest letter, he went on...

Perhaps Peter Downes would prefer the following alternative (which I do not recall him ever revealing in class, but he might attribute that to my not paying attention):

Que j'aime a faire apprendre un nombre utile aux sages!
Immortel Archimède, artiste, ingénieur,
Qui de ton jugement peut priser la valeur ?

Pour moi, ton problème eut de pareils avantages.

Piers then went on to more abstruse code and language which he thought would please Ian Leverton, but now he says "Now I need a drink, alcoholic of course, after the tough lectures"

Piers Hemy (1965/72)

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And from the youngest contributor...

I have only just become an Old Mancunian, and I am certainly nowhere near ancient enough to remember the poem that Dan Binnion writes about in the September issue of OM, but I managed to find the full text online for him (and he went on to quote it).

The reason his maths teacher wrote it on the board is that it encodes the digits of pi to 30 decimal places. You just have to look at the number of letters in each word. I hope this is helpful.

Jonathan Wright

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...Over the years many people have calculated pi to an increasing number of decimal places - before Ludolph van Ceulan reached 35 and modern computers reached 100,000 by 1967. In September 1974 an article in *Computer Bulletin* printed pi to 100 places the first 35 are:

3.141592653589793238462643
38327950288

John Sutton (1942/49)

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William Hubert

Eric Dickinson

Not only did Eric Dickinson conduct choirs but he also conducted the orchestra two years running for two Boy Scout Gang Shows (7 performances each) held at the old Regal Cinema in Altrincham some time around 1950. I took part in both shows and, during an interval, had a quick chat with Eric - and as a result went on to become a Chartered Accountant like Eric. I avoided the boredom, which John Cleese claims for Chartered Accountancy, by having a great time working in several European mainland countries - I have not lived in the UK for the past 34 years - but that's another story!

Derek Murphy, (1947-52)

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(Eric's death was reported in the September TOM. Ed)

Obituaries

David J Barnes (1952/60)

In 2004, aged 61. He left from Maths Sixth and gained colours for cricket and soccer. He graduated at Jesus College Cambridge, and Carnegie-Mellor, USA. He had an international career in management consultancy and industry. Subsequently, he worked part time in a number of advisory roles. He was in the Boston Consulting Group working in Boston, Milan, Paris, Chicago and London. He was living in Hampstead, London.

Peter D Craze (Staff List)

It is with great sadness we report the premature death from cancer of Peter Craze, a member of our English Department from 1975-1983. He left MGS to become Head of Durston House School, Ealing, West London. While at MGS Peter was active in the Dramatic Society and Cricket.

Charles J B Lightfoot (1943/47)

Charles died on the 17th August, eight months after diagnosis of a form of leukaemia. A brilliant student of many languages, he was a regular attender of the Old Mancunians Dinner. Working with his father, he was a director of the family glass and glazing firm, Charles Lightfoot Ltd. Active in many other areas, he lived in Bowdon, Cheshire and is survived by his widow Maureen, a daughter and three sons, one of whom, Andrew, was at School from 1976 to 1982.

(The above report was kindly prepared by Sidney Downs.)

Thomas Lowe (1942/44)

My brother Thomas has died in Melbourne Australia on 31 August 2004. Thomas emigrated to Australia over 50 years ago. He was a carpenter and self-employed builder.

Richard Lowe (1946/49)

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Basil Lunt (1946-53)

We have recently been advised that Basil died on the 20th June 2003. He taught at Rawtenstall GS and Appleby GS, becoming Head of History at Heaton School Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1965 until his early retirement in 1985.

A former Chair of the Tynemouth and Whitley Bay CPC, Basil was a keen walker who completed the Lyke Wake Walk in N Yorkshire on a number of occasions.

John Metcalf Waring (1939/45)

John died on the 15th August. He spent the majority of his working life as a stockbroker in Colwyn Bay, until stopped by ill-health. He was a keen sailor, a Life Governor of the RNLI, and a Past Commodore of North Wales and in his retirement enjoyed gardening.

Joseph Weltman (1923/29)

One of the formative voices first in schools broadcasting, then more widely, producing the Reith Lectures before becoming Director of Programmes at the IBA. He died at York in on the 7th September at the age of 93. Joseph had scholarships to MGS and St Johns College Cambridge where he took a double first in the Modern Languages Tripos. He went on to Tubingen University in Germany where he witnessed the emergence of Nazism. He taught at Scarborough GS for Boys, then Liverpool Institute HS and City of London School. He served in Intelligence during the War. In 1946 he started his 32 year career in broadcasting.

Baron Wigoder (1932/39)

Lord Wigoder of Cheetham died on the 12th August. After a successful career at the Bar and Chairman of BUPA Basil stood as Liberal Candidate in Bournemouth and Westbury. He was Chairman of the Party and after being given a Life Peerage became the Liberal Chief Whip in the House of Lords until succeed by Lord Tordoff in 1984. He was

always well listened to in the House because of his sharp mind and gentle approach to the political debate.

(When Lord Tordoff advised me of Lord Wigoder's death he also added that at the time of his appointment, there were five Old Mancunians already in the House, but that now he is the only one left.)

In Praise of Pedagogues

I do not have a copy of the "Blue Book," but I wonder if Mrs. Grindley is mentioned? She taught us "Natural Science" in 1A in 1946-7. Her catchphrase as I remember was "Don't fuss!" I shall never forget the difference between a rook and a crow but not much else remains in my memory! John Pearson mentions Dr. Griffiths (known as "Daddy") He taught me maths in Alpha 1 in, I think, 1947-8. One of the best teachers I remember. His 'gimmick' was, if the lesson was the last of the morning or afternoon, to start mental arithmetic in the last few minutes - e.g. "27, add 3, divide by 5, add 3, take the square root etc, etc...What's the answer?" The first with his hand up was allowed to go early. It certainly sharpened up our mental arithmetic! He also made me understand stocks and shares.

In the same letter, Mr. Copley's name was David. He was Scoutmaster of Troop II and came as a guest helper to the Troop IV Scout camp at Trelleck (1949). He saved my bacon, when as a very young Patrol leader I couldn't get the fire going to cook breakfast for the camp. He started the fire for me - thus earning my undying gratitude.

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(Yes Mrs Grindley is mentioned. She taught at MGS 1942-48. Ed)

Sefton Samuels Photographs

OM Sefton Samuels has been working for the past few years to help us to build up at School a permanent exhibition of fine photographs of eminent Old Mancunians. Visitors to School and those who attended the 200th Old Boys' Dinner in November will have seen this excellent collection, ranging from Ian Bailey (b1913) to Mark Chilton, newly appointed captain of Lancs CCC (b1976).

There are more than 30 portraits in the collection so far. We are exploring the economics of publishing these portraits in a high quality A4 size book,. This will contain the images; together with the individual biographical notes and Sefton's account of his project.

In order to assess the viability of the project, we are asking you initially to indicate whether you would be likely to purchase a copy if, as we believe, we can produce it at a cost of £20. Please let me know by dropping me a line at School (Old Hall Lane, M13 OXT) or sending an email to i.thorpe@mgs.org. Do not send payment: at this stage this is not a promise to purchase.

Ian Thorpe

Editorial

There was a colossal post-bag for this edition with a back-log from some of the earlier ones!

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