



STROUD BOY'S TECHNICAL SCHOOL - OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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Welcome to the September edition of the Newsletter. We are sad to have to record the death of our former Newsletter editor, Martin S. Burford and an obituary appears in this issue.

New Editorial Team

The weighty task of producing this September journal has been passed to the broad shoulders of Mr. David Mutton and Mr. Chas. Webb. Contact details appear at the head of the letter.

Tom Deacon

We regret to report that our President, Tom Deacon, has not enjoyed the best of health over the last month and has been in hospital. We hope that when this Newsletter is published, he is back home with his wife at Whiteshill. In any case, we wish him well and hope he soon returns to full good health.

Clarifying the last edition

Gordon Clifford wrote following the last Newsletter:
"Brother Peter was Bishop of Gloucester and Brother Michael, Bishop of Truro, at the same time. It was quite a unique situation for twin brothers to both be Bishops at the same time. I am sure it made news in the Church Times. My Licence is signed by Bishop Peter as I became

a Diocesan Lay Reader in 1992 when he was our Diocesan Bishop in Gloucester".
And Keith Urch replied:
"I can confirm that it was Brother Michael who taught at the 'Lower School' in Downfield Lane at the time of the amalgamation with Marling School. Both brothers Michael and Peter came from the Community of the Glorious Ascension in Stratford Park, now the Stroud Museum in the Park. Like you, I have fond memories - I do recall that Peter was an Army boxing champion at some time before taking the robes and Michael was a "dab hand" with the water pistol!"

Obituaries

Martin S. Burford (1960-65) died in June aged 59. Up Hatherley mourned the loss of their community stalwart and we our Newsletter editor since May 2005. He served as a parish councilor for eight years, and leaves his mother, Edna, son Andrew and brother David. The former fire prevention officer for Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue underwent emergency surgery to treat a lung infection in 2003 and had part of his left lung removed and he had to spend more than a month in hospital. Eight Old Boys attended a packed service at Up Hatherley, Cheltenham and when listening to the list of accomplishments read by the Parish Chairman, we were most honoured that Martin found time to produce our Newsletter.



Martin S. Burford

Ronald G. Grange (1936-40) died in May leaving his wife and two sons. We were represented at his service at Cheltenham Crematorium. From school he was an apprentice Toolmaker at Daniels until his call up to the RAF.

His aunt was married to Mr. Tarn and he missed the last three years dinners. He had a brain tumour and deteriorated very quickly.

Eric Wood (1928-32) died in June aged 92. The youngest of 13 brothers and sisters, he served an apprenticeship at T.H.&J. Daniels but later became a successful antique dealer.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual assembly and presentation of accounts will take place on Monday October 12th 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the staff room at Marling School.

2009 Annual Dinner

Our dinner will be held in Marling's main hall on Friday November 20th. Bar Quality Catering have confirmed a repeat price on last year so Admission Menus will remain at £17. Roger N. Hook, 1960 – 65, has agreed to speak. Rob Thom from the

Queen Victoria, Stroud will, again, provide the licensed bar. Our caterers advise that they can accommodate special diets and they can be arranged via our Secretary.

Old Boy's news:

Aden veteran and our Old Boy Chris Blick met the Prime Minister at a Downing Street reception to mark the launch of the new Armed Forces Day. Mr. Blick, who served in catering with the RAF during the insurgency in the 1960s, joined Stroud MP David Drew at the event at Number 10. The reception was hosted by Gordon Brown and was held in honour of veterans and those still serving in Britain's Army, Navy and Air Force.

This year saw the first national Armed Forces Day. It recognised the huge contribution made to the country by those who have served or are still serving in the forces. Events around the country included a national celebration at the Royal Naval Dockyards in Chatham. "It was a great honour to be invited to Number 10 Downing Street and actually speak and shake hands with both Gordon Brown and his wife Sarah," said Mr Blick, who helped to form the Gloucestershire Aden Veterans' Association in April 2008.

Our new WEB address:

Although still under construction, you are now able to log on to our new website at: www.stroudboys-techschool-oba.co.uk

Quote – Unquote

T.V.P.: "Rather a poor homework. Why?"
Form IV: "Mr. Elliott helped us, sir."

That's all for now, chaps.
C.W. & D.M.

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