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OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' ANNUAL DINNER 2010

To be held in the Queen's Hall
on Saturday 8th May 2010

Please send in your booking form as soon as possible
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A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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Dear Old Wycombiensian

As we reported in last year's magazine, the Old Wycombiensians' Club is currently undergoing some changes in the way it functions and maintains contact with the school's old boys. Critical to this has been the Headmaster's initiative to recruit a full-time Director of Development and I am pleased to announce that in the autumn Isabella Eastham was appointed to the role. Isabella took up her post in November and she will be a valuable asset to the RGS and the OWs' Club. As part of her early work, you will be receiving a questionnaire from her in the near future seeking your views of how we communicate with you in the future. I would urge you all to support this.

In addition, the school has also been developing – with OW, Simon Noakes – a new website, which will be launched soon. As part of this, you will be able to view a copy of the *Wycombiensian*, which provides a full update of activities that have been taking place at the school.

This year's OWs' dinner will take place in the Queen's Hall on Saturday 8th May and the guest of honour will be Ian Wilson, who taught at the RGs between 1972 and 2008. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible

I would also like to draw your attention to the range of RGS and OW merchandise that is on offer, further details of which can be found on page 7.

Finally, as ever, I must pass on my thanks to Mrs Steph Russell and her colleagues in the School's Resources Centre, without whose help in printing and collating, the production of this magazine would not be possible. I would also like to thank all the members of the Committee, Ian Clark and the Headmaster for their continued support of the club.

My best wishes for 2010.

Yours sincerely

Simon Molden (1989-95)



HEADMASTER'S REPORT - JANUARY 2010

Dear Old Wycombiensian

Since my last letter in 2009, we have had a year of great progress in nearly every aspect of school life. Most recently our U16 hockey team have reached the National Indoor finals, a feat last achieved by a state school in 1996. We qualified unbeaten and I will be attending the finals in Nottingham when of course we all hope for a successful conclusion against Whitgift School, Croydon. On the rugby field, both the U15s and the U18s are through to the quarter finals of the Daily Mail Cup. We are waiting to hear who our opponents will be.

The RGS Close Harmony group won the £1000 grand prize in the Eden Choir Competition, voted for by members of the public. You can see a video clip of their outstanding performance in the school news archive at www.rgshw.com. At the recent State Boarding Schools Conference, held at RGS, the Close Harmony Group entertained over 100 heads and housemasters and enthralled them with their singing.

A delegation of headteachers from Beijing arrived at the school in December to observe our teaching and facilities. I am pleased to say they were greatly impressed with all aspects of the school and both parties enjoyed the opportunity to exchange experiences.

Outside of daily school life, RGS continues to feature prominently. Two OWs serving in the forces were brought to our attention this year: Xavier Griffin received a Military Cross for his bravery in Afghanistan, whilst Major Jody Davies was awarded an MBE for his services in Helmand province with the Royal Gurkha Rifles. This is a great achievement for them both. Those of you with a keen eye for motoring journalism will have noted the appearance of RGS on BBC's Top Gear, filmed in May. Boys and staff alike were equally excited about the day's filming, although perhaps with less enthusiasm for the vehicles that were brought along for the episode.

The annual OW dinner will be on Saturday 8 May 2010 when the guest speaker will be Ian Wilson, who many of you will remember for his teaching of classics and his interest and involvement in so many extra-curricular activities, not to mention his Geordie wit! For OWs who have not attended before, I wholeheartedly recommend the event to you as one of the highlights of the school year, not just as an opportunity to reconnect with old friends but as a chance to revisit the school and see the changes we have made and are planning to make. You may like to take the opportunity to purchase some RGS memorabilia which will be available on the night. I look forward to seeing you at the dinner.

Our 'Shaping Our Destiny' campaign to build and refurbish maths, gym and changing room facilities for the boys has raised enough funds to begin building work this summer. As you know, our original plans have had to have been remodelled to correspond with certain areas of the school being 'listed', but I am certain you will find that the new facilities will be a credit to the school and we are aiming to have some completed before September. We are some way off our £1.3million target but are making steady progress. If you would like to support RGS, please do get in contact with us.

You may have read from my previous correspondence or online that we appointed our first Director of Development, Isabella Eastham, this school year. Her role is to source strategic future funding for the school and to be a point of contact for old boys and all other members of the RGS community. You are very welcome to contact her by emailing ime@rgshw.com or by visiting the school. We are, as always, delighted to offer OWs tours of the school and whilst you do not have to book, you can ring the Development Office on 01494 551428 if you wish to visit a particular area or meet with members of staff.

Roy Page
Headmaster



SECRETARY'S NOTES

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Dear Old Wycombiensian

The changes in communication referred to in last year's note are progressing and we are now looking to contact as many old boys as possible through *Friends Reunited* and *Facebook*. Terry Williams and Martin Berry have been very successful in identifying OWs through the former. The next step is to place more reliance on *Facebook*. Our thanks go to them for their time and effort committed to this. The impending arrival of the Development Director will create opportunities for the club to become more integrated with the school and we look forward to receiving the new appointee's views on how this can be achieved.

As well as combining efforts with Terry Williams and Martin Berry, Ian Clark continues to control the database of members and produce the newsletters for the website which is run by Martin Berry. Please, therefore, continue to contact Ian with any change of address or contact details and letters or information for posting on the website. Ian's contact details are:

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I must extend my appreciation of Ian's continuing contribution to the club.

The OW website (www.rgsow.com/) continues to be a very interesting source of information on OWs, including letters and memories, photographs and contact details, as well as giving details of school activities. For those living abroad, there is a section organised by country, which may assist you in renewing local acquaintances. A major function of the club is to revive memories and maintain contact with and between OWs and any contribution you can make will be greatly appreciated. I would therefore point out the following:

- if you move house, please inform Ian of your new address;
- if you are in contact with an OW who is not presently a member, please inform him that he is eligible for free membership;
- if you see anything about an OW in the papers, or hear anything through any other medium, please provide details to Ian.

Last year's dinner was a great success and I would encourage you to come along this year on Saturday 8th May 2010. It is an opportunity to revisit the school and have a guided tour, as well as perhaps organising a table for contemporaries. In addition, there are the various sporting reunions which are being arranged, and your support for these would be much appreciated.

Best wishes for 2010.

Chris Andrew (1959-1967)



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Dear Old Wycombiensian

As you will read elsewhere, the 2010 Old Wycombiensians' Dinner will be on Saturday 8th May. Do put the date in your diary.

We now have the e-mail addresses of about 1,400 OWs and have recently sent an e-mail to them with some news of OW activities and also the RGS. If you did not receive it and would like to receive an e-mail from us about four times a year, please send your email address to Ian Clark (ianrclarkuk@yahoo.co.uk). If you are in contact with fellow OWs, please pass the word on. It is great that the number of OWs who are sending in their e-mail addresses has increased considerably in the last six months.

A number of OWs have in recent years asked about former or indeed present teachers, and, through Ian Clark, we have on a number of occasions been able to put them in touch with the teacher concerned. Ian is still in touch with quite a few, so please do not hesitate to contact him on this.

I have recently received a book written by John Comer, who was at the RGS from 1954-61. It is a fascinating account of his life at the RGS and Buckinghamshire in his teenage years. A number of masters' names and boys are mentioned, so, if you are a certain age you may find your name appearing.

Phil Doyle, who left in 1988, wants to have a reunion of his contemporaries, and he has found his enthusiasm matched by those he has contacted. Others have also expressed a desire to host meetings of OWs. If you would like to have a reunion at the RGS at some stage, please contact Ian, and he may be able to help you make contact with your contemporaries and advertise the event.

Best wishes for 2010.

Robin Dorkings (1957-63)



NEWS

Director of Development

In last year's magazine, you will have read of the school's *Shaping our Destiny* campaign.

The Governors and Trustees of the school are convinced that if the RGS is to continue to be at the forefront of educational provision, it will urgently require additional funds for capital development.

The Headmaster, therefore, is pleased to announce that the school has appointed Isabella Eastham as its new Director of Development. Isabella has previous experience of this position in two schools in Cambridge and joined us on Monday 30 November.

Staff leavers

In 2009, the RGS said good-bye to two of its longest-serving members of staff, both of whom were also OWs.

Steve Gamester joined the RGS in 1962 as a young boy, following in the footsteps of his father and his uncle. Steve was a pupil from 1962 until 1969, when he left to take up a place at Loughborough College of Education. Four years later he returned as a teacher of PE and Geography and has spent the rest of his career at RGS. His 36 years of uninterrupted and distinguished service to the RGS is typical of the man and his belief and passion in nurturing the opportunities for so many RGS pupils.

As a boy at the school, Steve was an outstanding sportsman. In fact, it is not an overstatement to suggest that he was a legend to many of his fellow sportsmen. He was captain of both the 1st XV rugby side and 1st XI cricket side. An outstanding outside half/full-back, he graced the school

rugby teams, no doubt instilling in his teammates the desire to win in every game and a distinct lack of understanding of failure. He was an able cricketer, primarily a batsman, but also an aggressive fielder who could bowl some devastating spells with his leg spin.

Steve arrived at the RGS as a single man fully committed to further his sporting career. He joined Wycombe Rugby Football Club and was quickly elected as Captain of the 1st XV, and selected to play for the County side. Steve's interest in boarding was evident as he served as a boarding tutor at Uplyme supporting the Housemaster, Derek Stubbs. I am sure that, at this time, he did not expect to spend 25 years as Housemaster. It was during his tutorship that Steve became reacquainted with Pippa, his future wife. Apparently, they had briefly met while Steve was at Loughborough and he offered Pippa some coaching in archery. The rest, as they say, is history, and I know that Steve and Pippa have had great pride in watching their sons proceed through the RGS onto university.

Besides his passion for sport, Steve has a real interest in his teaching of Geography. Always keen to support fieldwork trips, Steve is meticulous in ensuring that all his pupils are fully prepared for their examinations. His results have always been outstanding, but it is in instilling a real interest in the subject that Steve has excelled.

Steve was appointed Housemaster of School House in 1984 and then Head of Boarding in Fraser Youens in 1999. In 2000, Steve was appointed to the School Leadership Team and his contribution to the senior management of the school has always been thoughtful with a clear recognition of the history of the school and its outstanding ethos.



Steve has led his team of Housemasters and Tutors with distinction and has earned the accolades from so many parents who have recognised his care and concern for their sons. His experience of having dealt with such a variety of issues that only boarders can present will be greatly missed, but I know that we all wish Steve a long and healthy retirement. It is a clever man who retires and persuades his wife to keep working so that he can enjoy his interest in golf, their house in France and all the other projects he has in mind. I am sure his retirement will not be an idle one and of course he will always be welcome back at his old school.

David Stone joined the school as a teacher back in 1975 but his connection with the school goes back to 1964 when he attended the school with his brothers. David's father also attended the RGS as a boy - truly RGS through and through. He worked in the maths department teaching across the depth and breadth of the years. During his years at the RGS, he provided a well needed link between mathematics and the other departments, trying to develop a common approach to teaching maths across the school. He also organised and prepared all the examinations for maths and more recently managed the internal exam invigilation timetable for the whole school. However it was his concern for the students he taught that will be the lasting memory for many of the boys. That and the fact that he used hockey to explain every maths problem there is.

His passion for hockey and cricket cannot be over estimated. He has been involved with the hockey and cricket scene both at the RGS and in the county for as long as he could stand up and hit a ball. Still now, David would be the man to turn to if you needed a cricket pitch for a national competition the next day. Together with Ian Wilson, David spent over 30 years running the under 14 and under 15 cricket

teams. One particular highlight for David was when the under 15s reached the National Finals at Edgbaston in 1985.

He ran RGS hockey for many years where the team reached an impressive standard reaching the National Finals in 1989, 1991 and 1993. RGS were National Champions in 1986 and 1988 and Indoor Champions in 1991. In addition to this success, RGS were invited to play a number of 'curtain raiser' matches at National and World events.

David also organised the staff cricket team, including a tour to Portsmouth and Bristol, and captained a club team for many years. He believed in high standards but he was also very encouraging to those who were not naturally talented. David always sought to involve everybody in the game, a real gentleman on the pitch.

And if his cricket and hockey skills were not enough, David was a pretty good golfer. In the staff golf days he never knowingly played a shot if it was not with a five iron. He could get round a golf course with just two clubs; a five iron and a putter.

He was a thoughtful and genuine man who was highly regarded in the common room. He will be sorely missed. As a member of the OWs' Committee for many years, he will no doubt continue to maintain and make contacts with OWs and so I am confident we will see him popping in and out of school in the future.

We wish him much happiness in the years that lie ahead.

OWs' ties

The new OWs' tie that was launched last year was a great success. We hope to be able to order a new batch this year. If you would be interested in buying one, please let the Chairman, Simon Molden, know at



simon@scmolden.co.uk. The tie is 100% silk and the cost is £25 included postage (although it may be a little more for those based overseas).

A range of other RGS merchandise is available from the School. Details can be found at <http://www.rgshw.com/files/GiftsOrderForm.pdf>.

The Wycombiensian

Copies of *The Wycombiensian* will be available on the new RGS website, which will be launched soon. Please contact Simon Molden, if you would like further information (simon@scmolden.co.uk).

OWs' Hockey

The OWs' Hockey Match again took place on the afternoon of the OWs' dinner at the Cressex Astro. With the ex-GB captain Jon Wyatt present, the skill level was high and it was good to see former Cambridge University captain Stuart Penman combining with ex-Light Blue Tim Parr.

An outstanding lobbed goal from Dan Martin who was playing his first serious game for a while set the tone for an entertaining match and there was plenty of opportunity for some outstanding goal-keeping from Ben Saunders who last played five years ago.

Simon Molden's pace up front was always a threat and Michael Spragg made a welcome appearance this year. The outcome of the match was as always incidental to the occasion, but it was believed to be 6-6.

OWs' Shooting

On May 9th, a shoot took place involving eight OWs and eight boys. This was the first time that the two sides had been

evenly matched in numbers, thus avoiding complicated maths in calculating pro-rata results. Following on three years of defeat, this year the OWs achieved a resounding success, scoring 942 against the School 652.

Split into four details, the shoot comprised five ranging shots, ten shots deliberate and ten shots rapid deliberate in 90 seconds. Congratulations to Dave Pickering and Nick Miller respectively highest scorers for the OW and the School.

The OWs who shot were: Chris Andrew; Ben Full; Bill Martin; Bruce Martin; Dave Pickering; Allan Popplewell; Rupert Swinhoe-Standen; and Andrew MacTavish.

The School was represented by: Will Holmes; Mat Easton; Jonty Dawson; Nick Miller; Simon Leroy; Ralph Higson; Charles Jeffs; and Richard Vanryne.

Our thanks to the boys for coming along, the school for the use of the range and a special thanks to Chris Cunningham for giving up his afternoon once again to run the shoot and the range so efficiently. The afternoon was most enjoyable and hopefully we can repeat it next year.

OWs' Cricket

On a lovely, warm summer's evening, the OWs' XI played a 20-over match against the staff. It was a close-fought game, with the OWs reaching their target with just one ball to go, thanks to a splendid innings of 91* by James Nicholas.

OW team: Russell Bowry; Dave Chapman; James Nicholas; Richard Royce; Manoj Sharma; Matt Sutcliffe; Hash Hussain; Adam Francis; Philip Wideson; and Luc Walker.



Unfortunately, the match between the OWs' XI and the School 1st XI for the Duncan Moore Cup was cancelled.

OWs' Golf

The Annual Match between OWs and the staff took place on June 26th. In spite of a grim weather forecast, it was played in lovely conditions and the Staff won by five matches to none.

OW team: Martin Priestley; Stephen John; Roger File; Andrew Heavyside; Nick Ball; Russell Emmett; David Chamberlain; Ian Clark.

OWs' Rugby

On Saturday 2nd January 2010, an Old Wycombiensians' XV took on a Beaconsfield RFC Invitation XV at Oak Lodge Meadow.

The afternoon was sunny in stark contrast to the frozen pitch and spirits were high as the school players met for the first time in many years to wear the shirt that made them proud on so many occasions.

The game started at pace with the contrast of youth and agility and experience and physicality making for a great spectacle. However, the defences held firm until, on

the half-hour, a touch of brilliance from the OWs' Ed Kelleher opened the scoring with a fine try.

The OWs' gained in confidence from this and started to realise the value of not taking contact from the more experienced Beaconsfield pack, but instead moving the ball quickly along their line. This tactic produced their second try just before half-time, from Fraser Carlisle (14-0).

The second half opened with Beaconsfield showing renewed endeavour and after a period of concerted pressure, they breached the OWs' line (14-5). Soon, the gap between the sides was down to four points with a second unconverted Beaconsfield try.

Having been through this bad patch, the OWs started to re-assert themselves and move the ball wide and the game swung again in their favour as Ben Wilson cut free to score their third try of the afternoon (21-10).

Beaconsfield was not beaten, however, and with five minutes to go they narrowed the gap to four points with a converted score. The OWs' held on in a nervy last five minutes to take the honours by 21 points to 17.

OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' SPORTING REUNIONS 2010

Hockey and shooting:

Saturday 8th May (before the Annual Dinner)

Golf versus the staff:

Friday 25th June at 4.00 p.m.

Cricket versus the School 1st XI:

Date tbc

If you would like to take part in any of these events, please return the enclosed reply slip



The Best Days of your life

From the Minutes of RGS Prefects' Meetings, 1931-33:

Meeting held on Wednesday, October 18th 1931

H.G.Tidy (Senior Prefect) and nine prefects were present.

Barnard (ii) was brought up by Cavey for failure to do lines set some fortnight previously for bad conduct. The only attempt which he had made to do them was a few lines in pencil. He therefore received three strokes in order to teach him that lines must be done promptly.

Gomm was also brought up by Cavey for the same offence. His case was not so serious as more attempt had been made to complete the work set and this was his first appearance before the prefects. It was decided that fifty lines should be given to be completed by the following day.

H.G.Tidy
Senior Prefect

Meeting held on June 31st (?) 1932

Most of the prefects were present. Mugliston was brought up by Harris for failure to do lines, his crime culminating in a display of bad manners while assembling for prayers.

It was discovered that he had given considerable trouble to several other prefects and as this was his second appearance before the prefects it was decided that three strokes should be administered.

Redgate, Justice and Bolton were brought up by Ives for ragging on their way home from school as they were going down Amersham Hill. This was considered serious as it would bring discredit upon the school. The worst offenders, Bolton and Redgate, were given three strokes while Justice received two.

H.G.Tidy
Senior Prefect

Meeting held on Wednesday, October 26th 1932

The Senior Prefect and 12 prefects were present

Saunders (C.J.) was brought before the Prefects by F.R.Kay for general misbehaviour. Some days before the meeting, Saunders was told to copy a passage from "The Master of Ballantrae" – actually 34 lines of print. He refused to do this and stated that he would prefer to be caned.

His wish was complied with, but after the first stroke, he wished the punishment be commuted to the original number of lines, but it was decided that the caning should be proceeded with.

Three strokes were administered in all.

J.A.Harris
Senior Prefect

Meeting held on Thursday, November 24th 1932

The Senior Prefect and 9 prefects were present

Cochrane was brought before the Prefects by H.J.Cavey for failing to do 30 lines which were set 9 days previously.

The original offence was: that instead of joining in the regular school games, as he should have been, Cochrane persisted in playing about and generally making a nuisance of himself. 30 lines were set, but they were produced in very bad writing and actually consisted of 20 lines. 30 more lines were set, but they were not done.

As Cochrane was a new boy and quite young, it was decided that he should be given 50 lines to do and show them to the Senior Prefect on November 25th 1932.

J.A.Harris
Senior Prefect



Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the OWs' Club took place on Saturday 9th May 2009 in the school library with 14 OWs present. Due to other commitments the Treasurer, Danny White, was unable to attend, but the accounts were tabled and approved and it was confirmed that these, together with the previous two years' accounts have been audited.

It was noted that Danny intends to resign his office of Treasurer by the next AGM, which will lead to the appointment of a new Treasurer, approval of such appointment being put to the Club at the next AGM.

Thanks were expressed for Danny's service to the Club. Of the four committee members retiring by rotation, David Andrew, Alex Horsfall-Turner and David Stone offered themselves for re-election and were so re-elected. Crispin White, the other member of the committee retiring, did not offer himself for re-election and Richard Pearson was elected in his place. Crispin has been a stalwart of the club and committee for many years, including being recently its chairman, and the meeting expressed its gratitude for his great contribution.

Those present then adjourned to the Queen's Hall for the Annual Dinner.

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner, held on Saturday 9th May, was attended by 130 OWs. The dinner marked the Centenary of the club.

After the food, the Headmaster gave a brief review of the school and presented a slide show reflecting the diverse nature of activities undertaken over the past year. This was followed by a show put on by the boys from the lighting team, which was most entertaining.

The Guest of Honour was Peter Gibson who taught at the school between 1970 and 2006. Of his many contributions to the school, Peter is remembered mostly for having established Philosophy at sixth form option, firstly as an 'AS' Level in 1988 and then as a full 'A' Level in 1994.

During the afternoon of the dinner there were sporting reunions for hockey players and shooters.

Letters to the Editor

Dear ex-RGS men,

This e-mail is to let you know that a new online forum has now been set up where Old Wycombiensians can discuss the old RGS school photos (and generally reminisce). It is at <http://www.rgs.saund.co.uk/bb/>.

About nine years ago Tony Hare (1951-56) set up his website (<http://www.rgs.tonyhare.co.uk/>) to display my copy of the 1956 school photograph. Later, following inputs from OWs, this expanded to include school photos for other years in the 1950s (and the 1940s) as well as other school memorabilia.

I (John Saunders, 1963-70) thought it was a great website so, with Tony's active encouragement, followed his lead and set up a similar one, (<http://www.rgs.saund.co.uk/>) to display photos from 1958 to 1967. Tony and I thought it would be a good idea to set up a forum where contributors to these websites could chat with each other about the RGS. Early viewers of my website might remember the successful forum we had going for some time until it got trashed by juveniles following the TV series featuring the school.

Recently a group of OWs (now known as the 49ers) have been having great e-mail conversations with each other. Tony and I thought it would be a good idea to resurrect



the forum so the 49ers and all the other contributors to our websites could chat with each other openly (or privately – there is a private message facility) about all things RGS to their hearts' content.

Tony and I are acting as site administrators, so if you have any questions, queries or suggestions, please get in touch with one of us (my e-mail address is john@saund.co.uk and Tony's is 2007ajh@googlemail.com). If you visit the forum, you will find it has some helpful advice posted on how to register, etc.

You can read any of the threads and comments at the forum without having to register, but in order to post comments, you will need to register under your normal name (forename/nickname plus surname, please). This is a pretty straightforward operation which will not cost you any time or money (any problems, consult us), and we will pass your e-mail addresses or details on to anybody else.

Regards,

John Saunders (1963-70)



A plan for the new school at Easton Street by Arthur Vernon
From *The Building News*, May 1st 1874



OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' SPORTING REUNIONS, AGM AND ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday 8th May 2010

- From 2.30 p.m.** Hockey or Shooting matches. See the Application form.
- 6.00 p.m.** A tour of the School for those who are interested. Bar opens.
- 6.30 p.m.** AGM in the School Library.
- 7.30 p.m.** Annual Dinner in the Queen's Hall.

Our Guest of Honour will be Ian Wilson, who taught at RGS from 1972 to 2008 and was for many years a junior form master and master in charge of cross-country.

The Headmaster, Roy Page, who will have taught many of you over the last 35 years, will talk about the RGS present and future.

There will be a four-course meal, and it should be a very good one. A bar will be organised by the RGS Parents' Association and all profits go to school projects. As in past years, we are reserving tables for those who play in the various sporting events in the afternoon. For everybody else we will try to arrange the seating to suit you. The intention is that the formal part of the evening will be over by 9.45 p.m., so that there will be plenty of time for conversation. It should be a really enjoyable occasion. We are always very happy to see groups of OWs attending, so if you would like us to advertise a group reunion on the website, please e-mail Ian Clark (ianrclark@yahoo.co.uk).

This year the cost of the Dinner will be £29.00 for those in full time education and £35.00 for all others. If you would like to come, please complete the enclosed form, and send it to Simon Molden soon as possible, and by **Tuesday 27th April** at the very latest. You will receive the confirmation of your application and the Agenda of the AGM, by email or by letter shortly after 1st April. If you would like a reply through the post, please send a SAE with your application.

Apart from the hockey and shooting on May 8th, we are arranging golf, cricket and tennis matches in the Summer Term. Dates, where known, are given on the attached reply slip. If you want to participate in any of the Sporting Reunions, please complete and send in the reply slip with your dinner application. If you want further information, contact David Stone for hockey (david.stone5@ntlworld.com), Chris Andrew (chris.andrew@besfordgroup.com) for shooting and Ian Clark (ianrclarkuk@yahoo.co.uk) for the summer sports.

We look forward to seeing you on 8th May.

Simon Molden
Chairman



OLD WYCOMBIENSIAN LODGE



Freemasonry attracts men of all social backgrounds, nationalities, cultures, and religions who share a belief in one Supreme Being.

Membership of The Old Wycombiensian Lodge is available to all Old Boys of the School aged upwards of 21 years, as are current or former male members of staff, together with their fathers, sons and brothers. The Lodge is highly active and respected within the Masonic Province of Buckinghamshire. The Lodge meets in the evenings of the first Thursday of October (Installation), November, February, and March at the Masonic Centre, St. Peter's Street, Marlow. Meetings have both business and ceremonial aspects, and are followed by a formal, but lively, dinner (the Festive Board). We also hold social occasions at least once a year where family, friends, and prospective members are warmly invited. Existing members of the Craft would also be very welcome at our meetings, either as guests or joining members.

Enquiries regarding the Lodge, whether regarding membership, fees, or visiting can be directed to Jonathan Lippiat (J.D.Lippiat@leeds.ac.uk) on behalf of the committee.