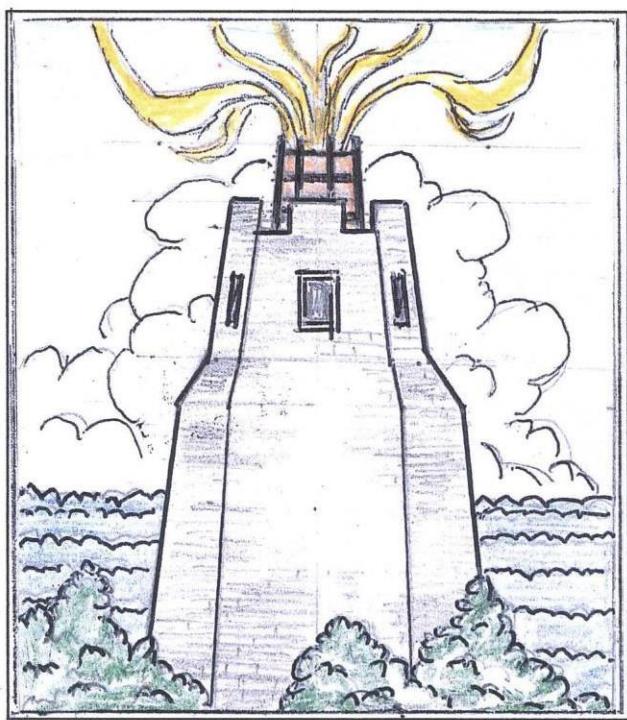




OLD PHAROSIANS' ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER



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NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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The objects of the Association are to advance the education of the pupils in the School; by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the School (not normally provided by the Local Authority) and as ancillary thereto and in furtherance of this object the Association may:

- (a) foster more extended relationships between the staff, old boys and others associated with the School: and
- (b) engage in activities which support the School and advance the education of the pupils attending it.

The Old Pharosians' Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Old Pharosians' Association held at The Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club on Monday 9th October 2017

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Secretary spoke of the recent passing of three former members of staff: Charles Benson, Bryan Owen and Major Dick Hoeren

Although the meeting was inquorate, it was agreed to proceed with the notified business, and to seek ratification at the next meeting of the Committee. It was agreed that the Committee should consider the issue of quoracy at its next meeting.

Present: Chairman, Jack Kremer (1943-49); Maurice Smith (1957-present); Alistair Gardiner (1951-57); Mick Palmer (1959-66); Martyn Webster (1960-67); John Booth (1948-56); Headteacher Fiona Chapman (2014-present); Phil Harding (1967-75); Roger Gabriel (1966-73); Paul Skelton (1972-79); Jon Fullarton (1997-2004)

Apologies: Terry Sutton (1940-47); Ian Fenwick (1945-50); Peter Burville (1946-51); Rev John Philpott

Minutes of the 2016 AGM were approved. It was agreed that references to the Treasurer's Report and Membership Secretary's Report being attached to the Minutes should be removed. Proposed Martyn Webster, seconded Maurice Smith.

Matters Arising: Martyn Webster asked if there had been any progress in repairing the Turnpenny Clock. It was agreed that any repairs should be deferred until decisions on the future of the School building were known.

Alistair Gardiner stated that, in his opinion, the Chairman and / or Secretary should produce a report for the meeting and membership.

Headteacher's Report: Fiona Chapman gave a report as follows:

- The School had maintained valuable and valued links with Old Pharosians during the past year. She was especially grateful to Maurice Smith, who had kept in touch on a regular basis and who had attended numerous school events and functions. Jack Williams, Old Pharosian, had been the guest speaker at prizegiving, and another Old Pharosian had formally inspected the CCF.
- Sarah Olver, a long-standing member of the School office staff, had passed away in the summer after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. The pupils had chosen to donate the proceeds of the annual sponsored walk to cancer research, and the Headteacher and other senior colleagues had taken part in the recent Moonlight Marathon in London in aid of the same charity.
- Linda George had retired after twenty-one years as School Librarian
- All Year13 students were now spending Fridays at work placements; the School would be pleased to receive offers of placements from Old Pharosians.
- The School's financial position is difficult. The deficit this year would be in the region of £80,000. Fortunately, the School has sufficient reserves to be able to withstand this in the short-term, but it would not be sustainable in future years.
- The School roll is currently 799
- The building present many challenges. A decision is still awaited on whether there will be substantial refurbishment of the existing building or a major capital building programme to

replace it. At no point had it been suggested that the existing building should be demolished. Martyn Webster asked if the building should be listed, and the Headteacher responded that it was not old enough to warrant heritage status.

Martyn Webster also asked:

- If Leney's field could be sold off, to which Fiona Chapman's response was that it might be required if a capital building programme is deemed to be the way forward for the School
- If the wearing of shorts by sixth-formers would be continued. The headteacher stated that there were ongoing discussions with the sixth form regarding their dress code.

Treasurer's Report: Jon Fullarton circulated an audited copy of the Association's accounts, which showed approximately £8000 in reserve. The surplus over the past year was the result of there having been just one edition of the Newsletter. The accounts were approved unanimously: proposed Martyn Webster, seconded Roger Gabriel.

Thanks were expressed to the Treasurer and to the Honorary Auditor, Neil Beverton.

It was agreed that, to minimise the amounts spent on printing and posting the Newsletter, every effort should be made to encourage members to receive it by e-mail.

The composition of the Association's trustees was discussed, and it was felt that the election of trustees should in future included in the agenda of the AGM

Election of Officers and Committee: Except for Assistant Secretary & Newsletter Editor Alistair Gardiner, the existing Committee was re-elected en bloc, including retiring member Rev John Philpott. François Lloyd had indicated that she would be willing to consider joining the Committee, but would be away until the end of the calendar year, at which point the Secretary would make further contact with her. Maurice Smith reported that Sir William Fittall had indicated he would be willing to serve as President in a year's time. The posts of Assistant Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Archivist remain unfilled. Thanks were expressed to Alistair Gardiner for his work with the Newsletter in recent years.

Officers & Committee for 2017-2018:

Chairman Jack Kremer

Secretary Phil Harding

Membership Secretary and Webmaster Paul Skelton

Treasurer Jonathan Fullerton

Auditor, Neil Beverton

Committee members: Rev. John Philpott; Maurice Smith; Roger Gabriel; Barry Crush; Mick Palmer; Terry Sutton (co-opted); Peter Burville (co-opted);

Headteacher Fiona Chapman.

AOB: Membership current stands at 695. The OPA Facebook group currently has approximately 300 members.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Committee on Monday 23rd October at The Cricketers.

The meeting has taken place and was mainly to discuss the current newsletter, printing, and distribution and how we must ensure that we have someone who will help us as editor for future editions. There are only two a year in the present format, but we desperately need someone to help put it together. The information comes in more or less automatically, but someone taking charge for the layout is really required. **PLEASE HELP HERE** if you can.

A Faux Editorial. (From the Old Pharosians' Committee)

Some Old Pharosian members will have noticed the absence of the usual July newsletter.

We must first acknowledged, with sincere thanks, the work of our former Newsletter Editor, Alastair Gardiner.

His newsletters were well researched and presented in a new fresh format. He has decided now is the time to stand down.

Much of the material included in this edition is the result of his work.

The committee wish to thank our Webmaster/Membership Secretary, Paul Skelton for his work in putting together the material for this edition. Other members will assist in its distribution.

The demands of work prevent Paul from continuing this work on a permanent basis.

Hence the committee is now looking for a new editor - is this something you could undertake? Please let our secretary, Philip Harding know if you can.

The association presently has over 600 members and the Committee is always delighted to hear news of the careers of all Old Pharosians or even their retirement! A good, interesting edition of the newsletter depends on news from the membership and perhaps some Old Pharosians are a little shy in sharing their achievements.

It may be that we have entered a new era, especially in the means of communication by Websites and Facebook etc. Many members have elected to receive the newsletter digitally.

It is true in these changing times that we rarely recruit new members at the point at which the years eleven and thirteen leave school.

Not surprisingly they are pleased to be leaving their secondary stage of their education and moving on to work, apprenticeship or university.

It takes a little time for nostalgia for school days to build up and perhaps eventually wanting to join the association and have news of their peers.

Another indication of changing times is our inability to attract sufficient interest in the "old boys" informal dinner and the last two annual occasions have been cancelled through lack of interest.

Distances travelled and costs of overnight accommodation may have influenced decisions not to attend.

The committee would welcome suggestions as how best to organise opportunities to meet friends from the past.

It may be that a lunchtime buffet is to be preferred.

We hope this edition will be a stimulus for you to make a contribution yourself.

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR.

Apologies that this edition isn't as polished as the others have been. We do need a new editor.

Editions in this format have been produced since 1961; before that the school produced their own publication called the Pharos Magazine, first produced in 1908. The early editions even being produced through the first and second world wars. I would like to take this opportunity to ask the membership for help here. We desperately need a new newsletter editor.

As we are now in the "digital age," location is not a problem, and should be a solution. You need not physically attend meetings either. We need someone with a little spare time, certainly more than I have as membership secretary and webmaster; you will need a computer and program such as Word, the rest is more or less a case of waiting for articles to be sent, put the newsletter together and send it back to us for printing. The printing and distribution either in paper form or through the internet is done in Dover.

If you need further details please let us know.

Paul Skelton. (1972-2005 Pupil and Staff member)

The Archivist Ephemitus's Corner for JUL 2017

Items For Sale

Please note that the costs quoted for the items below are all minimums and any extra money would be welcomed by the School. The quoted postage costs only apply to UK addresses, other areas will have to be dealt with separately with the School. The purchasing arrangements for all items are the same: sending a cheque for the appropriate amount (perhaps plus a little), payable to "DGSB", to the Dover Grammar School for Boys, Astor Avenue, DOVER, CT17 0DQ, 01304 206117.

The "Bugsy Malone, Dover Grammar School 09MAR1989" production, is now recorded on two DVDs. The viewing offered covers "behind the scenes" activities as well as the stage production and musical accompaniment. The School Junior Boys are ably assisted by girls from the Dover Grammar School for Girls. The Girls' School has been advised of the DVDs but, so far, I have not heard of any interest. The production is great fun. The two DVDs can be purchased for £20 plus £2 p&p.

Old Pharosians can no longer buy a 1905-2005 centenary tie from the School. However, an OP maroon tie can be obtained by sending a cheque for £7, payable to "DGSB", to the School. This includes the cost of package & posting.

The DVD *Prize Giving One* is offered at a cost of £10, plus £2 p&p (making £12). The DVD is based on a DVD created by Mrs Dorothy Mannall and covers some School activities during the time her son David (1991-98) was at the School. These include a Carol Service of 1993, Junior Prize Giving in 1992 and 1993, Middle School Prize Giving in 1995 and 1996.

The hardback *Fifty Years on 1931-1981* history of the School have all been sold but a CD computer version can be bought. The cost is £10, plus £2 p&p (making £12).

There are still plenty of copies of the booklet *The Dover County School 1905 to 1931* at a cost of £4 including p&p.

There are still a few tape video versions of *The School on the Hill* film, made in 1965, available from the School at the cost of £12 including p&p. A digital version of *The School on the Hill* is also offered on DVD at the same cost. My attempts to produce a "running sheet" of the film have made some small progress identifying the stars featured but there are still many people to be named and a few "double namings" that need to be resolved, even if only by a majority vote. Any help with the naming of people would be greatly appreciated.

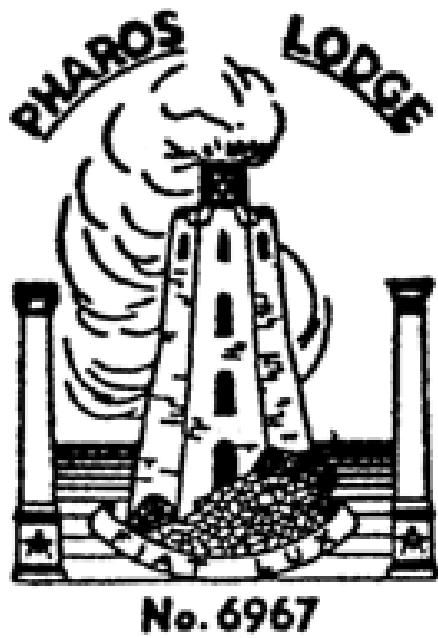
The *Film Clips One* DVD, consists of films made by the School Cine Club during the 1960s, and features many items including the Potter's Wheel, the Grand Fete, Classroom and Blackboard fun, sport and games, Dover Castle, DGS Cine Club activities, Cars and Boats, tricks, A Typical Day. It is still available at the cost is £10, plus £2 p&p (making £12).

The *Film Clips Two* DVD features three monochrome 8mm silent films created by teacher Archibald Coulson (1928-71). These include the Silver Jubilee of George V (06MAY1935), the School Cadet Corps camp at Sandwich in AUG1935 and another Sandwich camp, possibly in 1938. In addition there are two more School films from the 1960s. The cost is £10, plus £2 p&p (making £12).

Outline running-sheets have been produced for the *Film Clips* DVDs and, as for *The School on the Hill* film, the identity of the participants in the films would be greatly appreciated by your archivist.

The *Bolton Cartoons* of twelve teachers referred to in the JUL2013 issue of the Newsletter can be obtained in two forms, hardcopy or digital format. The first hardcopy option is a set of twelve A4 sheets with the two versions (both "darted" and cleaned-up), for each teacher on a sheet, at £15 plus £2 p&p (£17); or twenty four A4 sheets with each of the images on its own sheet, costing £20 plus £3 p&p (£23). Alternatively, the images can be emailed to you at a cost of £12. There are only limited numbers of the hardcopy versions available.

Peter Burville (1946-51), Archivist Ephemitus.



PHAROS LODGE No. 6967

Consecrated 29th April 1950
PROVINCE OF EAST KENT
A Brief History

List of Founders:

The Rev. Llewellyn W. C. Langley, B.Sc., P.M., P.P.G.Chap.
Edward F. Prescott, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.
W. Wilton Baxter, M.A., O. d'Acad., P.M., P.P.G.Org.
George R. Plater, P.M.
Frank L. Kendall, M.A., P.M.
Francis J. Ryeland, P.M.
Sydney H. Morris, W.M. No. 1436.
Alfred H. Gunn.
Frederick G. Ryeland.
Archibald S. Lewis.
Dan H. Smith.
H. Arnold Stanway, B.A.
Edmund Crush, M.C.
Reginald G. Holloway.
Edwin Goldfinch.
Leslie W. H. N. Hookham.
Eric W. Pudney.
The passing of Frank S. Downs, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.

The Lodge Crest was designed by Bro. Keith Crush.

THE PHAROS MASONIC LODGE 6967

The Pharos in Dover Castle dates from the second Roman Invasion of Britain and was erected about A. D. 43, which establishes it as the oldest existing building in the country. It served as a beacon or lighthouse for Roman shipping entering Dover from the Continent as Dover was then, as now, the most convenient port in Britain for that purpose.

Two of these structures were built by the Romans to mark the entrance to the harbour at Dover, which was at the mouth of the River Dour, situated roughly where the Market Square now stands and where the public house known as The Roman Quay is situated.

The Pharos in Dover Castle was the eastern beacon and the other was situated on the Western Heights to the west of the harbour. This latter building no longer exists but traces of it remain and are known as the Bredenstone.

All the Founders of the Lodge were either Old Boys or past and present members of the staff of Dover Grammar School for Boys. For many years The Pharos has been the name used for the School magazine and an artist's impression of the building has been incorporated on the front cover since 1913. The Old Boy's Association has been known for many years as the "Old Pharosians".

The original function of the Pharos and the School motto Fiat Lux and all that both imply have a significant Masonic meaning, and the Founders of the Lodge felt justified in adopting both for the Lodge. Both are expressed in the Lodge crest which was designed by Bro. Keith Crush, an Old Boy of the School.

The membership of the Lodge was restricted to former pupils or staff of the Dover Grammar for Boys until 1993 when it was decided that in order to safeguard the future of the Lodge membership would be opened to everyone who met the high standards of moral conduct laid down by the Founders.

The Pharos Lodge meets at the Masonic Hall, Snargate Street, Dover, the 3rd Saturday in January, March (Installation), April, October and November at 6pm. After the ceremony, we have a meal which at present costs £13.50, excluding wine.

A lot of work goes into our ceremonies, so to rehearse we meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of January to April, October and November, plus the 3rd Friday in September, all at 7pm. All members are encouraged to attend as it is not only a time to practice, but also to get to know fellow members better.

Masonry has been recently publicised on Sky television with a series reporting on some of its activities. Very few people realise that, after the National Lottery, Freemasons are the second largest donors to Charity, indeed London Masons have fully funded the purchase and running costs of one of the London Air Ambulances - flown by Prince William.

Like most Lodges we have social events throughout the year, the objective being to raise money for charity whilst at the same time enjoying ourselves. With over 10 lodges based at the Masonic Hall in Dover, many of which hold their own functions, there are many opportunities to socialise. In Dover Masonry continues to support local charities and make substantial donations to good causes throughout the district and wider afield.

Below is an extract from the The Pharos Magazine at the time of the consecration by Lord Cornwallis of the then new Pharos Lodge. If you are interested in finding out more about masonry, or joining please get in contact directly to either Arthur Hornby arthur5harold@outlook.com, or Roger Gabriel roggabriel@live.com or through the UGLE Just Ask One Website at <http://justaskone.org/>.

If you are already a mason and would like to visit Pharos Lodge in Dover we would love to hear from you.

Extract from the Dover Boys Grammar School Magazine.

No. 110. JULY, 1950. VOL. XL.

OLD PHAROSIANS.



LODGE No. 6967.

Saturday, April 29th, 1950, will go down in history as one of the great days of the School—especially for a certain section of Old Boys.

By mid-day the un-made road on Whinless Downs outside the School was packed two-deep with cars. By three o'clock the line extended as far as the Isolation Hospital. The reason? Some five hundred members of Masonic Lodges from all over the county had come to witness the consecration by Lord Cornwallis of a new Lodge—our own, the Pharos NO. 6967 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England.

And all Old Pharosians have every reason to be even prouder of their old School after such a ceremony! To begin with, it would be difficult to find a finer setting for the mediæval splendour of such an occasion than that offered by the School Hall as it had been laid out, with devoted care and attention, by some of the founders. When everyone was seated round the huge square carpet covering the floor of the Hall, there could rarely have been seen a finer spectacle.

Despite many awkward moments before the great day, not a single “incident” marred the smooth running of the ceremony, and many were the expressions of enthusiastic admiration from the most varied sources. Appended is a list of the founders, as I am sure many Old Boys will want to know who these were.

When we say that, after Lord Cornwallis had consecrated the Lodge, the first Master of the Pharos Lodge, W.Bro. Llewellyn Langley, P.P.G.C., was installed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, all Old Boys will know how well the new Lodge will be ruled and governed this first year! With Bro. A. H. Gunn and Bro. F. Ryeland to assist him, a happy and successful year is assured.

It is interesting to note that one Grand Lodge Officer present, W.Bro. Durban, was a pupil at the School nearly fifty years ago! Present also to wish success to the new Lodge were representatives of the Old Dovorians, Old Harveians, and Old Langtonians.

Previous to the ceremony, an official lunch was held in the School dining hall, where more than 150 guests sat down to what must have been one of the best—and best-served—meals since pre-war days.

It would be invidious to mention names of those rendering special services to the new Lodge—all contributed their share I must, however, be allowed to say that but for the Herculean labour of W.Bro. F. Prescott it is unlikely that the project so long cherished by a few of us would have materialised.

And so, once more (and this time how much more apt the saying!)—FIAT LUX.

LINDA GEORGE RETIREMENT.



Above photo showing Linda George taken from the panoramic photo of 1999.

Article taken from the First Thursday newsletter January 1996 No. 24.

This term we welcome Mrs Linda George who has joined the school as Librarian. Mrs George is a graduate in Library and Information Studies from Loughborough University and also a Chartered Librarian. She has had considerable experience of running school libraries in London. We look forward to working with her to improve the library facilities.

A SELECTION OF EMAILS RECEIVED.

EMAIL 1

Dear Alistair

I've just received and read from cover to cover, my latest OPA newsletter! some comments, before I forget them!

Liaison with the School - fund raising

Canterbury Cathedral have a very active Friends organization, who through many different activities, raise money for projects for the Dean and Chapter and enjoy themselves at the same time! I'm sure our Secretary Mrs Caroline Plaisted would be delighted to chat to someone from the committee if you thought that might help.

Liaison with the School - Education and social

Last year I wrote to Mrs Chapman and offered my services as a lecturer to the senior pupils of the School (with or without those of the Girls School.)

She seemed keen but nothing has come of it so far.

I talk, nationally, to NADFAS, (shortly to be re-launched as "The Arts Society" of Great Britain). (Clyde Binfield is also on the NADFAS team) and locally to Rotaries, History Societies etc.

A talk, plus refreshments could be the basis of a social morning/afternoon or evening for the OPA, Parents pupils, friends etc, to widen interest and raise funds I attach my current talk list. (in fact one popular Brick talk is aimed at children!)

Information

I'm too old for social media, but from other societies, I get regular emails on forthcoming concerts, events etc.

That might help drum up more support

Sincerely

Dick Bolton.

PS I'm regret I didn't follow up your request form CCF stories but I was not well at the time.

Dick Bolton

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Illustrated Talks

- **The Arts and Crafts of William Morris and his Circle.**
- **Sir Edwin Lutyens, the Architect with a twinkle in his eye.**
- **Mrs Eleanor's secret Coade Stone.**
- **Sir Edward Burne-Jones, artist and admirer of beauty!**
- **Douglas Strachan – “ An orchestrator of colour”**

- **The South East brick by brick!**
- **England brick by brick!**
- **Great Britain brick by Brick! (to include Scotland & Wales, as required)**
- **The three little pigs and the story of Bricks!! (suitable for children from 7 to 107!)**
- **Kent brick by brick!**

- **The current restoration of Canterbury Cathedral.**
- **The stained glass of Kent.**
- **The stained glass of Canterbury Cathedral.**
- **“A likeness of Paradise”. Stained glass, the sublime art
(A history of British stained glass)**

- **“Our ports of stranded pride”- The Cinque Ports of Kent and Sussex.**
- **The story of Kent – told through apples, ale, art and architecture.**
- **Romney Marsh and churches.**
- **The Battle of Bossenden Wood.**

- **Gardens Great and Small – an entertainment!**
- **Windows, walls and weather vanes. A history of architecture in East Kent.**
- **Oman, a golden land of forts and frankincense.**
- **The Life of a Blue Badge Guide.**
- **Wickhambreaux –Oasts and Archangels.**

Current as at 11/3/2017

EMAIL 2

Subject: Change of address

Good evening

A copy of the newsletter has been received by redirected post to my parent's house. Old address J Wakeham. 12 Kingston Close, River, Dover, Kent, CT17 0NQ

New address. J Wakeham. Kingsdown, Deal, Kent.

I use my parent's address as I move around quite a bit!

I work for Bloomberg these days and I am currently centred in Hong Kong for a couple of years with offices in Singapore, Tokyo etc. that also come under my jurisdiction.

I am married to the lovely Maxine and lead a very interesting life. It seems many years since I left DGBS and also of course DGGS where I studied for my German A level. I graduated from Swansea University in 2002 with a 2.1 in German and have never looked back!

Regards

Jim Wakeham

PS Known as James in my school days!

Membership Secretaries Note to All Members.

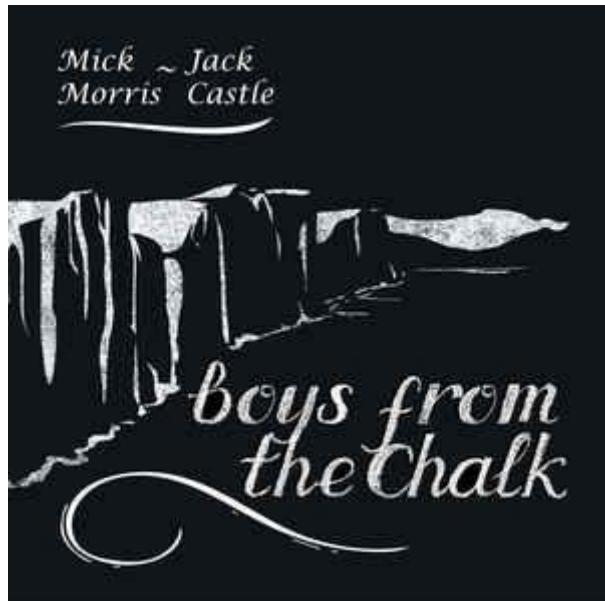
Yes indeed, please let us know of any current information of what you are doing, and certainly of course any change in address.

EMAIL 3

From: Michael Graham <mikegraham11@hotmail.com>

To: Derrick Beer

I have just heard from Jack Castle that he would like to bring copies of his latest joint CD with Mick Morris to the reunion. Jack would like to offer this on sale at £5 instead of the normal £10 with the money going to the Old Pharosians.



I do hope that we will be able to support this generous offer.

NEWSLETTER EDITORS NOTE

For those of you who don't know the above pair, I would like to point out a little bit of history regarding them. They were, literally the original Rolling Stones before Mick Jagger and his brigade took the name. I believe there is a connection between the two, but won't be going in that here. The following passage has been taken from Wikipedia:-

Mirkwood was a British progressive rock band formed in early 1971 by guitarists Mick Morris and Jack Castle. The band's ancestry can be traced to the original Dover-based, Rolling Stones, a skiffle and blues band formed in 1956.

When Mirkwood's original drummer Steve Smith left, his replacement was Nick 'Topper' Headon, who occupied the drum chair for a year and a half, during which time Mirkwood supplemented their own gigs by working as support to bigger name acts including Supertramp. Topper Headon eventually left Mirkwood and joined The Clash. The band made its final appearance (at the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury) in July 1978.

Mirkwood recorded one eponymous album of original material released on the Flams record label (PR 1067). Some years later, the Mirkwood album had become the most expensive listed in Record Collector magazine. It has since been re-released several times, most recently in 2008 on Red Admiral Records, (REDAD CDA556). A review of the album by Classic Rock Society magazine described it as "..... a fine piece of work (combining) slick guitar work, thrilling vocals and imaginative composition and arrangements from a band that could have gone on to great things".

Morris and Castle played occasional gigs together in the Kent area, and reunited in 2015 to release the album Boys from the Chalk.



Above photos showing Mick Morris left and Jack Castle, right, taken from the panoramic picture of 1955.



Above, showing them in 1959.

EMAIL 4

Subject: Old Boys Cricket

Alistair,

Herewith details of last Friday's game.

The match was played as a 25 over a side game with both sides only able to field 10 men due to late withdrawals.

Batting first the Old Boys were bowled out for 171 runs in the 24th over. They then dismissed the School team for 144 in the 22nd over to win by 27 runs.

The Old Boys were represented by Tom Bird, John Sheather, Matt Sadler, Callum James, Steve O'Brien, Toby Kember, Paul Castle, Tom Castle, Steve King and Mick Palmer. John Shepherd acted as umpire.

Regards,

Mick Palmer.

EMAIL 5

From: Michael Healy

Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 2:31 PM

Subject: 1959 School Photo Dover Grammar School for boys

Hi

I believe that I am pictured in the 1959 school photo in Segment 4, row 4 and numbered as 41. My name is Michael Arthur Healy (not Healey). However everybody spells it with the extra 'e'. I was in the middle of my schooling at Dover Grammar School and I left in 1963. I spent forty two years in the civil service and am now enjoying a hard earned retirement. I currently live in Leicester.
Kind Regards

Mike Healy

EMAIL 6

From: John Newman

Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 9:23 AM

Subject: Re: March 2017 Newsletter

Dear Paul,

My thanks again for sending me an electronic copy of the Old Pharosians' Newsletter. It is always a treat for me to read of how my old school is getting on, even if it is well over fifty years since I left (in 1964), all the more so as I live two and half hours away, and do not very often now get over to East Kent. Having a newsletter like this is all the more valuable for me, as I have yet to dip my toe into the waters of social media, and am very reluctant so to do. I like the idea of information being posted on a web-site, so will try and make a point of looking for that.

I notice that mention is made of attendance at the AGM and annual reunion dinner. What stops me attending the AGM is that more often than not it coincides with the Cambridge University Alumnus week-end, which I do like to go to most years now. Re the dinner, that probably means me stopping overnight now, and I have to get back to West Sussex to play the organ in church the next

day, in which case I would find the idea of a lunch much more attractive. I should be grateful if you could please pass these comments on anywhere where they may be helpful.

Again my thanks for all that you and others do to help alumni like me keep in touch both re the school and also contemporaries – for instance I did a lot of music at school with Keith Tutthill; it is much appreciated.

All best wishes,

John Newman 1957-64

EMAIL 7

Subject: Re: No longer requires news letters

Dear Paul,

Thank you for your reply and for updating your database for me.

Although it was a long time ago, the children and I would appreciate you putting in this brief obituary for Ray:

Raymond Payne, died suddenly from a heart attack on 6th October 2011, aged 47.

On leaving Dover Grammar School For Boys aged 18, he joined HM Customs and Excise and worked his way up to the position of Assistant Director for the UK Border Agency. He loved to read, do cryptic crosswords, sudokus, play five a side football and enjoyed spending time with his family. Ray was an extremely kind, thoughtful and generous man with a sharp wit; he is greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Many thanks and kind regards

Mandy

EMAIL 8

Subject: 1959 School Photo

Hello,

In the 5th segment of the 1959 School Photograph, Line 6, No. 67 presently identified as “????? MEAKINGS” is myself, Alan Meakin, formerly of Highleas, Old Court Hill, Aylesham. I attended the school between September, 1957 and December, 1962. I have spent the last 48 years in Cumberland/Cumbria.

Regards

Alan Meakin.

EMAIL 9

From: Alex Nice To: Paul Skelton
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2016 9:17 AM
Subject: Paul Moynan

Hi Paul,

Here is Paul Moynan's consulting agency:

http://www.moynan.com/Moynan_Consulting/Services.html, info@moynan.com

and twitter account: <https://twitter.com/europaul133> linkedin account:

<https://be.linkedin.com/in/paulmoynan>

I got a phone number but not an address. He might also know the whereabouts of the following (all 78-85) - I have no contact with anyone!:

PD Allison
JW Monger
DJ Russell
JE Smith

and perhaps some of the 79-86 cohort.

Best,

Alex Nice

On 17 Sep 2016, at 15:03, 1905-2005@dovergrammar.co.uk wrote:

I am hoping that this email will reach Paul Moynan as it appears that you are one of the missing Old Pharosian's members that I am trying to trace.

Alex Nice kindly put me in touch with a few leads as you'll see from the email below, and hopefully you may also be able to help out with the other missing members.

List of those gone AWOL found here:- <http://www.dovergrammar.co.uk/archives/members-missing.html>

It appears that on some occasion the newsletters that I have posted have been returned, so you obviously moved and never updated a contact address.

Of course the newsletter can now be obtained digitally from the web site, but it would be nice to hear from you again, with a postal address, not that it needs to be used, but just for the records.

Also, if you have the time, how about a little bit about your life after the Grammar days for the next newsletter?

Newsletters can be downloaded from this address:-

<http://www.dovergrammar.co.uk/archives/pharosians/newsletters.html>

Hope to hear from you soon,

Regards,

Paul Skelton.

Subject: Re: Paul Moynan

Dear Paul,

Thank you for your email. Sorry that I've been un-contactable for so long.

Indeed I am in Brussels, and working at the European Parliament as a Political Advisor for the ECR group (Conservative group including the UK Conservative Party - currently). If you see my linkedin profile you will find the many careers I have had since leaving University; including Traffic Engineer, youth pastor, Gas trader, Electricity and Gas Manager, Pastor in a London church, teacher and IT consultant.

The best email to get me on is paul@moynan.com

My home address is Brusselssesteenweg 224, 3080 Tervuren. Belgium.

Happy to make contact with any Old Pharosians wanting to visit Brussels, and see the European Parliament (while you're still members).

Sadly I had no contact with Dave Russel, or Peter Allison. And the other two I don't know who they are.

I regularly visit Dover, as my parents are living in River, and see some old friends on Facebook.

Keep up the good work on connecting the old networks.

God bless,

Paul Moynan.

EMAIL 10

Dear Paul.

Looking through my father's (Leslie George Webster 1932-7) school papers over the weekend I came across the attached photo which is dated on the back in my father's handwriting "Dec 1936".

It was obviously taken on the DGSB school stage and must represent a production of some sort or rehearsal perhaps by the Dramatic Society.

I have carefully looked through the Pharos magazines for 1936 and 1937 and can find no reference as to what this might have been. At that time any way.

The best I can come up with is that it may have been something to do with a school Christmas party.

You may perhaps like to post it up on the website to see whether anyone out there can recognize any of the participants and explain what it was all about.

In the meantime I will try and search further myself but do not have much expectation of success.

With best wishes

Yours

Martyn Webster (1960-7)

WEBMASTERS NOTE.

As well as the following wonderful photographs, Martyn Webster has kindly sent me some old Pharos magazines that until now have been missing from the web site archives. As time allows, these of course will be added to fill the gaps.

Paul Skelton.



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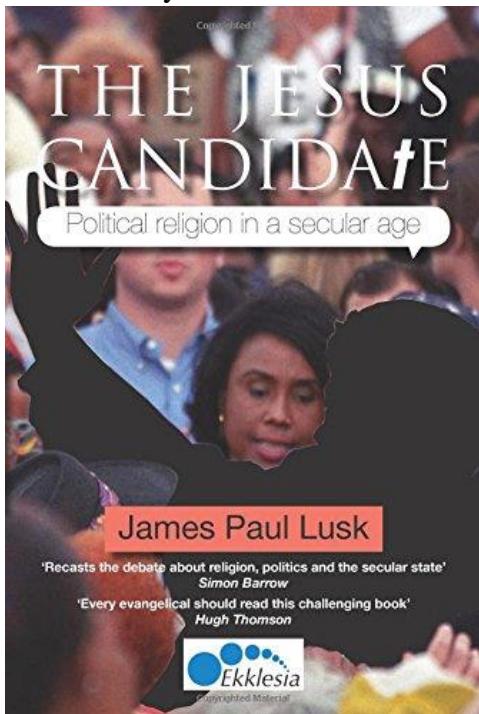


Dec 1936:

EMAIL 11

Hi Paul,

Wondered if you were aware of this -



James Paul Lusk MA MPhil was born near London in 1947. Educated at Dover Grammar School and Hertford College, Oxford, he was a prizewinning Oxford University politics scholar. He has worked for the United Nations, national and local government, citizen groups, housing associations, universities, charities and co-operatives, in a career focused on improving services through community involvement and control. He has written for the national and Christian press on politics, housing and empowerment. He is active in Christian service in Kent.



Regards,
John Catt.

Editors Note.

The following review appeared on the Amazon page where his book can be purchased for £11.99.

In recent years we have seen more and more Christian rhetoric directed against secularity and the liberal state in a plural society. We hear that Christianity is being ‘marginalised’, ‘picked on’, even ‘persecuted’ by a secular liberalism that is inherently anti-religious. These voices often also wish for the restoration of a ‘Christian nation’ at the level of civil and state power, on the basis that there is a biblical mandate for this and that the idea of a fair, neutral state is a myth. It must either be Christian or, effectively, anti-Christian.

In this powerful book, James Paul Lusk, writing from a socially-engaged evangelical viewpoint, seeks to show why such an attempt at reasserting Christian hegemony over a plural society is wrong theologically, flawed in its characterisation of the liberal state in relation to expressions of belief, historically ignorant of the role Christianity has played in bringing about a secular order alongside others, and deeply dangerous for all who value freedom of speech and action (whatever their religious or non-religious convictions). He suggests that its British advocates owe their politics, at least in part, to the United States’ Religious Right, prominent again in the US presidential campaign and now the presidency of Donald Trump.

EMAIL 12

Subject: Pharos

Alistair: Congratulations on an excellent production of The Pharos magazine, well written and extensive. Thanks. My copy arrived today.

By the way have you read about Phillip Clements, an old boy of our school, who is an ordained CoE priest. He's off to Rumania to marry his young boy friend. He's in his 70s. I knew him reasonably well a few years ago when he used to take services at St Mary's and at Eastry. He has written a book (or a poem) about his polar illness. Takes all sorts

Terry S.

OBITUARIES

Major Dick Hoeren

Dino's Restaurant.

"In Loving Memory "

We would like to notify every one who knew Major Hoeren that he has passed away peacefully.

I know so many people knew this very special person and I am sure like ourselves that you all must be deeply saddened by news

As everyone knows he was part of the restaurant life and never missed an opportunity to enjoy Mamma's cannelloni and a glass of Orvieto wine .

He was a great influence to so many people including those whom he taught at the Dover Boys Grammar School.

I know he will be sadly missed by everyone who knew and so many fantastic memories and stories have been left behind for us all remember.

Our deepest condolences go our to his son Michael and his daughter Jennifer who also lost their mother a short time ago but at least she is now reunited with her husband and they can be at peace with each other.

Our thought also go out to Major Hoeren's grandchildren who should feel very proud of being able to share so special moments with such a delightful grandfather.

Please feel free to post a tribute of condolence or a memory you may have of this fabulous and unforgettable gentleman .

Ciao ciao Major and may the Angels look after you as well as we did.....RIP .



Subject: The Major

Quite choked to hear the sad news about 'The Major'. What memories of those American History lessons, The Major sitting there in some brightly coloured American Football jacket and cap. I think he had a matching combo for every team. He introduced many of us to the sport at a time when it was taking off on Channel 4 – John Elway, The Fridge, Walter someone or another. I still have an LA Raiders badge in an old tin box because of this man.

I recall being stood at the edge of the Grand Canyon many years ago and spotting a chap who was the spitting image of him, even shouting out 'Major, Major'. Alas it wasn't and that feels quite sad now.

The Major was the first person to call me Jim when I was about 14 and its why I am called Jim aged 43!

Happy memories.

Regards

Jim Flack

Newsletter Editors Comment:-

The following are tributes that appeared on the Facebook Page.

RG Magnusson: 19 March

I never met him but as an adult became friends of a group of people he had taught and they regularly told tales of him as a much loved teacher and how you could change a lesson by mentioning baseball. I knew the stories so well I managed to convince one of their older brothers that I had gone to Dover grammar.

Ian- Mary Vickery: 28 March

Sad to hear of the passing of both Dick and Ann, they were our first neighbours back in '75, they were the loveliest couple who were so kind and helpful to us, before we moved to Australia. Condolences to Michael and Jennifer and families.

Steve Fisher: 29 March

A wonderful man and form master. As I recall we had ice cream on occasion. Probably end of term I guess.

Montana Hoeren: 1 April

Thank you again to everyone who has left a comment or memory of my Granddad. The family and I will cherish these forever. Thank you to everyone who came to the funeral also, it was a beautiful heartbreak, but we were taken by the many people who came to pay their respects to such an incredible man xxx

Dave Hughes/Lynne Hughes: 29 April

Such sad news about such a colourful character.

Lynne Hughes:

That is so sad. He was always the gentleman. Whenever I saw him about, he always asked how you were doing.

EMAIL 13

On 29 March 2017 at 08:41 Stuart Disbrey wrote:

Hi Alistair,

I hope this finds you well.

I trust you won't mind my contacting you, but I heard on the OP grapevine that former staff member Maj Dick Hoeren had passed away.

The Major was a good friend to me during my time at DGSB and I wonder whether you know, or may perhaps know someone who would know, anything about his funeral arrangements?

I have heard that it is planned for this coming Friday, but I don't know a time, venue or whether it is a private family affair. If it's not I would like to try to get along, to pay my respects.

If you've any ideas at all, I'd be most grateful to hear.

Best regards,

Stuart (Disbrey)

On 29 Mar 2017, at 15:29, "ALISTAIR GARDINER" wrote:

Stuart,

I heard in time to record Dick's death in the Newsletter but know no details of the funeral.

However, if you could phone Malcolm Grant he would probably know as he only lives five doors away.

Alistair.

Subject: Re: Major Dick Hoeren

Thanks Alistair. I'm currently in Norway, hoping to be back in time.

I know Mr Grant from school days, so will try to contact him - thanks.

I'm guessing I've missed the boat with that pic of Tony Manners I promised you - in which case, apologies. Was only recently able to lay hands on it. Will have to see if I have any pics of Maj Hoeren, but I think not.

Did your time at DGSB cross over with his? He was certainly quite a character!

Best,

Stuart Disbrey

BRYAN OWEN.



Stuart Owen: 29 March

Rest peacefully, dad.

Diagnosed with pancreatic cancer at the end of January, dad passed away early this morning at the Marie Curie hospice in Stobhill, aged 69, with me and mum by his side.

I'd like to thank the amazing staff who have helped him and the family over the past weeks. We've been extremely lucky to receive such good care throughout dad's illnesses.

Funeral arrangements are being worked on and I'll be in contact with people about that soon. In the mean time, please look after yourselves and be thankful for everything that we often take for granted.

The Rev. Bryan P Owen was born on the 22 September 1947 in Deal and gained admission to the school on the 10 September 1959.

After leaving the school he took a degree; he also took Holy Orders and subsequently came back to the school to join the staff, teaching English and became the Head of Drama, producing a number of school plays including "The Royal Hunt of the Sun" in March 1977, "The Thwarting of Baron Bolingrew," and "Julius Caesar" in 1983. He was promoted to Deputy Head of the Upper School under Maurice Smith and followed as Head in that post upon the retirement of Maurice in 1987.

He was married to Katy and had two children called Stuart and Cationa. After leaving Dover they moved to various addresses in Scotland and made several trips to Eastern Europe to bring aid to those in desperate need. Whilst living in Dunblane in Scotland, on 13 March 1996 Thomas Hamilton shot and killed 16 children, before turning the gun on himself. This happened in the class parallel to the one in which Catriona was.

EMAIL 14

Rob Neil shared Stuart Owen's post. 29 March · Hawkinge

It seems to be a year of sad news, condolences to Bryan Owen's family. My form master and O level English teacher for 2 years, he did a sterling job.

Newsletter editors note:-

The following have all been taken from the "Old Pharosians" Facebook page.

David Cornelius: 29 March

Sad news indeed. He was my form teacher from 1979 to 1981. He was a passionate teacher. I remember him fondly.

Andrew Button: 29 March

Sorry to learn of this sad news. A teacher who I have good and positive memories of from my school days.

John Allingham: 29 March

A wonderful man. So sorry to hear he is no longer with us.

Stephen Yarrow: 29 March

Very sorry to hear this. Bryan was a great chap, and inspired in me a lifelong love of the theatre. These are sad days indeed. Thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Rich Thomas: 29 March

A true gent and will be greatly missed

Darren Wilmshurst: 30 March

Sad news indeed. An inspiring teacher in both English and Drama.

Jason Rifat: 30 March

Such a shame. Always inspiring, always glass half full. Rip Bryan.

John Sheather: 30 March

That's a real shame. I remember him fondly.

Paul Skelton: 30 March

Not a good year for ex DGSB staff it seems. My thoughts go with those left behind.

Steve Howard: 30 March

My form teacher from 1975 to 1977, taught me English and Drama a bit longer, Many fond memories of theatre visits, school plays, trip to Russia etc. will be greatly missed.

David Waller: 30 March

A wonderful man. An inspirational teacher. Rip Sir x

Kieron Buffery: 30 March

I will never forget the trip to Romania that Mr. Owen organised. A real eye opener back in the height of communism. A fantastic drama teacher too. RIP Sir.

Gavin Shopland: 30 March

RIP Mr Owen, God Bless x

Carl Jepson: 30 March

A shocking year for some great teachers. While I was awkward and shy his drama lessons were great fun. RIP

Steve Fisher: 30 March

Somehow he managed to make drama (which I hated) bearable. I actually almost enjoyed lessons up in the cold mobile classroom. A very gifted teacher. I liked him a lot.

Graham Proctor: 30 March

So sad. Truly a good man.

Phil Bradley: 30 March

My form teacher in years 4 and 5, 1977 - 1979. Got to know him better at the reunions and via Facebook. Very sad news - condolences to his family.

Andrew Jarvis: 30 March

Very sad day. Was in a few productions that Bryan directed. Amazing guy. RIP Bryan

Eric Jones: 3 April

Fond memories of Bryan taking us to Russia around 1980/81...RIP.

Andy Preece: 16 August

The most wonderful and influential man I ever knew... He believed in me and I will never forget him.

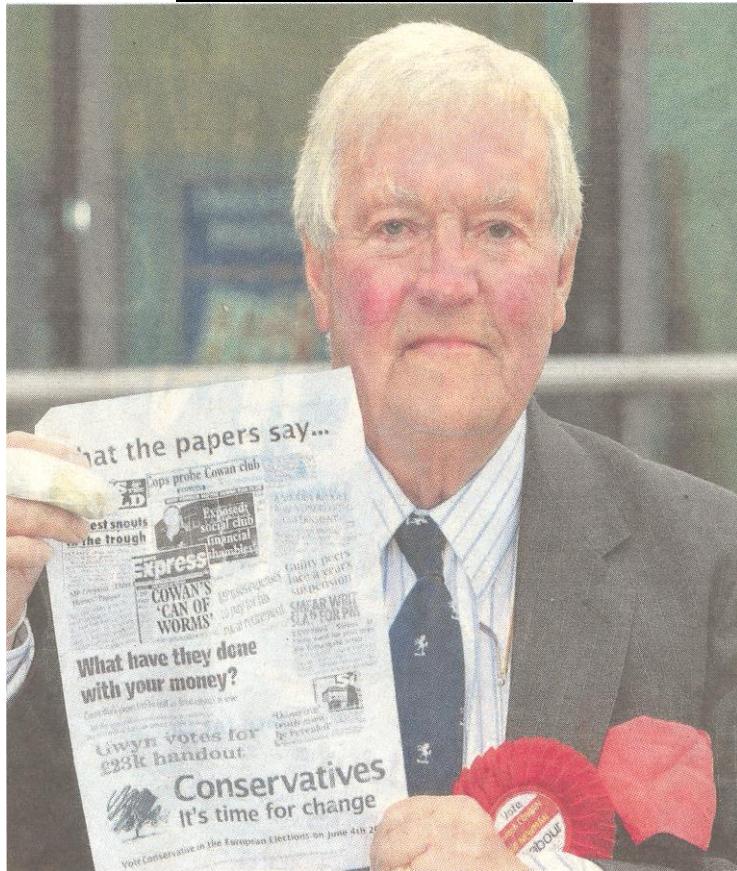
NICHOLAS SANDERS

(Nick) Beloved husband of the late Maura Sanders, sadly passed away after a short illness on the 20th July 2017.

He will be sadly missed by all his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and many friends.

Funeral service will take place on Wednesday 2nd August, Our Lady of Dover Catholic Church (CT16 2AW) at 2pm. Family Flowers only please. Donations if desired to The Stroke Association c/o W. J. Farrier & Son ltd, 161 London Road, Dover. 01304 201665.

BILL NEWMAN



Bill Newman (pictured in 2009) was dedicated to public service

From the Dover Express 10 Thursday, August 24, 2017 by Terry Sutton and Michael Newman.

Politician was a stabilising force for Labour and treated all other parties fairly.

Well-respected councillor and former mayor was ‘character’

FORMER Dover District Council chairman Bill Newman died on Sunday at the age of 89.

Bill was born in Glenfield Road, Dover. He was conscripted into the Navy, and he was very proud to have gone to the London School of Economics to study politics and economics, and afterwards decided to do teacher training at St Mark and St John’s College, London.

He also served as mayor of Dover as well as being elected as a member of Kent County Council repeatedly, following in the footsteps of his father.

In June 1940, as a senior pupil at the then Dover County School, he was evacuated to Ebbw Vale but by Christmas that year was back home in Eythorne for a short time before returned to South Wales.

Before long he volunteered for military service and served in the Royal Navy as a reader.

Like many other young men being demobbed he was selected for school teacher training and secured a place at the University of London'.

He taught in schools in Tottenham where he was an active NUT member, organising all the socials. Due to his father he was always involved in politics - even as a 17-year-old schoolboy he travelled alone to London to attend a conference on “World Citizenship after the War” in 1944, with speakers including the young Barbara Castle and Government minister Herbert Morrison.

While teaching at Archer’s Court School he was secretary of Dover NUT for five years, organising and hosting Sir Ronald Gould, national president of the NUT in 1962.

He waited for his children to grow up before entering into fulltime politics to focus on his family.

He was never an extremist and this was evident when he played a role in helping to select candidates who were to stand for Parliamentary election.

William "Bill" Newman was mayor of Dover in 1989, a year when the Berlin Wall came down and the IRA blew up the barracks at Deal, killing 11 Royal Marines.

His knowledge, experience, wide reading, study and passion for politics throughout his lifetime contributed to his qualities as an active local politician later in life.

As chairman of Dover District Council from 1997 to 1999 Bill was appreciated for his political fairness to all sides at a time when there was plenty of argument in the council chamber.

Bill's death on Sunday was reported the same day to the congregation at St Mary's Church where he worshipped regularly until ill health in recent months kept him at his home at River.

The Reverend John Walker of St Mary's said of Bill: "He was such a character."

He is survived by his wife Jean and his sons.

From Councillor Keith Sansum, friend and colleague of Old Pharosian Bill Newman.

What was Bill Newman to you?

Some he was Mayor of Dover Others council chairperson others our teacher.

Of course also family man But to me he was a close friend.

When I joined the Labour party over 30 years ago Bill took me under his wing.

Joining a party for the first time was quite a challenge, but bill encouraged me throughout my time with him. In my early days speaking nervously at council meetings, when i sat down he would whisper words of encouragement.

I was lucky enough to serve with Bill on Dover District, and Kent county councils, where Bill was one of the most respected councillors, respected by all parties.

We used to go into secondary schools to talk about politics, and where pupils usually switch off by the title, Bill was so enthusiastic, they all became very interested and listened.

Bill was an expert on the county councils education.

And fought to keep St Radigunds school open (and won)

In this campaign, through bills respect, he had to change the minds of 2 conservatives to stop the school closure, and go to public consultation, through his passionate speech he managed this, and fought at further meetings for the school which I was proud to be part of.

Bill also took me over to Calais with the charter trustees at the time to show me how his own party members acted when in Calais.

It was an eye opener.

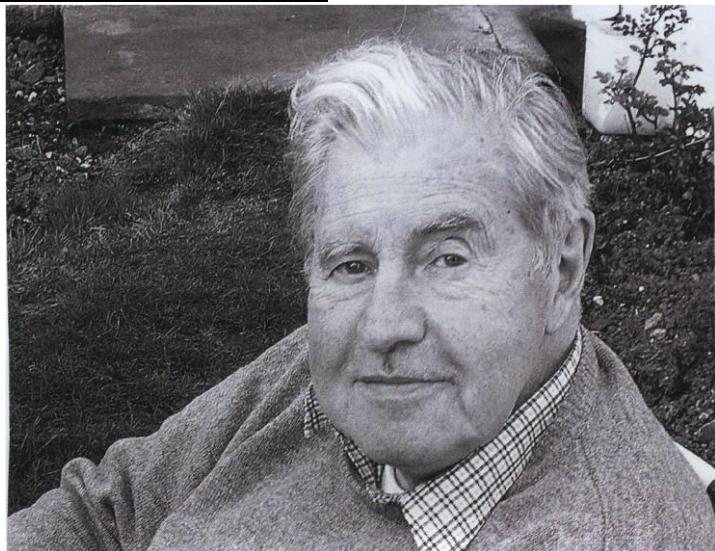
Bill in his usual way spoke very little French, but throughout all the day with the Calais Mayor he spoke in broken French which the mayor was so pleased he made the effort.

Bill fought for all, never frightened to speak out, and to show he had life outside of politics, visiting his wife Jean recently, she discovered a drawer full of short love poems to her, very moving, he did one each few weeks, very short, but moving.

Local politics has lost one of it's most respected councillors

CHARLES GILBERT BENSON

27 October 1933 – 21 June 2017.



Above photo showing Charles Benson from the panoramic photo of 1983, and after retirement

As you may know, Charles suffered a serious stroke on 5 June and died on the morning of Wednesday 21st June. Robert and I stayed with him all night and happily we were with him when he finally passed away.

We do hope that you will be able to join us for our service of Celebration for Charles' happy life, which will be held at 1pm on Friday 7th July. This will be held in All Saints Church at Waldershare, next door to the home that he loved so much. Afterwards you are invited to the Cider Works for a light buffet lunch and to take the opportunity to drink a toast to his memory.

The Cider Works is situated on the Sandwich Road, a couple of hundred metres from the church and rectory. They have kindly offered their parking facilities, as parking adjacent to the church and our drive is limited.

If you need help in finding us, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I do hope you will be able to join us, and should be grateful to know, for catering purposes, whether you can accept this invitation.

Charles was born in Italy in 1933 and was fluent in Italian and moved to England just before the start of WW2, started at the school in 1975, he taught Biology and had interests in the Phoenix Society and Photography. He had interests in Ornithology, Wagner, Opera and was a collector of Glassware. He retired from the school in 1988 at the age of 55, and his son, Robert is now the head teacher of the Dover Grammar School for Girls.

Janet (Benson)
23 June 2017

EMAIL 15

Subject: Re: Charles Benson.

Dear Mr Gardiner

I was very touched that you and Maurice Smith will be able to join us on Friday 7th July.

Even recently Charles was saying how much he missed teaching. With his typical sense of humour, he said it was because only the boys laughed at his jokes.

All good wishes

Janet Benson

SARAH OLVER



Above photo, showing Sarah Olver, in the school panoramic view of 1999, when she was part of the kitchen staff. Later Sarah worked in the school office. She sadly passed away in the summer after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Ben Skelton-Foord

1946 – 1951

Ben died on the 15th of March, 2017 at the age of 81, after a short illness. He is succeeded by his wife of 57 years, Pat, children, Cathryn and Christopher and grandchildren, Simon, Clara and Sebastian. Ben was proud of his children's academic accomplishments and university careers.

Ben was born in Dover in 1935. At the age of four-and-a-half, Ben and his sister June, were evacuated to Wales during Wartime.

After the War, Ben returned to Dover at the age of eight and attended Balfour Road Primary School. Despite the interruption with his education in Wales, he passed his 11+ examination and he had performed so well, that he was placed in the top stream of three. His school reports written by RW 'Pug' Murphy in 1950 and 1951 described Ben as having:

Worked consistently hard and deserves his position. Besides supporting his House in Soccer, he has continued to show loyalty to the Army Cadet Force.

He is developing well, not least in organising ability and his sense of humour and his common sense will stand him in good stead.

He excelled in Holy Scripture, Art and English, and was often placed first in his year for these subjects, and received the Endeavour Prize, which was a copy of the complete short stories of Sherlock Holmes. He played football for the school and was active in the school Combined Cadet Force, in which he was described in his school reports as a 'loyal spirit'.

Senior school taught him about the ideals of the Co-operative Movement and he was so impressed by its ethos, that he left school at the age of fifteen to work at the Dover Society in the Drapery department until he was called-up at the age of eighteen to serve his National Service.

Ben was selected to join the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers during his Service. After he completed his Basic Training, he was posted to Sennelager, Germany, where he worked as a Clerk for Major G C Lee. In a reference, dated 22 September, 1955, Major Lee described Ben as:

Of good moral character. The nature of work requires a soldier of considerable intelligence, common sense and integrity. In doing his work extremely well and to my complete satisfaction, CFN. Foord has displayed both these and many admirable qualities. He is absolutely trustworthy, honest, sober and can be relied on to do any job cheerfully and to the best of his ability, regardless of whether or not he is under supervision. He takes a keen interest in football, fencing, chess and art: has a flair for organising and is very popular largely due to his unselfish desire to help others and his sense of humour. He would be a great asset to any civilian firm. His reliability, intelligence, loyalty and ability to both give and take orders will enable him to go far in his chosen profession and I have no hesitation whatsoever in giving him my complete and highest recommendations.

After National Service, Ben applied for a position in the Drawing Office of Kennex Coachwork in Castle Street, Dover, with a view to becoming a Draughtsman. After which, he was promoted to Assistant Sales Manager. In a reference by Colonel K M Whitworth, OBE, Managing Director, dated 5th January, 1960 Ben was described as:

Conscientious and successful at work, who will be missed by customers and clients alike and I will certainly take pains to tell them how sorry we were to lose you.

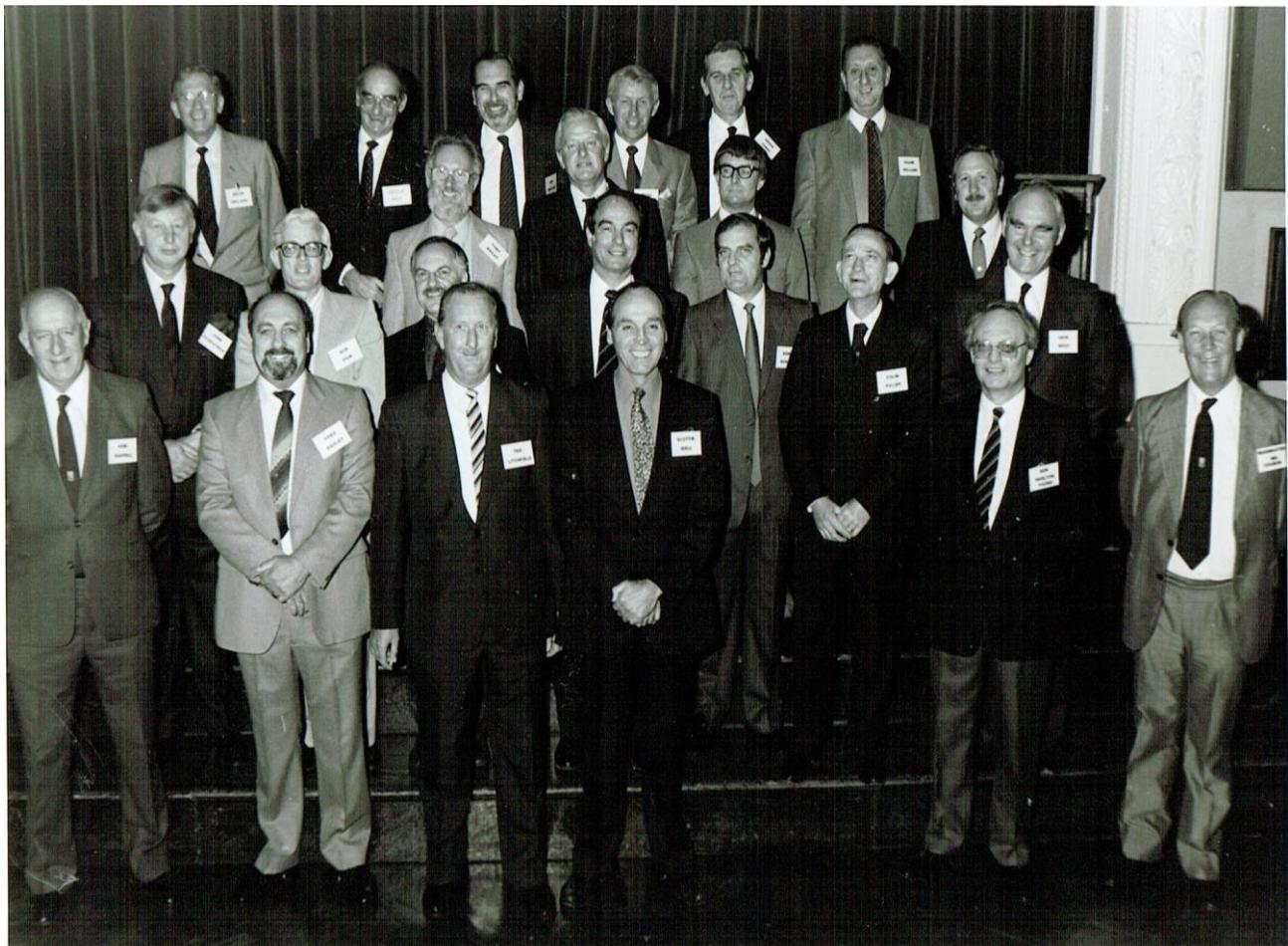
On 5th March, 1960, Ben and Pat married at St. Mary's Church. The Wedding Reception was held at the East Cliff Hotel in Dover.

Ben was asked to return to the Co-operative Movement, to the new store in Bracknell, Berkshire at 24 years of age. He gained promotions to the following Societies: Royal Arsenal, London; Wolverton and Stony Stratford, Buckinghamshire; Rushden and Kettering, Northamptonshire; Dartford, Kent; Warrington, Cheshire and finally as Retail Operations Manager in Montrose, Angus. He retired at the age of 62 and then he and Pat moved to Stafford, Staffordshire to live opposite their daughter and her family.

During Ben's career he was an active member of many charitable clubs and associations.

Pat presented Ben with life-membership of the Old Pharosian's Association in 1970 as a Christmas present, which cost £5.0.0d. Yearly subscription was three shillings for the first year and thereafter, six shillings. Ben attended the 40 year school reunion at the Dover Motel in October of 1986. He supported the renovation cost of the school clock.

Ben belonged to Roundtable in Gillingham, Kent; and the Freemasonry Movement. In addition he was the Chairman of Chetham's Music School Association, Manchester in 1985 and 1986, where his son, Christopher attended, He represented the Co-operative Society on the Warrington Chamber of Trade, his reputation being such that he was appointed President of this organisation in January 1988, a position he held for two years. During his retirement he was a Trustee of the Oddfellows Society in Stafford and a member of Probus, in Stone, Staffordshire.



Meet the class of '46

FORTY years ago — a few weeks before the marriage of Princess Elizabeth — a group of new boys joined Dover Grammar School.

On Saturday, to celebrate 40 years on, 21 of those boys were at the school again for a nostalgia evening and dinner.

Here they are, some greying and different of stature, but still smiling, with former teacher Mr Ken Ruffell (left, front row).

Guests of honour were the present headmaster Mr and Mrs Reg Colman and Mr and Mrs Ruffell.

The reunion was the brainchild of Dover district councilor Ron Miller and Old Pharosians president Dr Peter Burville of St Margaret's. It was so successful that plans are in hand to hold another in 1991 — 40 years after most of them left the school.

The 1946 school entry attending were: A. Bailey, P. Burville, K. Edwards, J. Fitzpatrick, B. Skelton-Foord, C. Fuller, F. Hadley, F. Holland, A. Hughes, R. Ibello, D. Jones, E. Litchfield, J. Maslen, R. Miller, R. Pain, J. Ralph, G. Ruck, J. Sellars, B. Sheppard, J. Taylor, M. Titmus and R. West.



John Charles Thomas ARNOLD

Dear Paul,

I am writing to advise you that my father and former pupil, Mr John Charles Thomas ARNOLD, passed away on 18th September, 2016 at the age of 92. He was one of the pupils evacuated to Ebbw Vale with his brother, the late Roy Henry ARNOLD. It was while there that he met my mother.

I believe that my mother, Mrs Mavis Arnold may already have written to Philip Harding to inform him of this. However, a recent (March 2017) Newsletter was returned to her as a result of confusion over his current address (he was in residential care for the last 2 months of his life) and she has asked me to make contact with you.

For the records, my mother's address remains: Flat 3. Pegasus Court, North Street, Heavitree, Exeter, EX1 2RP.

Should you wish any further biographical information or a brief obit, please let me know. There can't be that many survivors of the Ebbw Vale period!

With best regards,

Geoff Arnold.

John Cairns & Mike Bott

From: Michael Graham To: John Wratten
Subject: Reunion

John,

I did ask you whether you could possibly pick up John Cairns on Saturday. Sadly I have just heard from John's daughter that he passed away on 8 June.

The funeral will be on 6 July at St Nicholas Church, The Street, St Nicholas-at-Wade, Nr Birchington Kent CT7ONP at midday. I will be in Brussels at Mick Bott's funeral on the same day.

Sad times.

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday.

Mike Graham.

EMAIL 16

From: Michael Graham To: Scotty Gardiner
Date: 01 July 2017 at 12:13

Hi Scotty,

As promised a brief note about John Cairns and Mick Bott.

John C Cairns - 1955-1961. John passed away in June this year. He had been ill for some time with lung cancer. On leaving school John took an apprenticeship with the RAF and had a long career in the air-force. He remained passionate about aircraft and friends would always receive a card at Christmas showing World War 11 fighters. John lived in Sarre near Birchington and was a regular attender at the school reunions held in Dover. David Diggens (1953-1958) went to the funeral on behalf of the Old Boys.

Mick Bott – 1953-1960. Mick passed away in June 2017 in his adopted home of Brussels. He had been in hospital for 2 or 3 years and faced up to his illness with his unique brand of humour. Mick joined the Customs and Excise soon after leaving school and then entered the European Commission where he qualified as a lawyer. He was devastated at the result of the referendum vote for Britain to leave the EU. He regularly came over from Belgium to attend the school reunions held annually in Dover and would keep fellow Old Boys amused with his many anecdotes. Mike Graham (1953-1960), V A Lewis (1953-1960) and Rick Graham (1955-1961) were at the funeral in Brussels on behalf of his many friends from the school.

Mike Graham.

TOM WALDER

From: John Walder

Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 9:32 PM

To: Old Pharosians' Association

Subject: [Old Pharosians' Association]

My father Tom Walder sadly passed away last week. He was at DGSB in the 1950's and anyone who knew him and would like to attend his funeral is most welcome to do so. It will be at 3.20pm on Thursday 1st June at Barham Crematorium. We are having a beer and a curry at Dover Rugby Club afterwards to remember Dad's life.

BILL BARNACLE



Bill Barnacle, one of the best known main stream jazz musicians in East Kent for more than 50 years, has died in October 2017, aged 90.

Arthur Edward Barnacle was born at Devonport in 1927. He joined the Royal Marines in 1945 after leaving Dover Grammar School for Boys and served in the Middle East and Cyprus. After leaving the Royal Marines he took an appointment teaching maths and physics with the Junior Leaders, Royal Engineers, at Old Park Barracks, Whitfield.

In the early seventies Bill and his sons took up music forming the band Barnacle. He played with other groups including the Bod Bowles band at the Louis Armstrong public house."

On retirement Bill was able to devote more of his time to music and consequently took on his first professional booking in a jazz bar in Zurich which became a regular annual arrangement. His group played every Friday night at Dover's Cullins Yard for almost ten years. He continued playing until a couple of years ago when ill health forced him to stop.

ROBERT (BOB) ADAMS

Bob, former managing director of Dover's leading printers, Adams the Printers, died in October, aged 74. Bob, described in the Dover Express as a "colourful character" would spend his summers at The Gateway in Dover and his winters at his home in the south of France. He leaves four of his own children and three step-children.

Born in Dover and educated at Dover Grammar School for Boys, Bob followed his well-known father Budge, a local historian, into the respected printing business then in Castle Street and Russell Street. Bob moved the expanding printing centre to Dour Street before handing the business over to his sons, joint managing directors James and Charlie.

When in Dover he took a keen interest in the activities of Dover Rugby Club, especially the social life, and he enjoyed live music which took him regularly to the Louis Armstrong public house. It is there where his wake was held following the funeral at Barham on October 27.

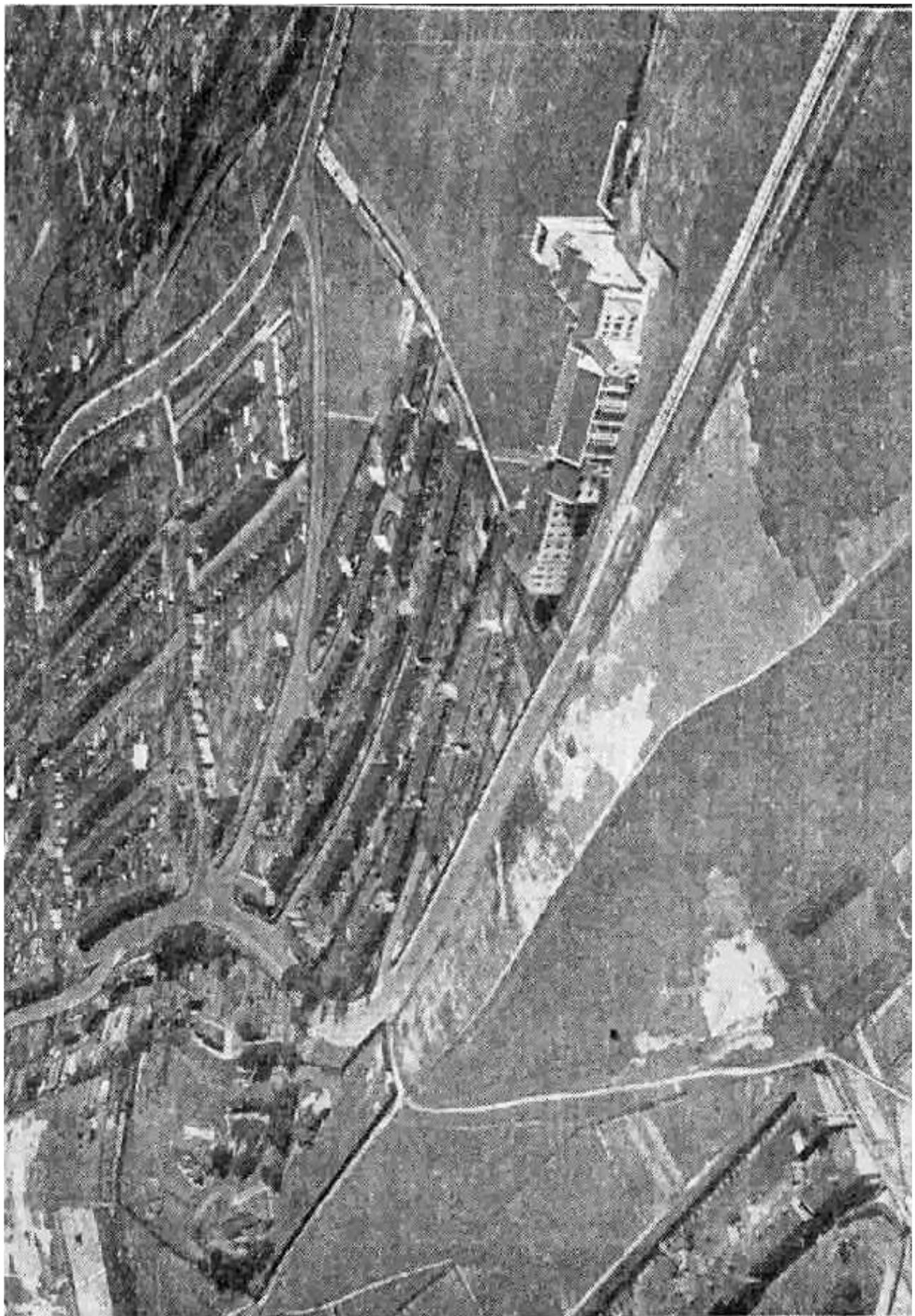
Patrick McVey

Patrick, who died in September 2017, aged 89, was one of the school who were evacuated during the war to Ebbw Vale. He and his wife Kitty celebrated their diamond wedding last year with their children and their offspring.

His daughter in law Julia tells this Newsletter: "Dad was always so proud that he attended Dover Grammar School along with his two brothers Peter and Pip".

Patrick was an active member of his Catholic Church all his life and, as a youngster, was a devoted server and later became an active member of the choir. When well into his adulthood he graduated with a degree.

"He loved reading your Newsletter. Thank you for sending them to him," writes Julia.



Above photo showing a treeless new build taken from the air in 1933.