

Other Items:-

The Honours Boards are still not re-installed at 248 but I am confident they will be shortly.

The Patrick Hutton Memorial has not yet been finalized.

The Philological Foundation continues its good work. I am pleased to announce that Gerald Margolis was re-appointed for a further five years. The Clerk retired in October 2012 and at the time of writing these notes I have stepped down from the Chairmanship to deputy but am remaining a Trustee.

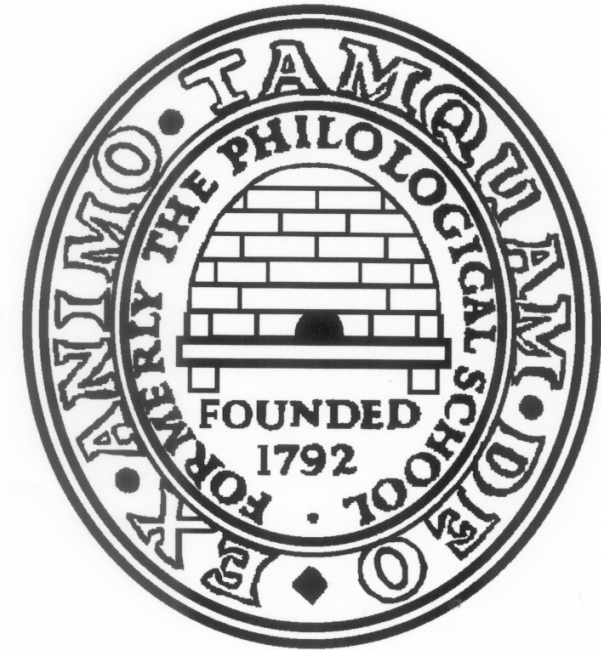
Leslie Payne has relinquished archive duties which pass to Richard Durran our webmaster who has also taken on the editorship of the newsletter. Members should have received the latest issue recently. It is proposed there will be two issues a year from now on. The Committee decided to award Richard a small yearly payment for all his services. I am sure he will do us proud. Continue to consult our website for all news including “breaking news”.

I will conclude by thanking all the Committee for their combined efforts on our behalf. I would welcome better attendances at events to support the Committee and urge members to respond. This way the O.P.A. will continue to flourish.

Peter Sayers
Chairman

15th March 2013

The Old Philologists



**REPORTS PRESENTED TO
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
3rd April 2013
AT 248 MARYLEBONE ROAD**

Committee Report

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since I last reviewed the work of the Committee. I will be brief and I hope accurate.

At the AGM on 4th April 2012 at 248 Marylebone Road once again by kind permission of Abercorn School the President and Secretary agreed to continue in office. Leslie Payne did not wish to continue as Treasurer but would remain as archivist. Omar Harmon assumed the responsibilities of Treasurer. Gerald Milch was elected to the Committee. He represented the OPA at Abercorn School's summer prize-giving on 22nd June.

There were a few amendments to the rules of the Association namely the number of Committee members to be reduced to 8 with 2 retiring each year and the Committee quorum to be 4. In future only one "auditor" would be appointed and the title changed to "examiner". This post will continue to be held by George Hobart.

The Pilgrimage to Forest Green on 1st July 2012 was only moderately well attended but suffered a torrential downpour during the barbecue which the rain covers were barely able to contain. However, the buffet by Leslie, Robert and their wives plus myself was well done and acceptable to all.

There was a disappointing attendance at the Summer Luncheon at the Savile Club on 12th June 2012. Gary Donovan ex-SMGS from the Saracens RFC addressed the assembly. Please try to come this year if the Annual Dinner in October is too late in the year or time of day is not attractive.

The Annual Dinner now a regular fixture at the Royal Air Force Club with the support of Sir Michael Beetham held on 31st October 2012 whilst well attended the Committee always hopes for 100 to be present. The diners were entertained by the principal speaker John Turner (SMGS 1945 - 50) who spent five years in South Africa during WW2. Gerald Margolis was in the Chair.

Secretary's Report for the year
since the 2012 AGM

Statement of income and expenditure for the
calendar year 2012

Report from the Committee for the year
since the 2012 AGM

Secretary's Report

Notes to be read in conjunction with Accounts for the Year ending 31 December 2012

1. During 2004 the Association received a generous donation of £2,000 from Mrs Clara Waters to fund an annual toast at the dinner in memory of her husband, Basil. Mrs Waters kindly donated a further £500 in 2008 and £500 in 2011. The balance carried forward to 2012 was £1297.30. Port at RAF Club Dinner in 2012 was £231.90. **The balance being carried forward to 2013 will be £1065.40**
2. £100 invested in 3½% War Stock 1929-47.
3. Stock of ties -38 (Selling Price £360.00); bow ties - 7 (Selling Price £90.00). A tie float of £11.63 (not previously included in the accounts) has been incorporated into the Secretary's main cash float. The sum of £11.63 has been added to the tie sales figure for 2012.
4. The Association's Books: a number of these were re-printed in 2010. All 5 publications are available for sale plus 2 new books of photos.
5. During 2008, the Association produced Greetings Cards featuring two watercolours by H W Llewellyn-Smith, and reproduced by kind permission of Mr C Bosley. The cost of production was £589.85 and sales from 2008 to 2011 have amounted to £604.00. 33 packs are held in stock (6 school and 27 mill) with a selling price of £165.
6. In June 2011 we unveiled an engraved stone in the Memorial Garden at Forest Green in memory of Ted Mc Neal.
7. The Patrick Hutton Memorial Fund of £750 is included in this figure.
8. The annual subscription cost is £50. Subscription for 2011 was paid in 2012.

First there is the sad duty to record deaths since the preparation of last year's report: David Belinfante (44 - 51), Henry Doughty (staff 52 - 63), Derek Downham (45 - 51), Brian Evans (50 - 58), Eric Hobsbawm (33 - 36), S. J. Partington (47 - 52), Peter Perrow (38 - 43), Kenneth Ponton (33 - 38), Roy Porritt (35 - 40), Donald Smart (31 - 37), Michael Trimnell (51 - 58), and Victoe Viridi (66 - 71). Also there appeared in the press an obituary of John Abbott, who taught English at SMGS in the 1960s.

Eighteen of the twenty places booked for the Savile Club Luncheon on 12th June were filled. Three members of the Saracens Rugby Club joined us and two of them spoke about the club and its association with SMGS.

The visit to Forest Green on 18th July was marred by weather even worse than that in the previous year. About forty members and friends attended and Leslie Payne, Robert Tims and Peter Sayers did their usual wonders with refreshments. We would especially wish to thank Frances and Leslie Payne and Bridget and Robert Tims for all the work they have done for many years for our days at Forest Green.

For the Annual Dinner at the RAF Club on 31st October eighty three places were booked and the attendance was seventy nine. Gerald Margolis took the chair and introduced a most interesting and entertaining speech from John Turner.

As always our thanks go to the President, Chairman, Treasurer and all committee members who contribute so much to the life of the association.

Peter Walter

10th March 2013

