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This form of the newsletter is sent to all members of the ON Society for whom we have an email address. The postal version of the newsletter is sent in a different format [two columns]. We have email addresses for the vast majority of of the membership. Currently there are about 145 newsletters sent out by post so the cost to the Society is over £100 now that the cost of a second class stamp is 75p. The Committee would be grateful if you are in contact with a member of the Society who receives the newsletters by post and for whom you have an email to send the email address to the Secretary provided, and ONLY PROVIDED, that the member agrees to this.

DR KENNETH HALL HEAD MASTER OF NEWPORT FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1981 TO 1990

It is sad to report on the death of Dr Kenneth Hall. He died on Saturday 12th June 2023 at the age of 91.

Kenneth Hall was appointed Head of Newport Free Grammar School in September 1981 following the retirement of Dr Geoffrey Elcoat. He retired as Head in December 1990.

Kenneth Hall was born in 1932. His father was a Solicitor's Clerk in Bedford. He went to Bedford School during and after the war. On leaving Bedford School he, like all young men of his age at that time, had to do two years of National Service. He did this in the Army. Within a few weeks of starting his conscription his linguistics skills were recognised and so he agreed to be sent on a course to learn Russian which he greatly enjoyed. After National Service he went to Cambridge to study languages including Russian which was one of his main subjects. Another main subject was German and so he spent a year living there as part of his time as a Cambridge Undergraduate. It was during his year in Germany that he met his wife Dorothea.

Both he and Dorothea were brought up in families which attended the Baptist Church with a very strong Christian faith. Kenneth Hall always made it abundantly clear that his strong Baptist Christian faith formed the basis and framework of his whole life.

Prior to becoming Head at Newport he had taught languages [French, German & Russian] at four Independent Schools in Glasgow, Bishop's Stortford, Solihull and Ashford where he was Deputy Head. Early in his teaching career he

became interested in sailing and so shortly after he became Head at Newport he formed a Sailing Club which proved popular.

From an early age he formed a great interest in and love of the Arts, especially music and drama. He was an excellent musician. This love of music and drama was clearly in evidence from his early years as Head of the School. He was always very much involved with school concerts and drama productions. Throughout his time as Head he was a very strong supporter of the Old Newportonian Society attending all the annual events. He became President in 1989. This support of the Society continued after he had retired and he always made a special effort to attend the Service at Newport Church to Commemorate the Founding of the School and the Annual Dinner.

He was in his final year as Head of the School [1990] when the decision was made by the Governing Body for Newport to become a co-educational school. Girls were first admitted into Year 7 in 1993. Kenneth Hall felt it important that a new Head of the School be in place to administer all the detail of what would be involved in the School becoming co-educational and so he took early retirement in December 1990.

Shortly after retiring he moved from the village of Widdington where he had lived during his time as Head of Newport to Liverpool where Dorothea had secured a job. He was very active in his retirement. Whilst at Liverpool he studied at the University there for a PhD with which he was awarded in 1995. After Dorothea retired they moved to a village near Exeter and he worked with the Exeter University Education Department.

When his younger son, Robert ON [81-87] and family went to live in the Scottish Lowlands, Kenneth and Dorothea moved to the village of Clovenfords near Galashiels to be closer to them. They travelled a lot and were involved with short term educational projects in India and Bangladesh. Kenneth's very active life in retirement gradually came to an end as his health and mobility deteriorated. He died peacefully in a hospice near Galashiels. Dorothea was with him when he died.

The family hope to organise a Memorial Service at Newport Church. Details of this service will be sent out to members of the Society as and when they are known.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1. Saturday 7th October 2023:

Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner:

The AGM will start promptly at 17.00

Agenda: 1. Apologies; 2. Minutes of the last AGM to be held [1-10-22]; 3. Matters Arising; 4. Treasurer's Report; 5. Secretary's Report; 6. Election of Officers for 2023-24; 7. AOB

Annual Dinner 18.00 for 18.30: As usual this will be held in the Main Hall.

In spite of increasing food prices we have managed to arrange with the caterers to keep cost the same as last year and so will be £32 per head. Please note that partners are very welcome to attend. The menu is:-Pate and Salad; Home-made Steak Pie; Meringue with Cream Fruits; Cheese Board; Coffee & Tea

As usual no tickets will be issued. All money will be taken on the door on the night. **Therefore it is important that all those who complete the pro-forma on page 5 to say they will attend do actually turn up on the night so that the Secretary can give accurate numbers to the caterer. It is also important that no one turns up on the night without first informing the Secretary of their intention to do so.** If you wish to attend, please complete the pro-forma on page 5 and return it to the ON Society Secretary at the school as soon as possible but no later than Monday 2nd October 2023. In recent years round tables have been used and those of a particular year are put on the same table. A vegetarian main course can be provided for anyone who requires it.

There were only 35 people who attended the Annual Dinner last year [2022]. This may have been due to the fact that some ONs were worried about Covid and certainly at least two ONs could not attend at the last minute because they had been in contact with someone who had the infection. The Committee therefore hope that this year as many ONs [plus partners] will attend. Please make a note of the date.

2. Sunday 21st January 2024, 9.30 am: Church Service to Commemorate Foundress Day:

3. Friday 23rd February 2024, 8.00 pm onwards: Gathering of ONs at the Coach and Horses, Newport. It is always a thoroughly enjoyable occasion and worth making the effort to attend if only for a short time.

4. Saturday 20th April 2024: Annual Football, Mixed Hockey and Cross Country Matches against the Academy:

5. Sunday 23rd June 2024: 11.00 am Annual Netball Match v Academy 14.00 pm the Annual Cricket Match v the Academy:

Further information and confirmation of dates about all the sporting fixtures between the Academy and the ONs in 2024 will be given in the December Newsletter.

REPORTS:

1. Church Service to Commemorate the Founding of the School 22-2-23:

This service was well attended with a good number of ONs present. The highlight of the service was an excellent drama presentation by a number of students from the School which depicted the Founding of the School by Dame Joyce Frankland in 1588 which was very well received by all members of the congregation. This Drama Presentation had been extremely well organised by the Head of Drama at the Academy, Raessa Aniff. The service was led by the vicar of Newport, Rev Peter Allen, who is highly supportive of the connection between the Church and the Academy. Light refreshments were provided after the service.

2. Cross Country Race between the Academy and the ONs 22-4-23: For the first time in several years the ONs won this race by 34 to 44 points. The individual winner, for the 13th consecutive time, was Andrew Mynott [87-94] in an excellent time of 17 mins and 57 secs. The Old Buggers Cup, awarded to the oldest ON taking part who has not won it before, was won by Les Page [69-76]. The following ONs also took part:- Matt Cowell [84-91]; George Stowell [76-83]; Adrian Day [69-76]; Kerry Harrington; Lee Gamble [2005-]; Colin Almond [Staff]

3. Annual Women's Hockey Match ONs v The Academy [22-4-23]: This was a very close game which the ONs eventually won by 3 goals to 2. The following played for the ONs:- Victoria Hill [11-18]; Emily Hartle [08-13]; Rebecca Dale [11-18]; Brittany Esterhuizen [14-16]; Kristina Cox [07-15]; Molly Hood [17-22]; Holly Diggins [17-22]; Georgiana Coote [05-12]; Alicia Bohannon [06-11]

4. Annual Football Match ONs v The Academy [22-4-23]: This was a very close game played in a good spirit by both sides. The ONs eventually won by 6 goals to 4 having been behind for much of the game. The following played for the ONs:- Michael Wheelhouse [09-16]; Spencer Hill [09-16]; David Potter [09-17]; Dan Grindrod [Staff]; Simon Brooker [22-]; Luca Manino [15-22]; Carlos Areas

5. Annual Men's Hockey Match ONs v Academy [22-4-23]: The ONs fielded a strong team and although the ON team played really well the Academy won by 4 goals to 2. The following played for the ONs:- Spencer Hill [09-16]; David Potter [09-17]; Matt Patmore [05-12]; Edward Doust [07-14]; Keir Tait [12-17]; Michael Wheelhouse [09-16]; Archie Norman [12-19]; Alex Shutes [01-08]

Annual Mixed Hockey Match ONs v Academy [25-6-23]: This was a very close game played in an excellent spirit which the ONs eventually won by 3 goals to 2. The following played for the ONs including substitutes:- George Toynton [07-11]; Amelia Skinner [17-22]; Molly Hood [17-22]; Daisy Collett [15-20]; Daisy Barnes [15-20]; Rebecca Dale [11-16]; Alexander Newitt [11-16]; Emily Hartle [08-13]; Keir Tate [12-17]; Maddy Barker [12-17]; Hugo Coldough [14-19]; George Eldrett [10-15]; Andrew Smith [08-13]; Halle Diggins [17-22]

Annual Netball Match ONs v Academy [25-6-23]: Because a number of people dropped out at the last minute it was decided to play this as a 5 a side match. The ONs won by score of 18 to 10. The match would have been much closer had the Academy Shooters made the most of a number of excellent opportunities to score. The following played for the ONs:- Cami Sepulvede [04-09] Emily Abrey [08-13] and Staff Members Steph Dunlop; Jacqui Cully; Lisa Dunlop;

8. Annual Cricket Match ONs v Academy [25-6-23]:- Sadly this match had to be cancelled as it proved impossible to get sufficient players. This is proving to be the case for all ONs v Academy sporting fixtures. The reason is that most of those who would normally be involved, both ON and Academy players, are committed to playing for their clubs on Saturdays and Sundays. It has therefore been decided that there will be only three late April [Saturday 20th April] matches in 2024; The Football Match and the Mixed Hockey Match. Both Matches will start at 9.30 am. The Annual ONs v Academy Cross Country Match will also take place on the same day at 11.00 am. There will be only two matches in June next year [23-6-24]; The Netball Match and the Cricket Match. Confirmation of the date and starting times will be given in the December Newsletter. It is because of the difficulty in getting players [ONs and Academy], as

mentioned above, that this year the Football Match and the Men's Hockey Match had to be played with restricted numbers on both sides.

O. N. Society 100 Club: This year [2023] 181 membership 100-Club tickets have been sold which is again a small decrease on last year [2022]. The prize structure is the same as in 2022:- March and October prizes are 1st £100; 2nd £50; 3rd £40; 4th £30. For the other 10 Months the prizes will be:- 1st £30; 2nd £25; 3rd £20. The committee is sincerely grateful to all those ONs who have become members this year. Their memberships will enable the Society to support the Academy in various ways and also help to keep the Society's finances on a sound footing. It should be pointed out that the 100 Club, which has been running since 1992 is the main source of income for the Society and so it is most important to ensure it continues to thrive.

100 Club Winners since the last Newsletter

Date	Prize	No.	Name	Amount
Nov 2022	1	133	S Price-Whittle	30
	2	154	A Fisher	25
	3	22	P Marriott	20
Dec 2022	1	17	P Marriott	30
	2	62	J Maddams	25
	3	130	P Holland	20
Jan 2023	1	209	J Selwyn	30
	2	81	P Dicks	25
	3	191	J Golding	20
Feb 2023	1	155	R Reynolds	30
	2	118	J Dudley	25
	3	60	F Coombe	20
Mar 2023	1	237	A Bubien	100
	2	239	S Price-Whittle	50
	3	214	R Bedford	40
	4	201	M Stevens	30
Apr 2023	1	61	F Coombe	30
	2	113	J Jewitt	25
	3	116	G Stowell	20
May 2023	1	40	N Jewitt	30
	2	185	M Rushmer	25
	3	80	P Dicks	20
June 2023	1	176	J Lee	30
	2	236	I Mcdonald	25
	3	157	A Fisher	20

Deaths:

The following deaths have been reported to the Secretary since the last newsletter:

Tom Pimblett [1934-42]; Robert Reed [1957-62]

Dr Tom Pimblett entered Newport from Stansted Primary School in 1934. He was Senior Prefect and Captain of the 1st XI Cricket Team. He obtained his Higher School Certificate in 1942 and went on to study medicine at Kings College Hospital in London. He specialised in Anaesthesia. He 1958 he emigrated to Canada and became a Fellow of the Canadian Royal College of Physicians in 1972. He did come to two or three of the Annual Dinners when he came back to the UK on visits. He had three elder brothers all of whom attended Newport. He died four weeks short of his 100th Birthday in January 2023.

Robert Reed came to Newport in 1957 from Chrishall Primary School. He left after O Levels in 1962. He died in January 2022.

Prints of the Academy

Martin Tomlinson [64-69] still has prints of his pencil sketch of the Academy available. The cost is £19 which includes postage & packaging. If you would like to purchase a print please complete the pro-forma below.

**Proforma for attending the Annual Dinner
Saturday 7th October 2023**

I will definitely attend the Annual Dinner on Saturday 7th October 2023

Name [Block Capitals] _____

Postal Address [Block Capitals] _____

Email address _____

Years you attended the school _____

Signed _____

Name of partner [if attending] _____

Please return to the ON Secretary at the Academy [address is below] as soon as possible but no later than Monday 2nd October 2023. Returning this proforma will be taken as a guarantee [emergencies excepted] that you will attend so that correct number can be given to the caterer. Please inform the ON Secretary of any special dietary requirements

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PROFORMA FOR PURCHASING PRINTS

Please send me _____ **Print[s] [cost is £19 per Print including postage and packaging]**

I enclose a cheque for _____ **pounds made payable to the O N Society**

Name [Block Capitals] _____

Postal Address [Block Capitals] _____

Email address _____

Please send this order to Martin Tomlinson, 21, Greenacres, Duxford, Cambridgeshire CB22 4RB