



# OLD COLCESTRIAN SOCIETY

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24 May 2010

Dear OC,

I have pleasure in enclosing the Spring newsletter of The Old Colcestrian Society. This issue contains a number of different items of information – including details of how to sign up for Reunion Day, which will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July at the School. This year the School's First XI will be playing against Bedford Modern, and the afternoon of Reunion Day will be held at the field. We look forward to seeing many of you there for what promises to be a great day. We have also confirmed dates for the Annual Dinner and London Dinner.

Our membership is now in excess of 1,200 members, which means that the Society has more than doubled in size from four years ago. This is a fantastic achievement – but we are keen to build on this further. If you are still in contact with any of your former classmates who are not yet members, please do encourage them to sign up – we would love to welcome them back at an upcoming OCs event.

The committee has proposed Marcus Harrington OC as President of the Society for 2011-12. Many of you will know Marcus from his highly successful leadership of the CRGSA, which raised over £65,000 for the School during his tenure. Marcus was at CRGS between 1969-76, and went on to read veterinary medicine at the Royal Veterinary College, London. He is the founding partner of Ark Veterinary Centre in Colchester, and has recently been elected as a Colchester Borough Councillor. Marcus is a passionate supporter of the School, and we look forward to the energy he will bring to the role of President of the Society.

Finally, we are always keen to hear from you. What do you want from your Society, and how would like to give something back to our School – the best in country?

With very best wishes,

Tom Guglielmi, Chairman

## **Do you have a new member to sign up? Are your contact details correct?**

If you have a new member to sign up to the OCs, or your own contact details have changed, please contact our Membership Secretary, Elliot Read via email ([elliottread@hotmail.com](mailto:elliottread@hotmail.com)), or by post at Dulwich College, London, SE21 7LD. Members can also submit their details online at <http://ocs.crgs.co.uk>.

## **London Dinner at the House of Commons – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

The OCs London dinner will be held at the House of Commons on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September, hosted by the Hon. Bernard Jenkin MP. Spouses, partners and guests are very welcome. Invitations will follow shortly; for further details, please contact Martin Kent via email ([Kent.Martin@bcg.com](mailto:Kent.Martin@bcg.com)) or telephone (0750 785 8949).

## **Annual Dinner – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

The OCs Annual dinner will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at the School. The OCs rugby match versus the School will also be held during the afternoon. For more information, please contact the Dinner Secretary Jamie McCrudden via email ([jamie.mccrudden@rbs.com](mailto:jamie.mccrudden@rbs.com)) or telephone (01206 272047).

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## Careers evening – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 7.30pm – your help needed!

The OCs careers evening will take place again on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 7.30pm at the School, following a successful inaugural event last year. The aim of the event is to connect current sixth form students with OCs to discuss career opportunities and share experiences, help open eyes to different opportunities and assist students making key decisions, including choice of university course.

The format of the evening will be a series of 'speed dating' style discussions with small groups of current students interested in a range of professions. Refreshments will be provided. The collective experience and advice of the Old Colcestrians has the potential to greatly benefit current students, and help re-enforce relationships between the school and the OCs network, and between OCs themselves.

We are relying on your contribution to make this event a success. If you would like to be involved, please contact Philip Kent via e-mail ([philip.kent@gazprom-mt.com](mailto:philip.kent@gazprom-mt.com)) or telephone (07824 395 679) expressing your interest, along with the profession(s) you are currently and/or have been involved in.

## AGM and Reunion Day – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011

We are again inviting all former pupils, whether or not they are members of the Society, to join us in the annual reunion. We also welcome wives, husbands, partners and friends for the entire day. Old copies of the *Colcestrian* magazine will be on sale during the day. The timetable for the day has been confirmed as follows:

10.00am	AGM - school library (please refer to enclosed notice)
10.45am	Dedication of the new War Memorial
11.00am	Coffee in the main hall, welcome address by Society President and Headmaster
11.30am	Talk by Adrian Wright on History of CRGS and tours of the school
12.30pm	Buffet lunch served in the School canteen
2.00pm	Cricket at school field – CRGS First XI v Bedford Modern
6.00pm	Stumps

OCs are welcome to stay into the evening to meet informally. Please note that car parking will be available via the Creffield Road entrance, and at the School field. Please complete and return the tear-off slip below as soon as possible to confirm your place at Reunion day.

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### OCS REUNION DAY – PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN TO CONFIRM YOUR PLACE

Name:.....

Address:.....

Email address:..... Tel No.....

Number of places required: ..... Guest(s) Name.....

Years at School: ..... to .....

	Number required	£
Reunion day places @ £20 – includes refreshments at registration and a buffet lunch.		

<b>TOTAL DUE</b> (Please make cheque payable to “Old Colcestrian Society”)	£
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A cash bar will be available at the School field, including the option to purchase a cream tea in the afternoon. Please return this tear-off slip together with your cheque to **Nigel Cox, Hon. Secretary, Old Colcestrian Society, Willis Farm, East Hanningfield, Essex, CM3 8AU.**

**The last date for receipt of replies with payment will be Monday 27 June.**

## **GMY Appeal - update**

During the past few months the GMY Appeal has raised some £8,500, from the proceeds of a Memorial Concert, two other concerts organised by Tony Golding, Alan Sharp and Ian Sutherland, the sale of a DVD, "The memories of Major George "Bolo" Young MC MA", and a number of personal donations. Through mutual agreement with the Society, a group of OC friends of George will take over the running of the appeal going forward, independently of the Society.

The purpose of the Appeal is to raise funds for the furtherance of education at Colchester Royal Grammar School in the memory of George Young. The funds will be used for a project in the School Development Plan and for student bursaries. The present aim is to raise at least £50,000 within five years to support the eventual building of a new Performance Studio for Drama and Music. Without doubt George would have thrown himself enthusiastically into such a Project, just as he did with the Mercury Theatre.

At present, due to funding restrictions from Essex County Council, it is not clear when this project will be undertaken, and so if at the end of five years it is still not possible to say when the building of the Performance Studio will go ahead, it is proposed that the funds raised will be used on another substantial project to benefit the School.

Alan Sharp and Tony Golding have been joined by Ian Sutherland, David Sowter, Jim Wellerd, Ray Lindley and John Shrimplin to form a managing group for the Appeal, and they will continue to arrange events and appeal for donations to raise funds. The next such event will be a Lunch hosted by David and Nancy Cannon on Sunday 3rd July – details are available from Alan Sharp (e-mail [alansharp@gmx.co.uk](mailto:alansharp@gmx.co.uk), telephone 01621 892057) or David Cannon (telephone 01206 240252).

## **Record Oxbridge Success - 41 Offers!**

The students at CRGS have broken all Oxbridge records at the school this year, with a total of 41 students receiving offers from the universities of Oxford and Cambridge. 30 have received offers from Cambridge and 11 from Oxford.

Headmaster Ken Jenkinson says, "We are naturally delighted for the students who have come through the rigorous selection process with flying colours. They have aimed high and prepared accordingly, and they thoroughly deserve their success. We would normally hope for 30 or so offers a year but to pass the 40 mark was an outstanding achievement. The competition seems to get fiercer every year. The teachers too deserve great credit for their hard work, and they were ably supported by governors, parents and old Colcestrians in preparing the students for the challenge. It was pleasing to see that students who were new to the school in the Sixth Form, including girls and boarders, were well represented in the group."

School Captain, Karthik Chandrasekharan, who hopes to follow in his brother's footsteps and study Medicine at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge and was one of the 4 students at the school to receive offers for Medicine at Cambridge, said: "It was certainly tough but I was so well prepared by my teachers that I felt ready for the challenge. It is great news that our year group has received the highest number of offers at the school. We've spurred each other on and supported each other throughout."

The Burt twins who obtained 13 A\*s each at GCSE have both got offers from Oxford, Harry for PPE at Trinity College and James for Law at Brasenose College. Ex Gilbert students James Newton and Kirsten Goodridge also received Oxford offers, for History and English respectively.

## **Sport Colchester Sports Personality of the Year Awards**

CRGS students were to the fore at the recent Sport Colchester Awards. Pride of place went to Year 12 student Emily Moore who scooped the Under 18 Female Sports Personality of the Year Award for her fantastic athletics performances at local, National and International level.

Commendations went to James Hamblin (Under 14 boys Award) for his hammer throwing exploits and to the unbeaten Under 13 Rugby Team (Under 14 Team Award). In addition CRGS Old Boy James Crozier also received a commendation in the Male Sports Personality category.

## **CRGS Wins Public Speaking National Final**

The Public Speaking team of Calum Platts, Joseph Milik and Jemima Paine won the national final of the BPW competition in Oswestry at the end of term. They represented London, Anglia and the South East and won the overall competition, with the team from Northern Ireland taking the runners up spot. Joseph spoke on 'Media- friend or foe' and responded effortlessly and eloquently to a range of questions on the topic.

Calum won the trophy for the best Chairman and Jemima won the best Expresser of Thanks. They were allocated to a speaker who was speaking on the topic of 'bees'. Jemima was a late replacement for Oliver May who was in Greece on the Classics Trip at the time of the competition. The team is grateful for the support of Miss Hurley who accompanied them on their long trip to Shropshire and made sure they were well prepared for the competition.

## **CRGS U16s Win Prestigious Cup Competition**

We are delighted that the School has won the prestigious Essex Schools U16 Cup competition, having beaten Coopers and Coborn School in an exciting, high octane final at Barking Rugby Club. Building on cumulative success over several years, the Year 11 squad has enjoyed a very positive season, fielding a total of 40 players and scoring 66 tries in twelve matches.

Their coaches have been most impressed with the boys' willingness to listen and learn, to work hard for each other, and to commit themselves wholeheartedly to every game. After a very successful transition to the 7-a-side form of the game, the squad won the Essex Sevens cup, beating a team from Campion in the final. They also reached the quarter finals of the National Schools Sevens at Rossllyn Park, a tremendous achievement considering the quality of teams on show from the country's top rugby schools.

## **Oxford Wins Boat Race With The Help Of Ex CRGS Student Ben Ellison**

The school is enormously proud of Ben's achievement. It is the first rowing blue for an ex-CRGS student we are aware of. It was nearly a unique occasion for the school as former CRGS student Ben Evans, one year older than Ben Ellison, was in the Cambridge crew and he just missed out on a place in the first boat in the final selection.

## **War Memorial**

Research by the SAS (School Archivist Society) has revealed that there are names missing from both the WW1 and WW2 memorials. Careful research has firmed up the list of names and the new memorial, which will be placed in the Library next to the Memorial Window, will be dedicated after the AGM on 9 July. We have taken this opportunity to include the late additions from under the window and also pay tribute to losses since 1945. It is hoped that OCs will attend the dedication. During the morning members of the SAS will be making a short presentation explaining their work.

The most difficult period to research has, paradoxically, been the most recent. If you are aware of any OCs who died on NS or other post 1945 service please send the information urgently (no later than 31 May) so that they can be added before the day. Also there are two names (Fred Pine and J Sergeant) about which we need help regarding WW2. If you can help please contact [godfreythomas@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:godfreythomas@mypostoffice.co.uk); phone 01206 385024 as soon as possible.

Geoffrey Markham OC will give a talk on an OC killed on active service. The talk is at Lion Walk Church on Tuesday October 4th 2011 at 7.30pm, organised by The Friends of Colchester Museum. Admission is £2 for non-members.

## **Pandora – World Première**

Two CRGS students, James Bowstead and Oliver Wood, have written a new Musical, "Pandora". The first performances of this work will take place in the School Hall on September 14th, 15th and 16<sup>th</sup> of this year.

The Friends of George Young have agreed to provide some financial assistance to this production. Proceeds after costs will therefore go to the George Young Appeal. In view of George's great contribution to theatrical productions during his time at the School this seems particularly appropriate. All those members interested in musical theatre are asked to support this exciting venture.

Tickets - Adults £5 Students £3 - are available from the School office (telephone 01206 509100).



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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9 July 2011 at 10am in the CRGS school library

### Agenda

1. Welcome, introductions and Chairman's opening remarks
  - apologies for absence
  - minutes of the last meeting
2. Chairman's report 2010-11
3. Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts
4. Appointment of auditors
5. Election of Society President and President-Elect for the year 2011-12
6. Election of Society officers-2011-12
7. Election of ordinary members of the committee-2011-12
8. Reunion day 2011
9. Any other business

**NB The motions to be laid before the AGM will be made available on the School's website seven days before the meeting at [www.crgs.co.uk/ocs](http://www.crgs.co.uk/ocs)**

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Hon. Secretary

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# We need your support!



Amongst other projects, the CRGS Archivist Society is creating an index of past Colcestrian magazines, which we envision to become available online. We are also in the process of restoring oil paintings of former headmasters and polishing silver school trophies, which will be displayed in the Library soon. The Archivist Society requires your support in order to fulfil these projects and much more in the future - we hope that you can help us.

To raise funds, we are selling limited edition CRGS mugs with all four House crests alongside the School logo in full colour. Also available is a School calendar for 2012, showcasing the variety of events and activities at CRGS; important dates at the school will also be included for each month.

Please highlight the quantity of each product required in the order form below, and fill up your personal details thereafter. We can post your order or it can be collected from the Reception at CRGS - we will inform you once your order has arrived. Please call 01206 509123 for further information. Please make all cheques payable to **CRGS** or include exact money.

All orders should be posted to:  
**Colchester Royal Grammar School Archivist Society**  
**6 Lexden Road, Colchester**  
**Essex, CO3 4SR**



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**Thank you for supporting the Colchester Royal Grammar School Archivist Society.**  
**Please return all orders before Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2011.**