Email Addresses and Postal Addresses:
As all members of the Society will realise it is very important that the secretary is informed of any change of postal address or email address as soon as possible. It is also important for the secretary to have both an email address and a postal address. If the email address fails then there is a postal address to which the newsletter can be sent. Almost 75% of the membership now has an email address and can therefore receive the newsletters via the internet which, of course, saves greatly on costs, especially postal costs. Thank you.

There are still a considerable number of members who have an email address but still receive the newsletters by post. If this is the case please inform the Secretary of your email address.

The Committee would like to thank those members who have sent their email addresses to the secretary since the last newsletter was sent out.

Padraig Curran [2005-12] has just completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Hull and has written the following article about his time as a university student. He was Head Boy in 2011/12 and is the son of Simon Curran [1976-83] who teaches RE at Newport.

The well-known saying ‘how time flies’ could not be more true. Four years have passed since I left Newport and I can scarcely believe it. In those intervening years I have travelled all around Europe; learnt a total of five foreign languages; lived, studied and worked in both Italy and France; been elected as a Student Union councillor and have finally completed my four year undergraduate joint honours degree at the University of Hull.

I have learnt a great deal over the past four years at University and abroad but the skills and lessons I learnt during my time at Newport have always held me in good stead and I would not be where I am today without the education the school gave me. In just a few weeks I will be graduating with a BA joint honours in French and Italian but the title of my degree only gives a very limited and brief insight into my studies over the past four years. A languages degree is not all French Grammar and speaking exams, it’s a lot more complex than that with various and wide-ranging modules and skills that are tested. I have studied Italian culture modules in which I have learnt about the artwork of Caravaggio, the literary work of Dante, the unification of Italy as well as studying Italian politics, history, dialect and culture. I have also learnt the challenging skills of interpreting and translation, which are two of the
most difficult elements of a languages degree in my opinion. I have grappled with translating poetry from one language to another with all the nuances that poems bring and have interpreted speeches from prominent EU politicians simultaneously and consecutively as well as studying modules in German, Portuguese and Spanish to gain a solid knowledge of those important languages. I firmly believe that the passion and enthusiasm of my teachers at Newport, most notably Janet Strong, inspired me to study languages at university and gave me a passion for learning about and understanding foreign cultures.

Looking back over the past four years of my life at university, it’s hard to believe how far I have come. I can vividly remember the long drive up to Hull and then being dropped off by my parents at my new room in the halls of residence which I lived in during my first year before timidly venturing out of my room to begin a new chapter of my life. I found the transition into my first year university work to be very smooth which made it a lot easier to settle into university life with all the trials and tribulations that go with it. Away from academic life, I continued my work as a football referee, which has proven to be a great way to earn money throughout my time at university, I joined numerous societies and sports clubs and I was elected President of the German Society, which promoted German language and culture events. I also fought an election campaign and was fortunate enough to be elected to serve on the student union council, which I did during my second year.

When I returned to university after the long summer break, I found that the pressure had increased substantially. New assignments and deadlines seemed to appear every week and I began work to organise my year abroad which is a compulsory element of the degree course. The amount of work that was required to organise my year abroad was immense and at times it was incredibly hard to juggle my academic work and organising my year abroad while still trying to maintain a social life away from my studies. The hard work paid off in the end though and I successfully completed my second year while learning new skills and gaining a lot of experience through my role as a student union councillor in which I was tasked with making important financial and social decisions on behalf of my fellow students.

My third year began in July in the southern Italian town of Sorrento where I began the year abroad element of my degree. As the weeks progressed, I moved up to a small town on the outskirts of Verona where I worked as an au pair until September when I moved to the town of Spilimbergo in the north-east corner of Italy. I was due to start a university course in nearby Trieste but the search for accommodation in the city was proving challenging, as unfortunately halls of residence are not very common. The family that I stayed with in Spilimbergo is one that I met and stayed with a few years ago when I took part in the Italian exchange at Newport and the friendship I built a few years ago stood me in good stead as the family’s help in organising accommodation was invaluable. I spent six months living and studying in Trieste and enjoyed the chance to travel not just around Italy but also to nearby Slovenia and even to Switzerland. In January I moved to Lyon in France and again studied at the university there while meeting new people from all over the world and exploring new places. The year abroad really was challenging at times and a steep learning curve but looking back, it was a great experience. Moving back to Hull in September last year was quite a strange feeling. The majority of my friends had graduated in the summer and so I think most linguists suddenly felt a little bit lonelier.

Of course, the final year is the most intense and nothing could have prepared me for the workload and nature of the challenge. A languages degree contains many different components as I have already mentioned but this means that we are constantly kept busy by exams and assignments throughout the year, which students of some other subjects don’t have to grapple with. Just a few days ago, I completed my final exam of my undergraduate degree and it feels like a weight has been lifted from my shoulders. After four years of hard graft and effort, the only thing I can do now is wait for my results which will come out in a couple of weeks but one thing is for sure, I have achieved a lot since I first set foot in that hall of residence and for that, at least, I can be proud.

Padriag Curran [2005-12]
Forthcoming Events
1. Saturday 1st October 2016: 18.00 Annual General Meeting at the Academy in room A4 [off the corridor opposite the main hall]. Please note that the AGM will start promptly at 18.00. Agenda:-
   5. Secretary’s Report; 6. Election of Officers for 2016-17; 7. Associate Membership; 8. AOB; The President Designate for 2016-17 is Gordon Farquhar, the Principal of the Joyce Frankland Academy.

2. Saturday 1st October 2016: 19.00 for 19.30: Annual Dinner in the Main Hall at the Academy
   The cost will be £27 per head [the first increase in price for three years]. The menu is:- Terrine of Pork and Chicken with Plum & Apple Chutney and Melba Bread; Supreme of Chicken with Lardons of Bacon and Mushroom on a Red Wine Jus served with fresh vegetables and Potatoes; Raspberry Cheese Cake with Fruit Coulis; Cheese Board; Coffee and 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 8 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, and the committee hope that as many ONs as possible will do so, please complete the pro-forma [page 7] and return it to the ON Society Secretary at the Academy as soon as possible but no later than Friday 23rd September 2016. In recent years round tables have been used and those of a particular year are put on the same table. Please inform the Secretary if you have any special dietary requests or you require a vegetarian meal.

3. Sunday 22nd January 2017, 11.00am: Church Service to Commemorate Foundress Day: This service has now become an established part of the ON Society calendar. It has always been strongly supported by members of the society, Newport PCC and those who attend St. Mary’s Church in Newport. The vicar of Newport, the Rev. Neil McLeod is highly supportive of this service and very keen to get current members [staff and students] of the Academy involved. Further details will be given in the December newsletter when the date will be confirmed.

4. Saturday 29nd April 2017: Annual Football, Hockey and Cross Country Matches against the Academy: The Football Match will start at 10.15am and the Cross Country Match at 11.00 am. The women’s hockey match will start at 9.15am and the men’s hockey match at 10.30 am.

5. Sunday 25th June 2017: 11.00 Annual Mixed Hockey Match v the Academy; 14.00 the Annual Cricket match v the Academy:
   Further information about all the sporting fixtures between the Academy and the ONs will be given in the December Newsletter.

Reports and Results

Friday 20th February 2016: Gathering of ONs at the Coach and Horses, Newport
This was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion. Some 15 ONs turned up on the night including some who had never been to this occasion before. The following list some of those who attended this year:- Jon Dudley [61-67]; Martin Szaj [61-68]; Andy Melvin [69-76]; Ian Tweed [61-68]; Rodney Marsh [61-67]; Simon Price-Whittle [62-66]; Keith Huddleston [64-02]; John Attelsey [45-50]; Adrian Day [69-76]; Will Gemmill [77-84]

Sunday 24th January 2016: Church Service to Commemorate Foundress Day: This was very well supported by ONs as well as the regular attenders at the 11.00 morning service at St. Mary’s Church, Newport. A group of Academy students were very much involved in the service performing items of music, both singing and instrumental. All agreed that the quality of their performances was excellent. The Secretary of the Society gave the address in which he pointed out the Christian virtues of Dame Joyce Frankland and her generosity in using some of her considerable wealth to Found the Academy.

Saturday 25th April 2015: ONs v Academy Matches
1. Annual Football Match
   This was an excellent game which the ONs won by one goal to nil. The match was finely balanced and played in an excellent spirit. All those involved either playing or spectating agreed that a draw would have been a fair result. The ON goalkeeper, Andrew Draper made some magnificent saves which enabled the ONs to hang on for the win. The following played for the ON team including substitutes:-
2. Annual Cross-Country Match:
For the first time in many years the ONs won this match by 52 points to 59 points. The individual winner was again Andrew Mynott [1987-94] in the very good time of 19 minutes exactly. There were fewer runners in both teams this year as the London Marathon took place the next day. The ON team took the first four places. Rick Reynolds must be thanked for all his efforts in helping to organise the Cross Country Match. The following ran for the ON team; Andrew Mynott [87-94]; Colin Almond [Staff]; Adrian Day [69-76]; Leon Bozianu [08-15]; Peter Beatty [66-72]; Francesco Rodrigues [12-15]; David Chaplin [69-76]. David Chaplin was awarded the “The Old Buggers Cup” being the oldest ON in the race who had not won it before.

3. Annual Men’s Hockey Match
This match was drawn with each side scoring two goals. The two teams were very evenly matched and a draw was the fairest result. The following played for the ON team [including substitutes]; George Toynton [05-12]; Chris Hollidge [98-05]; Andrew Smith[ ]; Dan Francis [09-14]; Richard Hollidge [96-03]; Andrew Kennedy [staff]; Joe Webster-Davids [07-13]; Edward Doust [09-14]; Gordon Scott [85-08]; Leon Bozianu [08-15]; Ian Stoneham [staff]; Anthony Colclough [08-15]

4. Annual Woman's Hockey Match
This was a very close game which the Academy won in the end by three goals to two. As usual the game was played in an excellent spirit. The following played for the ON team [including substitutes]; Molly Brooks [01-08]; Natasha Cox [04-11]; Kate Robinson [07-14]; Anna Curran; [05-12]; Lucy Robinson [ ]; Emily Hartle [08-13]; Natalie Chandler [05-12]; Christina Cox [07-15]; Rhona Webster [06-11]; Rebecca Burton [04-11]; Harriet Barker [09-14]; Lisa Dunlop [staff]

There were a lot of spectators [Parents, ONs and Staff] who came to watch these matches. It was a highly successful morning which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were present or took part. After the matches refreshments were served in the Hockey Club house as usual.

5. Annual Mixed Hockey Match [26-6-16]: This was a close and exciting game which right up to the final whistle could have gone either way. In the end the match was drawn with each side scoring 5 goals which was undoubtedly the best result all round as no side deserved to lose. The following played for the ONs Mixed Hockey Team [including substitutes]; George Toynton [05-12]; Richard.Hollidge [96-03]; Natasha Cox [04-11] Dan Francis [09-14]; Leon Bozianu [05-15]; Kristina Cox [07-15]; Fraser Hill [05-12]; Rebecca Hill [07-14]; Suzanne Holmes [01-08]; Ian Stoneham [Staff]; Edward Doust [09-14]; Harriet Barker [09-14]; George Anderson [08-13]; Joe Webster-Davids [07-13]. A unique feature of this mixed hockey match was the fact that four members of the Hill family were involved, two playing for the ONs [Fraser and Rebecca] and two for the Academy [Spencer and Victoria]

6. Annual Cricket Match [26-6-16]: The ONs won this match well. The ONs batted first and scored 182 for 6 after their 40 overs. Ian Stoneham scored 73 and Gordon Scott 35 not out. The Academy was bowled out for 129. Lee Gamble took 4 wickets for 16 runs. Given that well over two inches of rain had fallen in the four days prior to 26th June on top of a further two inches since the beginning of June it was a minor miracle that the match was played at all. The following played for the ON Cricket Team: Matt Gibson [09-13] Capt; Rod Thompson [74-81]; Fraser Hill [05-12]; Mark Lichtenhein [73-80] Ian Stoneham [Staff]; Jack Culpin [04-11] Gordon Scott [85-06]; Dan Francis [09-14]; Lee Gamble [Staff]; Tom Culpin [07-14]; Dan Grindrod [Staff] As usual the main umpire was John Attelsey.

Both the hockey match and the cricket match were played in the very best sporting manner. The committee are most grateful to those parents especially Michelle Wheelhouse who helped with the refreshments on both days of the sporting fixtures between the ONs and the Academy. Thanks must also go to Di Reed for organising the Hockey Matches and especially to Lee Gamble, Dan Grindrod and Donna Anderson of the PE and Games Department at the Academy for their tremendous help, cooperation and support for all the ONs v Academy sporting fixtures. The ONs have this year won the Burgess Cup. They won the Football match, the Cross Country match and the cricket match. The Academy won the women’s hockey match. The mixed hockey match and the men’s hockey match were drawn.
**Ofsted Inspection:** The Academy had an Ofsted Inspection in May and was awarded a grade of Good in every category by which Ofsted assesses Secondary Schools in England and Wales. This shows that the Academy is progressing well and is a great tribute to the staff, the Governors, the pupils and all who are connected with the Academy in any way. More details about this Ofsted Report can be found by going online to www.jfan.org.uk

**Prints of the Academy and Notelets**
In 1988 Martin Tomlinson [64-69] produced a limited number of copies of a pencil sketch of the Academy for the 400th Anniversary appeal. All of these were sold very quickly. At the instigation of the Committee Martin [who was President of the Society last year] agreed to produce another such sketch which can be purchased as well as notelets which have the sketch on them. He has written the following about this.

*As a reminder of your days at the Academy, you can now buy a limited edition print of a pencil etching which I was pleased to be commissioned to do. The A4 print is mounted on a hand-cut mount and is limited to just 250 individually signed and numbered prints. Strictly sold on a first come first served basis the cost is just £19.00 each including postage and packaging. In addition, you can buy a set of 10 printed notelets [with envelopes] which feature the drawing. These cost £8.00 per set of 10 which includes postage and packaging.*

If you wish to purchase either the prints or notelets please complete the pro-forma on page 7. Please send your order to Martin Tomlinson. His address is given at the bottom of the pro-forma.

**New Members**
Since the last newsletter the following have become members of the Society:- Leon Bozianu [07-11]; Lee Perry [staff]; Ben Truett [09-16]; Jack Wilkinson [09-16]; Michael Wheelhouse [09-16]; Jamie Gunn[09-16]; Spencer Hill [09-16]; Luigi Rodrigues [09-16]; Francesco Rodrigues [13-16]; Florence Garnham [08-15]

**O.N.Society 100 Club**
The 100-Club has again enjoyed another highly successful year with 223 tickets being sold. Although this is slightly below last year’s record number of memberships it is still an excellent result. The committee are most grateful to all those members of the society who have contributed to the 100-Club and sincerely thank everyone for their continued magnificent support. As the committee felt that the 3rd prize of £15 is rather too low the prize values have been changed as follows:- For all months except March and October there will be three prizes of £30; £25; £20 . For March and October there will be five prizes of £120; £75; £60; £40; £30  The AGM last October approved these changes in the prize values which came into effect from February this year. Over £1000 has been raised from the proceeds of the 100-Club to support the Academy and help run the Society.

**100 Club Winners since the last Newsletter**

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

Peter Newman entered Newport from Ickleton Primary School in 1936. He left after achieving his School Certificate in 1940. During the war he served with the Royal Armoured Corps. After the war he had a career with British Petroleum as an engineer. He died on 28th November 2015.

John David Rogers came to Newport in 1952 from St Mary’s Primary School in Stansted. On leaving Newport in 1957 he became a Quantity Surveyor with a private practice in Harlow. We was a semi-professional musician with a Cambridge based jazz band, playing both clarinet and saxophone. He died on 3rd January 2016.

Alan Kime entered Newport in 1945 from Boston Grammar School. He left after obtaining his School Certificate in 1949. He was a keen photographer.

Dr Cecil French entered Newport from East Ham Grammar School in 1939. In 1944 he won a State Bursary at King’s College London where he studied Engineering obtaining a First Class Honours Degree in 1947 and an MSc in 1949. He was a Marshall Aid Scholar [USA] to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1950 to 1952. On returning to the United Kingdom he took a position as a research engineer at Ricardo and Co the Consulting Engineering Company in Sussex eventually becoming a director. He was such an outstanding mechanical engineer that he was made a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineers. Cecil French was a long time member and very great supporter of both the School and the Society. He was President in 1990/91. He died just short of his 90th birthday on 10th April 2016.

John Fox came to Newport in 1944 from Brigg Grammar School. He was a good cricketer and played for the 1st XI. On leaving school in 1950 he had a career with the Lee Valley Water Company eventually becoming the Computer Manager. He died in April 2016.

Ian Tweed entered Newport in 1961 from Northgate Primary School in Bishop’s Stortford. After taking A Levels in 1968 he took a job with J Sainsbury in their Bishop’s Stortford branch. He was seen as a prospective manager and sent on various company management courses. He was very successful in his role as a manager and became an area manager for Sainsbury’s. On taking early retirement he then took on a part time managerial post with a Builders Merchants Firm in Hitchin. Ian Tweed was a long time member and great supporter of the Society. He became a highly effective member of the Committee and was President in 2009/10. He and his great friend, David Morris [61-68] always ensured that a good contingent of their contemporaries at Newport attended the Annual Dinner every year. He died on 4th May 2016.

Robin Nettle came to Newport from Nazeing Primary School in 1953. He was a very fine sportsman and captained both the 1st XI Cricket and Football Teams. On leaving Newport in 1960 he had a career with the Thames Water Authority becoming a Senior Assistant in the Assessment Section. He died on 5th May 2016.

Keith Ingham entered Newport from Harold Hill Grammar School in 1963. He played football for the school 1st XI and was Deputy Head Boy. When he left Newport in 1969 he went to Exeter University and subsequently had a career in Accountancy. He died on 23rd April 2016.

William [Bill] Morris entered Newport from the West Wight Central School in 1940. He proved to be an excellent all round sportsman. He was swimming champion in 1943 and Cross Country Champion in 1945. On leaving Newport in 1945 he went to the South West Essex Technical College. He subsequently had a managerial career with Ciba-Geigy [UK] Ltd. He died in May 2016.

Roy Kemp came to Newport from Manuden Primary School in 1945. On leaving in 1950 he went to the Mid-Essex Technical College to study joinery. He first had a career in joinery and then in printing. He died in May 2016.

Robert Rowling entered Newport from Great Chesterford Primary School in 1948. He was a good sportsman and played for both the Football and Cricket first teams. He left school in 1953 and had a career as an engineer with British Telecom. He died on 17th March 2016

Up-dated history of the school: There are still copies of this available. The cost is £7.50 to include postage and packaging. Without postage and packaging the cost of a copy is £5.00. If you wish to purchase a copy please write to the ON Society Secretary at the Academy [see address above]
Proforma for Attending the Annual Dinner  
On Saturday 1st October 2016

I will definitely attend the Annual Dinner on Saturday 1st October 2016

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Please return to the ON Secretary at the Academy [address is below] as soon as possible but no later than Friday 23rd September 2016. 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.

Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport  
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PROFORMA FOR PURCHASING PRINTS AND NOTELETS

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