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This Year’s President: Gordon Farquhar [2013-] Principal of Joyce Frankland Academy
Gordon Farquhar was appointed as Principal of the Academy early in 2013. He officially took up his duties as the 26th Principal [as it is now called] of the Academy at the beginning of the Summer Term 2013. He writes the following:-

When the ON Society Committee asked me to be President this year I was more than happy to accept. I know the President’s lunch [for committee members and their partners] is always held at the President’s house but I have already decided it would be an exciting change to have it hosted in the Academy, with the catering students preparing the food. In fact I am pretty sure we can even use the Library to house it, bringing back memories (I am careful not to use the word “fond”) for those committee members who used to face their school dinners there in the past. I am aware of many of the other duties associated with the role having attended as many ON events and meetings as possible in my time as Principal. However, it is with some trepidation that I face the task of writing my introduction in the newsletter; primarily because it is the one job I had forgotten about!

The reasons behind my dilemma are two-fold; as the serving ‘Headmaster’, tales of my own more reckless school day memories would perhaps set the wrong impression and if I am honest, would only really be interesting to me as they are a) not that exciting and b) have nothing to do with the Academy or any Newportians. I could of course regale you with stories of current members of staff, demonstrating to those of you who first heard me speak at the 425th anniversary dinner about finding teachers as colourful and engaging as ‘Spud’Taylor, that I have kept my promise. Yet again, though I would fall short for whilst there are most definitely those characters and tales surrounding my staff I am pretty sure as the ‘boss’ I’m not supposed to know about them! Therefore my post, perhaps, causes a slight deviation from previous instalments of the President’s Introduction. The second reason for concern is considerably simpler and quicker to explain. I would consider myself better at the spoken word than the written. I am by no means claiming to be a great (or indeed short) orator as both staff and students would testify, and I’m sure I'll
demonstrate those shortcomings at next year’s dinner, but I rarely write about ‘me’ or, indeed, have the freedom to express my opinion so this is a new venture. The more critical amongst you will also know I started as a Physical Education teacher so may presume I did my degree in crayon, again questioning my ability to write coherently. For those readers I have two things to say - I did my degree in Education, with a PE and History specialism, and I will ask the Vice Principal (Duncan Roberts, English) to proof read my efforts. Therefore as any Principal knows, it is clearly the deputy’s fault if this is poorly punctuated, doesn’t read well or has anything else wrong with it in any way!

Now I have the excuses out the way, I will move on to the messages I want to get across, namely why the Academy is a great place to learn, work and grow and what I intend to do in my short time as President of the Society. At a recent leadership training event, I was asked to name inspirational people. As you would expect two things happened; people approached this with some conviction in the hope it would prevent more cringe-worthy ice breakers, unfortunately we were wrong. It was followed with a “catch the ball” and “say something unique about yourself” task (in this situation I always state “hating pointless ice breakers” as something unique). Secondly, the usual characters came up; Nelson Mandela, Churchill, Steve Jobs, Major Tim Peake and many other equally noteworthy names were mentioned. For my part I chose to go away from the obvious and named Dame Joyce Frankland not because I wanted to be different or show myself to be the ‘know it all’ nobody wants to sit beside for the rest of the day, but because throughout my time at Newport, I have really come to recognise her as a genuinely inspirational individual. How many of us, I wonder, are capable of taking personal loss and turning it into something which will still be relevant and pertinent over four centuries later? More inspirational still is the fact that this ‘Tudor widow’ almost saw beyond the centuries and provided scope for her ‘schole’ to grow with the times. She coined the phrase ‘for a love of learning’, long before government ministers this century and she had the foresight to ensure the school was for the community and that its trustees were tasked with keeping it that way. She is inspirational, and if no other proof is needed, it is due to her actions that each of you is reading this today. I take pride in the fact that students at the Academy continue to follow in her tradition and be good members of the ‘common wealth’. This year alone students have raised several thousand pounds for charity, they have visited other continents in her name and taken part in humanitarian projects like building bathing facilities in remote Himalayan communities. Our alumni are experts in nearly every field known to man and have gone to some of the best universities and biggest multinational companies. Even this week I bumped into one of our number who is about to apply to join the Royal Marines; it will be my pleasure to write his reference. Being part of Dame Joyce Frankland’s heritage is important to us all. That is why our Academy is a great place to belong and it is a key role for us to ensure that this remains the case for the next 4 hundred years.

In terms of the Society, I believe it is time for us to look at how it will grow. With the loss of Di Reed from the committee we are desperately short of female committee members. At our diners and events too many of us are students from the late part of last century. Our Newportonian fixtures are always well attended so we know the membership base is as strong as ever but we do need to look at what we offer our members. Therefore, I fully intend to use my period as President to look at how we can add more diversity to our numbers, to encourage more links with the current student body and to look at how we can continue to be at the heart of Dame Joyce's vision. For those of you who have ideas and think they will not be considered please let us know; if you are interested in giving something back, contact us, or, if you just want to arrange a whacking great reunion for your year group, we will help. Being the Principal at the Academy is a great honour as is being given the opportunity to be President of the Society. I hope that one day I will be remembered in the same way as previous holders of those same positions such as Doctor Geoffrey Elcoat or Kenneth Hall. Most importantly, I look forward to working with you all and will thoroughly enjoy the support and efforts you all put in to the various events over the year.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

1. Sunday 22nd January 2017, 11.00am: Church Service at Newport Church to Commemorate the Founding of the School in 1588:

This will be the eighth such service to be held at St. Mary’s Church, Newport to commemorate the Founding. The previous services have been a great success and very well supported by Old Newportonians. As usual the service will be part of the Newport Parish Church’s normal 11.00am service of Morning Worship. This service is being advertised to everyone connected with the Academy [Pupils, Parents, Staff, Governors as well as Members of the Society]. The address will be given by the Reverend Michael Crow [46-53].
There will be some refreshments after the service. The Vicar of Newport, the Rev. Neil Macleod and the PCC are very much in favour of this service and of supporting links between the Academy and St. Mary’s Church so the committee hope that as many members of the Society who are able to attend will do so. It will only be a success provided that members of the Society come in good numbers to support it.

2. Friday 17th February 2017: 20.00 onwards; Gathering of ONs at the Coach and Horses, Newport
   More ONs attended this year than in 2015 which is most encouraging. It is always a thoroughly enjoyable occasion. If you are in the Newport area on the evening of Friday 17th February 2017 do please try to drop into the Coach and Horses if only for a short time.

3. Saturday 29th April 2017: Annual Football, Hockey & Cross Country Matches v the Academy
   As in previous years there will be two Hockey Matches. The Women's Hockey Match will start at 9.30am and the Men's Hockey Match will start about 10.45am. The Football Match will start at 10.15am and the Cross Country Match is at 11.00am. This occasion has now become a major event in the Society’s and the Academy’s calendar. Apart from the players many other ONs [as well as parents of students who are playing for the Academy] also come along and support the matches. Refreshments will be served in the Club House [next to the cricket pavilion] after the matches.

4. Sunday 25th June 2017: Annual Mixed Hockey and Cricket Matches against the Academy
   The Mixed Hockey match will start at 11.30am and the Cricket Match at 2.00pm. If you wish to take part in either or both of these matches please contact the ON Society secretary by email [ckh1941@hotmail.com] or by telephoning the Academy [01799 525275] and leaving a message. Arranging for the mixed hockey match to be played in the morning and the cricket match in the afternoon makes it possible for ONs to take part in both matches if they so wish. Tea, to which everyone is invited, will be taken between the two innings of the cricket match at about 4.30pm in the Club House next to the Cricket Pavilion. The PE and Games Department at Newport is very supportive of both of the above events for which the Society is extremely grateful.

Please make a note of the two above dates and try to support the occasions either by taking part in one of the ON Society teams or by being a spectator. If you wish to take part in any of the above matches on either 29th April or 25th June please contact the Secretary by email [ckh1941@hotmail.com] or the following members of the PE and Games Department at the Academy:-
Dan Grindrod [football, cross country, cricket]  daniel.grindrod@jfan.org.uk
Donna Anderson [hockey]  donna.anderson@jfan.org.uk
Alternatively telephone the Academy [01799 540237] and leave a message

5. Saturday 7th October 2017: AGM at 6.00pm: Annual Dinner at 7.00 for 7.30pm.
   Please make a note in your 2017 diary of these two most important events. Further details will be given in the next newsletter which will be sent out in July 2017.

Reports
1. AGM: Saturday 1st October 2016 at 6.00pm
   This took place at the Academy and was attended by 19 members of the Society. Minutes of the 2015 AGM and the secretary’s report for 2015/16 were distributed shortly before the meeting. A statement of the audited accounts for 2015/16 was also distributed to all those present. The Treasurer, Christopher Szaj explained the salient points and informed the meeting that the statement of accounts clearly showed the Society’s finances to be in a very healthy position mainly due to the continued great success of the 100-Club.
   The following elections were made for 2016/17:

2. Annual Dinner: Saturday 1st October 2016:
   This was as usual a thoroughly enjoyable occasion. 55 people attended. This is a somewhat lower number than usual as several ONs had to cancel at a late stage for pressing personal reasons. The toast to Dame Joyce Frankland was proposed by the Head Girl, Alice Padfield and the Head Boy, David Potter proposed
the toast to the Old Newportonian Society. Jon Dudley gave a most entertaining speech in proposing the toast to the Academy. The Principal, Gordon Farquhar in replying to this toast thanked the Society for all their support and then gave a very positive report on the progress the Academy is currently making.

3. **The Old Newportonian Society 100-Club:** As reported in the July newsletter, 2016 has been another highly successful year for the 100-Club. 223 membership tickets were sold, slightly below last year’s record but still an excellent result. The committee is most grateful to all ONs who support the 100-Club which enables the Society to support the Academy in a number of different ways as well as ensuring that all the necessary administration costs are covered. **Current membership of the 100-Club will end on 31st January 2017.** The committee very much hopes that all those who purchased tickets this year will renew their membership for 2017. The cost of one ticket is £12 and there is no limit to the number of membership tickets anyone can purchase. If you wish to join as a new member then please complete the pro-forma on page 6 and send it with your cheque to the ON Society Secretary at the Academy. Please make cheques payable to the ON Society 100-Club. The closing date for entry into the first draw of the New Year is 28th February 2017. Those ONs who are already members of the 100-Club will, as usual receive a separate invitation by post to renew their existing membership. Those who wish to join (or rejoin) the 100-Club please use the pro-forma on page 6.

**Winners since the last Newsletter**

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**New Members since the last Newsletter**
The following have been elected to the Society:- Lewis Bryant [09-16]; Matt Cullingworth [06-14]; Ian Manzie [1980-84];

**Deaths**
The following deaths have been reported to the secretary since the last newsletter:
A C Knightly [65-68]; D C Reynolds [49-55]; G Cox [47-52]; J C Gray [46-54]; P Phelan [49-54]

**Anthony Knightly** came to Newport from Harlow College in 1965. He played cricket for the school 1st Team. On leaving Newport in 1968 he had a career in accountancy becoming group account for Coalite in 1981. He died at the end of March in 2016.

**David Reynolds** entered Newport in 1949 from the Boys British School in Saffron Walden. He was a very good sportsman. He was Captain of the 1st XI Football team and Vice-Captain of the 1st XI Cricket Team. On leaving Newport in 1955 he had a career in the Aerospace Industry in the UK and abroad. He died in the summer of 2016.

**Gilbert Cox** came to Newport from the Boys British School in Saffron Walden in 1947. He played the violin in the school orchestra. After leaving Newport he went to Fleet Street and worked his way up as a Professional Press Photographer. He was often assigned to Heathrow to take photographs of celebrities of the day. In 1959 he started his own business, Cox Photography in Bishop’s Stortford which proved to be very successful. He was a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society and the British Institute of Professional Photography of which he became President in 1993/94. He died on 23rd August 2016.

**Paddy [Patrick] Phelan** came to Newport from Langley primary school in 1949. He was an excellent sportsman and played for the 1st Team at both Football and Cricket. He was also the Junior and Intermediate
Cross Country Champion. On leaving Newport he attended Hatfield and Southend Technical Colleges and obtained an HNC in Civil Engineering. He subsequently became Managing Director of the Doncaster Well Borers Ltd. Before his career as a professional engineer, he was a professional cricketer with the Essex County Cricket Team. He was a regular member of the Essex 1st Team between 1958 and 1965. He was an extremely accurate off-spin bowler and also a very useful batsman. In 1964, the year he was awarded his county cap he took 10 wickets in the match against the touring Australian Test side. He was released by Essex in 1965 but still played cricket at a high level for many more years. He died on 7th July 2016 as a result of a stroke he had suffered three years earlier.

**John Gray** entered Newport in 1946 from the Boys British School in Saffron Walden. He was a member of the school orchestra in which he played the violin. After leaving Newport in 1954 he went to St Pauls College, Cheltenham where he obtained a Certificate of Education. He taught at schools in Essex until 1966 and then changed careers and trained to be a nurse for the mentally handicapped and then a State Enrolled Nurse. He studied for a degree with the Open University and was awarded a BA in 1979. He was a nursing officer in various hospitals and had a number of articles published in the Nursing Press. He died on 28th August 2016.

**Update of the School History:** As reported in previous newsletters the updated school history, written by Malcolm White [1961-68] has now been published. Although a lot of copies have been sold there are still some available from the initial printing run of 300. **If anyone would like to purchase a copy please contact the ON Society Secretary at Newport either by email or letter [see contact details above]. The cost is £5.00 per copy or £7.50 to include postage and packaging. Cheques should be made payable to the “O.N. Society”**.

This updated history of the school which covers the period from 1988 to 2013 has been very well received by all those who have purchased a copy. It is of A5 size and consists of 60 pages with a large number of photographs many of them in colour including a fine aerial picture of the whole school site.

**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 in 2013-14] 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 prints or notelets please use the pro-forma on page six of this email.**
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE O.N. SOCIETY 100-CLUB FOR 2016/17

[Those who are currently members of the 100-Club should receive a separate invitation to renew their membership. This pro-forma is for those who are not currently members of the 100-Club]

The cost of annual membership is £12.00. There are no restrictions on the number of tickets any member can hold. Cheques should be made payable to the **O.N.Society 100-Club**.

I wish to apply for [please print in words]___________________ticket[s] for membership of the O.N.Society 100-Club.

I enclose a cheque for £_______ Name [Block Capitals] ___________________________________________

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Please return the completed form with your cheque to the Secretary of the ON Society at Newport [Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport, Saffron Walden, Essex   CB11 3TR]

PROFORMA FOR PURCHASING PRINTS AND NOTELETS

Please send me_________ print[s] [cost is £19 per print]

Please send me_________packet[s] of 10 printed notelets [cost £8.00 per packet]

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