GORDON FARQUHAR
Principal of Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport

Gordon Farquhar has announced that he is leaving the Academy at the end of the present academic year to take up a new role as Head Teacher at the Royston Schools Academy Trust. He was appointed as Head Teacher [later the title was changed to Principal] in April 2013 and by the time he leaves he will have been in post at Newport for five and half years.

The Ofsted Inspection carried out in the Summer Term of 2012 had graded the School as only Satisfactory overall. On taking up his post in April 2013, Gordon Farquhar showed a very firm commitment to make sure that this Ofsted grading was raised to Good. This was achieved in the 2016 Ofsted Inspection which also noted a number of areas which could be classed as Outstanding. This substantial improvement in the Academy’s overall performance is due, to a very large extent, to Gordon Farquhar’s leadership, hard work and unwavering dedication. The Governors have made it quite clear that Gordon Farquhar’s success in improving the Academy’s overall standing and performance has left it well positioned for the future.

Throughout his time as Principal, Gordon Farquhar has been a very strong supporter of the Old Newportonian Society. He has attended the vast majority of committee meetings and other Society events. He was delighted to have been elected as President for 2016/7. He strongly endorsed the Annual Church service to commemorate the founding of the School and ensured that students from the Academy always took an active part in the service itself.
Gordon Farquhar has sought to initiate the changes which he, the Governors and staff felt were necessary whilst at the same time ensuring that the basic traditions of the Academy have been maintained. There is no doubt that Gordon Farquhar has been a great force for good at the Academy. The Governors, Old Newportonians, staff, parents and pupils wish him well for the future.

Following Gordon Farquhar’s resignation, the Governing Body has initiated a succession plan in which the Senior Deputy Principal, Duncan Roberts has been asked to take on the role of Principal of the Academy from September 2018 for an interim period until a new a Permanent Principal has been appointed. It is anticipated that the new Permanent Principal will take up post at the beginning of September 2019.

Duncan Roberts has accepted the role of Interim Principal and wishes to make the following statement on his appointment:
“I am delighted to have the opportunity to take on the exciting challenge of Interim Principal from September 2018 at the Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport. It has been a pleasure to serve the Academy community over the past four and half years and to support the exceptional students of all abilities who attend. I look forward to working with the leadership team to ensure that the Academy is an inspirational place for students to learn and develop their individual skills”.

Gordon Farquarh has noted the following on Duncan Robert’s appointment as Interim Principal.

“I appointed Duncan Roberts to the teaching staff in 2013. He was and continues to be one of the best teachers it has ever been my privilege with whom to work. Duncan Roberts will bring all his experience as an advanced skills teacher, subject head and outstanding Deputy Principal to his role as Interim Principal. I know he will do an excellent job and under his stewardship the Academy will continue to improve”.

Forthcoming Events

1. Saturday 6th October 2018: 17.00 Annual General Meeting at Newport in room A4 [off the corridor opposite the main hall]. Please note that the AGM will start promptly at 17.00.  

2. Saturday 6th October 2018: 18.00 for 18.30:  Annual Dinner in the Main Hall at Newport. PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIME.  
The cost will be £25 per head. The menu is:- Egg Mayonnaise on mixed leaves; Supreme of Chicken with Dark Wine Sauce and Mushrooms; Meringue with Cream and Fruits; 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 enclosed pro-forma 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 on page 8 and return it to the ON Society Secretary at Newport as soon as possible but no later than Friday 28th September 2018. 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.
3. **Sunday 27th January 2019, 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. **Friday 15th February 2019, 8.00pm 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 27th April 2019: Annual Football, Hockey and Cross Country Matches against the Academy:** The Football Match will start at 11.00 am and the Cross Country Match at 11.00 am. The men’s hockey match will start at 9.15 am and the women’s hockey match at 10.45 am.

5. **Sunday 23rd June 2019: 11.00am Annual mixed Hockey Match v the Academy; 2.00pm 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 2019 will be given in the December Newsletter.

**Reports and Results**

**Sunday 28th January 2018: Church Service to Commemorate Foundress Day:** This was very well supported by ONs as well as the regular attenders at the 11.00am morning service at St. Mary’s Church, Newport. A group of Academy students were very much involved in the service. Not only in some of the musical parts, when they sang beautifully, but also in presenting their hopes for the future of the Academy to build on Dame Joyce Frankland’s legacy. At the end of the service the President presented a cheque for £100 to the Vicar, the Rev Neil McLeod as the Society’s contribution towards the refurbishment of the graveyard.

**Friday 16th February 2018: Gathering of ONs at the Coach and Horses, Newport**

Although only a few ONs were able to attend this year it was, nevertheless, a thoroughly enjoyable occasion. The following list gives the names of some of those who were present this year:- Martin Szaj [61-68]; Rodney Marsh [61-67]; Simon Price-Whittle [62-66]; Keith Huddlestone [64-02]; Roger Bedford [58-65]; Jim Acker [45-50]; David Morris [61-68]; Kevin Dalley [53-60].

**Saturday 28th April 2018: ONs v Academy Matches**

1. **Annual Football Match**

This was an excellent game. The Academy, which had a very good side this year, deservedly won by 3 goals to nil. The match was, as usual, played in an excellent spirit. The following played for the ON team including substitutes:- Henry Evans [04-11] Co-Captain; Matt Abbott [04-11] Co-Captain; Joe Stubbs [01-09]; Andrew Draper [08-15]; Dan Holt [02-07]; Cullum Goodson [01-08]; Jack Dunn [08-15]; Kes Dedman [02-09]; George Templeman [10-15]; Huw Davies [05-07]; Max Buck [05-12]; Seb Baxter [02-07]; Alex Layer [01-08]; Glenn Bevan [94-01].

The Society is most grateful to Henry Evans and Matt Abbott for all their help in organising the ON Football team.
2. Annual Cross-Country Match
The Academy won this match well by 33 points to 57 points. The individual winner was again Andrew Mynott [1987-94] for the 10th year in succession in the excellent time of 20 minutes and 36 seconds given the very difficult conditions. The ON team took the first two places. Lee Gamble and Rick Reynolds must be thanked for all their efforts in helping to organise the Cross Country Match. The following ran for the ON team; Andrew Mynott [87-94]; Colin Almond [Staff]; David Chaplin [69-76]; Sam Higginson [05-12]; Lee Gamble [staff]; Howard Steed [72-79]; Peter Allen [70-74]; Ben McNally [03-10]. Ben McNally 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
The ONs fielded a very strong team and won this match by 9 goals to 1. The following played for the ON team [including substitutes]:- Edward Doust [09-14]; Matthew Chandler [02-09]; Michael Wood [02-09]; Ben Taplin [03-10]; Michael Wheelhouse [09-16]; Matthew Abraham [12-17]; Neil Orr [12-17]; Dominic Bozianu [12-17]; Sam Bushnell [12-17]; Fraser Hill [05-12]; Alex Newitt [11-16]; Spencer Hill [09-16]; George Pitfield [08-15]; Dean Birch [01-08]; Josh Totty [96-03]; Alex Coote [98-05]; Julian Cinque [02-07]; Matthew Patmore [05-12]

4. Annual Woman’s Hockey Match
The ONs also fielded a very strong women’s team and won the match by 8 goals to 4. The following played for the ON team [including substitutes]:- Lisa Weavers [99-06]; Maddie Monroe [99-06]; Kristina McCann [2000-07]; Lucy Moore [2000-07]; Lisa Dunlop [staff]; Suzanne Holmes [01-08]; Katherine Langridge [02-09]; Georgiana Coote [05-12]; Olivia Potter [05-10]; Leanne Baldwin [03-10]; Lucy Robinson [05-10]; Caitlin Phillips-Diggon [09-14]; Harriet Barker [09-14]; Lily Anderson [10-17]; Katie Pearson-McGeorge [10-17]; Georgia Bozianu [10-17]. There were more spectators than ever before [Parents, ONs and Staff] who came to watch these matches. There must have been well over 200 people in total present if those involved in the various matches are included in the overall numbers. 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. All the matches were played in the very best sporting manner.

5 Annual Mixed Hockey Match [24-6-18]
This match was evenly balanced during the first half at the end of which the score was one goal each. In the second half the ON side gradually made their experience tell and eventually won by 4 goals to 1. The following played for the ONs including substitutes:- Katherine Langridge [02-09]; Suzanne Holmes [01-08]; Molly Brooks [01-08]; Georgiana Coote [05-12]; Lydia Michaelides [08-15]; Rebecca Hill [07-14]; Lily Anderson [10-17]; Rose Anderson [14-17]; Fraser Hill [04-11]; Spencer Hill [09-16]; Matthew Patmore [05-12]; Ed Doust [09-14]; Josh Totty [96-03]; Freddie Colclough [12-17]; Michael Wheelhouse [09-16]; Oliver Anderson [10-15].

6. Annual Cricket Match [24-6-18]
This was a very exciting match which produced a nail-biting finish. The ONs batted first and made 203 for 8 in their allotted 30 overs. Spencer Hill scored a splendid 64 and Nathan Williamson scored a very fast 43. In reply it initially looked as if the Academy would lose heavily but a magnificent stand of almost 130 runs between Jack Culpin and Dan Grindrod turned the game around. After Dan Grindrod was out, Jack Culpin continued to score freely and by the time he was out for a wonderful 104 only 10 runs were required from the last two overs with 3 wickets in hand. The ONs bowled the last two overs well and managed to take
another wicket so that the Academy needed to score five from the last ball to win. The batsman on strike scored a four and so the match was tied. Both the Academy and the ONs had difficulty in getting teams together this year because the World Cup Football match between England and Panama had been scheduled to take place on Sunday 24th June starting at 1.00pm. This was a most unfortunate clash of dates. As a compromise it was agreed to start the match at 2.45 pm so that all those who played could watch the second half of the England game in the hockey pavilion. This compromise worked well.

The following played for the ONs:- Matt Gibson [09-13], Capt; Nathan Williamson [2000-05]; Fraser Hill [05-12]; Gordon Scott [85-06]; Spencer Hill [09-16]; Kirsty Brown [staff]; Freddie Colclough [12-17]; Richard Ward [Staff]; Bex Hill [07-14]; Michael Wheelhouse [09-16]; Gordon Farquhar [staff].

**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 Newport, 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 8. Please send your order to Martin Tomlinson. His address is at the bottom of the pro-forma.

**O.N. Society 100 Club**
This year [2018] the 100-Club has not been quite as successful as it has been in the last few years. Even so almost 190 membership tickets were sold. As a result of the lower numbers the prize structure has had to be adjusted. It was decided to change only the March and October prizes. In these two months there will only be four prizes as follows:– 1st £100; 2nd £50; 3rd £40; 4th £30. 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**

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Deaths: The following deaths have been reported to the Secretary since the last newsletter. David Staples [41-46]; David Braham [44-50]; Patrick Salmon [42-49]; Chris Bowditch [52-59]; William Austin [1939-45]; Anne Fanning [71-08]

David Staples entered Newport in 1941 from Meesden Primary School. On leaving school in 1946 he went to Birbeck College in London and subsequently has a career in Laboratory Technology specialising in Biochemistry. He died in 2011.

William [Bill] Austin came to Newport from Perth Academy in 1939. He was Captain of the Cricket, Football and Tennis First Teams. On leaving the school in 1945 and having gained a degree in Chemistry he embarked on a long career in the Pharmaceutical Industry on the Research and Development side. He died on 20th January 2018.

Patrick Salmon came to Newport from Molehill Primary School in 1942. He left Newport in 1949 and had a long career as a postman with the Bishop’s Stortford Post Office and was frequently referred to as “Postman Pat”. He died on 2nd May 2018.

Anne Fanning was for many years a member of the support staff at Newport. She was originally appointed to the position of Language Laboratory Technical Assistant in 1971. When language laboratories in schools were abandoned she became a member of the general support team with particular responsibility for the Language Department. She retired in 2008. She died on 28th June 2018.

Chris Bowditch was born in Bishop’s Stortford in 1941. He was an only child. He attended Northgate Primary School in Bishop’s Stortford and there showed considerable academic aptitude and also much athletic ability.

He passed the Eleven-Plus Exam to enter Newport Grammar School [as it was then known] in September 1952 and placed in Trappes House. At Newport he very quickly showed both his academic ability and his athletic prowess. He was the overall School Athletic Champion at Junior, Intermediate and Senior Level. He was good enough to compete at the All England Athletic Championships in 1959.

Apart from his athletic ability he was a good cricketer and played for the School 1st Eleven. His interests outside the classroom were not confined to sport. He was a good musician and played in the School Orchestra.

On completing his A Level Exams he decided not to apply for a university place. When he left Newport in 1959 he took a job with an insurance company in London. Thus began a long and highly successful career in Insurance. He eventually became a Senior Supervisor with Commercial Union.

He was a long standing and stalwart supporter of the School and the Old Newportonian Society making generous donations to both over the last few years. He expressed a wish to be buried in St Mary’s Church Yard where a number of former members of the teaching staff at Newport are buried. When it became known to him that plans were being drawn up to revamp the Church Yard he contributed most generously to the fund which had been set up to raise the money required for this project.

In 2016 he was diagnosed with cancer of the oesophagus an illness he bore with great courage. He died on 4th February 2018.

David Braham: David Braham’s brother, Robert [Bert] Braham [1953-60] has written the following recollections about him.
David Braham was born on 26th February 1933 in that part of Essex which borders the East End of London. At the beginning of the war in 1939 he was evacuated to Wales with his mother and two sisters. On returning to Essex the family were relocated in Saffron Walden and David attended the Boys British School. In 1944 he recalled seeing hundreds of aircraft, many towing gliders which marked the start of D-Day. This sight inspired him to take up an interest and career focussed on aircraft and flying.

He entered Newport in September 1944. He was a good student academically and showed particular skill in technical drawing and wood work. As soon as he could he joined the School’s 953 Air Training Corps and used every opportunity to go on flights from RAF Debden in a whole range of different aircraft. In one such flight in an Avro Lincoln he survived a crash landing. It was at Debden that he took his first flight in a glider. This inspired him to take up gliding as a very serious hobby. It led to a long career in gliding. He became a Gold pilot in gliding and a highly respected gliding instructor. His National Service was with the RAF mainly in Germany.

On completing his National Service he joined the De Havilland Aircraft Company in Hatfield, Hertfordshire. Whilst at De Havilland he attended Hatfield Technical College and obtained a Higher National Certificate in Production Engineering. In 1974 he moved to Irvin Great Britain Ltd as a design engineer at the parachute company in Letchworth. He retired after almost 20 years with Irvin. In retirement he continued to be involved with his great passion for aircraft and flying especially in aircraft renovation at Duxford.

At his home in Henlow, Bedfordshire he built a large workshop in which he put his wood working skills to good use by building furniture and rocking horses. This workshop was also used to renovate vintage gliders. He was a great traveller and visited many parts of the world mainly via cruises.

He was a long time member and great supporter of the Old Newportonian Society having joined on leaving Newport. He was a member of the ON Society 100-Club from its start in 1992 until his death. He died on 28th November 2017.

[The above is an edited version of a much more detailed one written by Robert Braham. The full version can be sent to anyone who would be interested to receive it. Please inform the ON Society Secretary if you would like a copy of the full version]

430th Anniversary of the Founding of the School
This year the School, now the Joyce Frankland Academy, celebrates its 430th Anniversary. To commemorate this anniversary and also to raise funds to enhance the overall education of the students, the Newport Parents Association [NPA] is organising a Grand Ball on Friday 2nd November 2018 at Quendon Hall [now called Parklands]. The cost of the tickets is £60 per head. The Old Newportonian Society Committee agreed to support this event by sponsoring four tables. This does not mean that the Society has to get sufficient members to attend and fill these tables. The committee felt this would be the most effective way of supporting an event which not only celebrates a particular milestone in the Academy’s history but also will provide funds specifically to enhance the overall education of the students.

If you wish to know more about this event and to enquire about purchasing tickets please contact Nicky Davies of the Newport Parents Association directly (NOT the ON Society Secretary). Her address is:- 7, Pond Cross Farm, Newport Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3RW. email address:- n.davies2025@btinternet.com

Updated 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 6th October 2018

I will definitely attend the Annual Dinner on Saturday 6th October 2018

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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 28th September 2018. 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  
Newport, Saffron Walden, Essex  CB11 3TR

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