

Omar Harmon has worked tirelessly as Chairman of the campsite Trustees and work on the improvements to the Mill are now in hand. We should see some transformation at this year's Pilgrimage.

We had a record number at the Annual Dinner at the Royal Air Force Club on 28th October. After many years getting close to 100 persons attending, 123 squeezed in to hear Colin Bosley speak. Brian Evans was Chairman for the evening. Thanks are due to Omar for producing the menu cards and to Sir Michael Beetham for signing us in.

Gerald Margolis and I continue as Trustees of the Philological Foundation. The work is very varied and satisfying. All the Trustees try to help as many past pupils in Camden and Westminster and the schools as the income will permit.

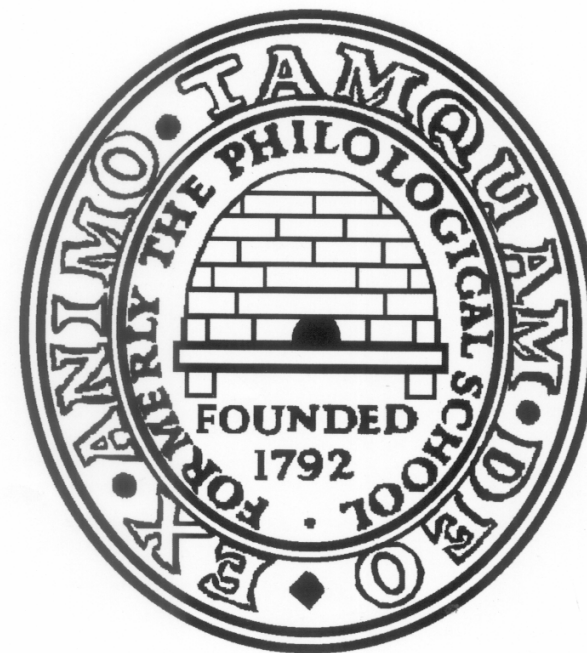
There has been some delay in returning the Honours Boards at King Solomon Academy to 248 but our assiduous Secretary continues to monitor progress. Similarly the Patrick Hutton Memorial is still under discussion.

In conclusion I thank all the Committee for pulling together to make the Association as strong and solvent as it is. We have a wonderful history: let us keep it that way, seek to expand its influence and success will follow. I look forward to 2010 with confidence.

Peter Sayers
(Chairman)

24th March 2010

The Old Philologists



**REPORTS PRESENTED TO
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2010
AT 248 MARYLEBONE ROAD**

Committee Report

Time rolls relentlessly on and I find myself again with the task of reporting briefly on the Committee's work and achievements during the past twelve months. My report this year really is briefer as I have promised before.

At the AGM on 8th April 2009 the President was indisposed and I deputised as Chairman. The President along with the Secretary was re-elected to office and Leslie Payne became our new Treasurer. He will also act as archivist of O.P. historical records. The usual printed reports were circulated and approved. The Auditors were also re-appointed. We welcomed to the Committee a new member—Paul Duncan and Ted McNeal and Robert Tims were re-elected. Richard Durran stood down from the Committee but continues to operate the website. We thank Michael Springate for arranging the buffet and Abercorn School for the use of the library (as many of us remember it).

You will all have been saddened at the passing of Ted McNeal on 22nd May. A commemorative issue of the Newsletter (number 51) in colour featured many tributes to Ted.

Again I was asked by Abercorn School to present a prize at its Annual event held at the Rudolf Steiner House near Baker Street on 1st July.

The third Summer Luncheon at the Savile Club on 23rd June was not so well attended as previously but still an enjoyable event. Ted Whitely, our sponsor, spoke about the Club and some of its well-known members.

The Pilgrimage to Forest Green on 5th July was reported on in Newsletter 51. Leslie, Robert and their wives gave us an excellent barbecue. I did my usual filling of wine glasses.

Secretary's Report for the year
since the 2009 AGM

Statement of income and expenditure for the
calendar year 2009

Report from the Committee for the year
since the 2009 AGM

Notes to be read in conjunction with Accounts for the

Year ending 31 December 2009

1. The Association received during 2004 a generous donation of £2,000 from Mrs Clara Waters to fund an annual toast at the dinner in memory of her husband, Basil. In 2008, Mrs Waters kindly donated a further £500. The balance carried forward to 2009 was £1,548.70 - Port at RAF Club Dinner in 2009 was £337.70. **The balance being carried forward to 2010 will be £1,211.00**

2. £100 invested in 3½% War Stock 1929-47.

3. Stock of ties -12 (Selling Price £132.00); Bow Ties - 4 (Selling Price £56.00). Sales of books and Cards are now included in this figure.

4. The Associations Books have now been placed into stock together with the master copies. All 5 publications are now available for sale, however we will need to get them printed almost on a back to back requirement, governed by demand and/or economic reproduction costs.

5 During 2008, the Association produced some Greetings Cards featuring the watercolours by H W Llewellyn-Smith, and reproduced by kind permission of Mr C Bosley. The cost of production was £589.85 and sales for 2008 & 2009 have amounted to £509.00. 60 packs are held in stock with a selling price of £300

6. The Association renewed its Corporate Membership of the St Marylebone Society but the cheque for £50 was not banked until January 2010 and will appear in the 2010 Accounts.

7. We made two donations during 2009 (i) £500 to the Mill Appeal which was to assist with the cost of the development of new facilities at Forest Green to ensure that The Mill could continue to provide the same experiences for future generations of Inner City children that it provided the boys of SMGS. (ii) £100 to The Woodland Trust in memory of Ted McNeal

8. Reimbursement of Air Fare from Scotland for Bishop M Henley, Speaker at the 2008 Dinner

Secretary's Report

We have all been saddened by the death of Ted McNeal on 22nd May 2009. He was on the staff of SMGS from 1952 until the school's closure in 1981, at which point he was deputy headmaster. Since then he has produced many publications and newsletters. His funeral at Ruislip in June was attended by many old Philologists. Colin Bosley and members of Ted's Family spoke very movingly of their regard for Ted. We shall all miss him for all that he did and even more for all that he was.

We have been equally sorry to record the deaths of Harley Boyd ('30 - '36), Graham Clarke (a pre-war member of staff), Michael Hedditch-Grey ('53 - '57), W.R. Johnson ('49 - '54), Joseph Shelley ('52 - '60) and Lawrence Smith ('46 - 52).

The Luncheon at the Savile Club on 23rd June 2009 drew an attendance of 23. Ted Whitley spoke about the Savile Club and some of its illustrious members.

An attendance of 46 was recorded on 5th July at Forest Green. The tradition of fine weather was maintained and we thank all those who worked so hard to make the day most enjoyable.

A bumper attendance of 123 was achieved at the Annual Dinner at the RAF club on 28th October. Brian Evans was in the chair and Colin Bosley was the Speaker.

As always we thank the committee, who have all helped to make the last year the success it has been.

Peter Walter

18th March 2010

