



# The Mount House Association

September Newsletter 2007



**Dear Members,**

We hope this Newsletter finds you all in the best of health.

Since the last Newsletter a lot has happened to the Association and, more importantly, further decisions have been made to move the Association forward.

We have completed the website and hope you like the look we have created. More pages will be added over the next period so if you have any suggestions we would like to hear them. We are especially indebted to Melanie Redman for all her work on the site and Associated works to get the job done.

A Committee meeting was held in July to progress issues and it was a great success. We have posted the minutes on the website and many of these are dealt with in this Newsletter.

The issues dealt with were as follows:

## 1. MHS loan and future use of funds

The return of monies loaned to the School by the Association. This totals some £8000.00.

Regrettably it was decided that, with today's school fees at the level at which they are, it is no longer practical to offer hardship funds to parents experiencing difficulties. Instead we intend to concentrate on offering the school funds for items, for which the School perhaps can't justify spending resources, as well as funding future Association events.

Following a suggestion from the School, we intend to buy four benches to replace those around the Oval. We hope to salvage the original nameplates and, perhaps, add new "in memoriam" plaques for departed members of staff. These we will endeavour to source from local suppliers.

## 2. Tony Wortham film Archive

One of the most exciting issues raised was the potential use of Tony Wortham' films. Ian Kilpatrick informed us at the meeting that Tony's nephew had contacted him and given permission for the Association to use the films in ways to benefit the Association and members.

We then went on to discuss how we might use this resource. The South West Film Archive holds the films and hopes to digitise them soon. We will then edit and release the films in a yearly format that will be made available to members and other interested parties. Obviously members will receive them at a discounted rate. IK did say that unfortunately HPW had "broken" down the existing annual format for later film shows at the school.

We will keep you posted on the progress of this work.

## 3. Subscriptions

At the meeting it was decided to increase the subscriptions. They were £3.00 for the year or a Life membership of £30.00. We understand that these totals have been the same for the best part of 30 years.

They will now be: **£6.00 per annum** or **£60.00 for life**.

We are also making all past and present parents Honorary members. It is felt that, apart from the fantastic product MHS produced for them, (i.e. you!) parents have been the forgotten members of the "team" and that they should be remembered and rewarded for the money and time they invested in the School. Therefore we want to invite them to become part of the Association in the future; many are still involved with the school as grandparents. Of course they can always make a donation on their application!! Please will you ask your parents to join and let us have their names, addresses and, most importantly, their E-MAIL addresses, as wish to keep everything electronic.

## 4. Donations

Several people have already made generous donations to the Association. We would like to thank them once again for their support. The Association is always grateful to receive "extra" funds for specifically chosen projects, or towards items and events agreed at the AGM.

## **2007 events**

### **1. Association day + Chairman's Cricket Match. 30<sup>th</sup> June**

Apart from the success of the Committee Meeting, the rest of the day was a complete wash out! Even the school Swimming Gala was postponed because it was too wet! However it was great to see the response to "the call to arms" amongst the Association Membership. Even at this early stage of the new Association, we could have fielded a full team with one or two 12<sup>th</sup> men! Please note this is going to be an Annual event, and will probably always be at the end of the Summer term. We will advertise the event in good time for you to arrange your accommodation and travel arrangements.

### **2. The More Lost than Wandering (aka the Elworthy XI) against the Mount House Wanderers 14<sup>th</sup> July**

This is an event that has been held for the last 15 or more years which was basically set up to get a "social" team of ex-pupils and friends to play a side selected from the School Staff and guests. Again this was affected by rain, with many crying off because of the forecast. In the end we were able to enjoy a series of 10 over, 7 a side matches. Chris Redman (Treasurer) performed to his usual poor standard, and Will Churcher ran the Association Secretary out, so there are one or two positions available already! Until then the Secretary had performed brilliantly for three balls in a row.

The Ken Cload cup was not presented this year and no Man of the Match was awarded, although the Secretary obviously deserved it.

It was decided after the match ( in a local hostelry) that the Wanderers should be made the Association's team and that Jon Elworthy should take a more active role in the recruitment of players for this and other matches, which we hope to include in a short fixture list. Ideally we would like to build the fixture list up to a full week as it was in K.C. Cload's day. Don't worry about not playing everyday – say every other. We have already potentially signed up a touring side from East Molesey (the oldest continuous club in the world) for next year.

### **3. 2007 AGM**

The date for this is set for the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at the School. All Members are invited to attend. Please email Jon Elworthy by the 3rd November (when a committee meeting will be held ahead of the AGM) with any ideas, comments or issues you would like to bring up. We will be

providing lunch at the AGM, so he would also appreciate knowing if you are able to attend. [jon@tenet-design.com](mailto:jon@tenet-design.com)

#### 4. 2008 events

At the AGM we hope to set the dates for the Association day, the other cricket matches as well as a Summer Ball at the School. These dates will be in the January Newsletter.

### What we want you to do

*Spread the word – as simple as that!* The Association membership is being built in three ways:

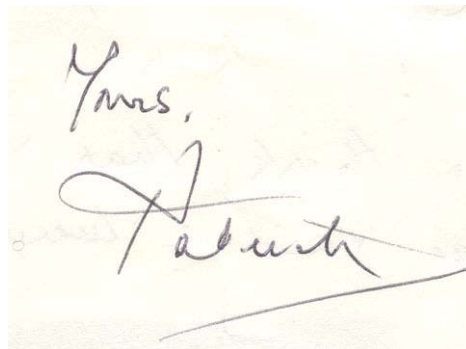
1. Current leavers becoming members.
2. The inclusion of parents past and present.
3. Tracking down those past pupils, with whom the Association has lost contact, through word of mouth, the website and the School itself.

We would all prefer to attend Association events if we knew that contemporaries were going to be there, so please help us out.

### Contribute to the website and Newsletter

We plan to expand this Newsletter to include information by yourselves, plus full reports and photos of the Association events. We favour a magazine format to include news of past pupils and current events from the School. If you would like to contribute an article or report, as well as suggestions for the magazine's name please contact Jon Elworthy.

Finally thank you to all those who have replied to our various postings and announcements, we look forward to seeing some of you at the AGM on the 17<sup>th</sup> November.

A photograph of a handwritten signature on a piece of paper. The signature is written in cursive and appears to be 'Patrick Cashell'. Above the signature, the word 'Yours,' is written in a similar cursive hand.

Patrick Cashell  
**Chairman**

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