

OMA newsletter: December 2025

As I am sure you can appreciate, this has been a very difficult term for the OMA. Keith played such a pivotal role in the OMA, and his passing has left an incredible void in our lives. When Colin Worman retired as Honorary Secretary it required two people to cover the work he did so well. Colin was an amazing servant to the association but when I tell you that we have felt it necessary to involve 4 members of the committee to even attempt to cover what Keith did, it speaks volumes of the man.

Under our constitution, the post of Honorary Secretary can only be ratified at our AGM, so the committee have proposed that Tim Dastoor be appointed as acting Honorary Secretary until a formal ratification at our next AGM. For those who do not know Tim here is a brief resume:

Tim was appointed onto the school's Board of Governors two years ago and he is also a member of the Pay/Personnel & Student Wellbeing committees. Tim is a dedicated public servant and following his retirement after 40 years' service, Tim was keen to engage and contribute to the local community. He saw Sir Roger Manwood's school as an ideal opportunity to bring his skills and experience to the school's community, where his son, Faraz, started the school last year.

His educational foundation was laid in the United States, where he completed his secondary education, graduating from high school in 1982 and going onto college for a further year. Tim's work career started in 1984 with HM Armed Forces as a member of the Royal Army Medical Corps. His military postings included West Germany and a role as a Recruit Instructor at Keogh Barracks, leaving in 1989 as a Corporal and trained Paramedic.

He joined HM Prison Service as a prison officer in 1989, starting his career at Feltham Young Offenders Institution. Over 35 years' service his service career has taken him to establishments across the UK, working with all categories of offenders. Tim has worked in many operational and policy roles at senior Governor level and finally decided to take early retirement 2 years ago following 40 years combined public service! Tim has a wealth of experience and has successfully completed many challenging roles during his public service. He will no doubt be a valuable member of the OMA.

He will write the OMA newsletters starting next term and will actively promote the OMA within the school.

In the spotlight

One of the many things that Keith did so well was to encourage members to share a few words about their time at school and what you have been up to since. Can I please ask you if you can spare a few minutes to let us know your story because I know how much other members appreciate and enjoy reading about other members. We cannot allow all the hard work put in by Keith to be for nothing. He reinvigorated the OMA and I feel we owe it to him to continue his fine work.

Please send your "In the Spotlight" (even if it is only a couple of paragraphs) to me using the email stevensd@omamembership.com

New members

Albane Colin-Salingue (2016-2023).

Andrew Colman (1973-1980).

Marcus Comlay (2018-2025).

Daz Cooper (1995-2001).

Ronan Gorman (2018-2025).

Christopher Hardstone (1988-1995).

Samuel Hemmings-Cross (2016-2023).

Pranshu Joshi (2016-2023).

Kieron Mullage (2008-2015).

Louis Parker-Gorman (2016-2023).

Michael Richardson (2018-2025).

James Rush (2016-2023).

Frederick Roger Taylor (1959-1966).

Nathaniel Thompson (2016-2023).

N.B. The email address I have for Pranshu Joshi (2016-2023) is incorrect so can friends of his please ask him to email me using stevensd@omamembership.com so I can amend our records accordingly.

Wishing you all a great Christmas and New Year. As Keith would always say

"Once a Manwoodian ALWAYS a Manwoodian".

Kind regards,

David Stevens – Membership Secretary.