

# THE OLD PORTMUTHIAN CLUB

1 May 2009

Dear Friend of PGS

## ROGER HARRIS CLIMBING WALL

You will already know of the death in November 2008 of Roger Harris, whose association with Portsmouth Grammar School spanned some 65 years. The OP Club is keen to create a lasting memorial to Roger and the unrivalled contribution which he made to the life of the School. It would be ideal if it could be of practical value and could reflect Roger's sporting interests.

I am delighted, therefore, to announce that the Club has agreed to raise funds for the construction, within the Sports Hall, of a facility which PGS currently lacks, namely a climbing wall. The wall will be used by the CCF, those taking part in Adventure Training or The Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and by pupils right across the School.

As a pupil at the Grammar School from 1943 until 1951 Roger achieved an impressive array of distinctions, being head of Smith House, Head Prefect and Captain of Rugby, Fives, Badminton and Basketball. After Oxford and service in the Royal Navy, Roger taught chemistry at PGS from 1958 until his retirement in 1993. Throughout his teaching career he was heavily involved in a range of non-academic interests such as the CCF, the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, rugby coaching, sailing and mountaineering. Roger served as Housemaster to Smith House, and became the Senior Housemaster. Roger also gave tireless service to the OP Club, being its Secretary for many years. He was President in 1981-2 and was enjoying a second term as President at the time of his death.

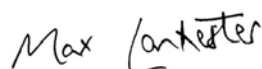
The Headmaster has agreed that a plaque mentioning Roger and the Club can be erected close to the new wall.

I do hope that you will wish to contribute towards this project, which has the support of Roger's widow, Iris. Gifts totalling over £500 from a small number of OPs have already been received or pledged. Although the appeal will be open for some time, it would be wonderful if at the end of this Summer term I was able to tell the Headmaster that the bulk of the required funds had been received.

Cheques made payable to "The Old Portmuthian Charity" should be sent to: *B. Easton, OP Charity, 7 Spindrift Mews, Bosham, PO18 8LW.\** If your gift is being made from income taxed in the UK, a Gift Aid form will boost the value by 28%. A blank form is enclosed. If you prefer to make your donation by credit or debit card, please visit our secure payment dedicated webpage. This can be found at Just Giving (<http://www.justgiving.com/oldportmuthian>).

Construction of the wall is scheduled for the coming academic year, 2009/10, and the Club looks forward to the completion of what should be a fitting testimony to an outstanding member of the School community.

Sincerely,



Max Lankester  
President, Old Portmuthian Club

\*Money received as a result of this letter will be devoted entirely to the climbing wall unless donations exceed costs, in which case the surplus will be used for other objects of the OP Charity unless a donor directs otherwise.

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