



Tadcaster Grammar School Old Students' Association

# NEWSLETTER

For former pupils and staff    Number 32 - August 2007

## REUNION 2007

The reunion to celebrate the 450th anniversary of the School's foundation will take place at Toulston on Saturday, 22nd September 2007 from 2 p.m.

This special mini-edition of the Newsletter is being sent out primarily as a final reminder about the reunion. We did not have enough material to justify producing our usual professionally printed version. We are indebted to Richard Hunt, our former editor, for printing this issue on his laser printer.

You might, of course think that this is a more appropriate format for dispatch in the C5 envelope. If you have a view on this please let us know.

### SIGN UP FOR THE REUNION ON THE WEB SITE

Dozens of members have declared their intention to be present at the reunion by allowing their names to be published on the web site. This lets others know that you'll be there and might encourage them to attend too. It's not too late to add your name. To do so go to the web site at

**[www.tadcastergsosa.org.uk](http://www.tadcastergsosa.org.uk)**

Click the reunion link at the top of the home page, click the "Sign up for the reunion" box then fill in the simple form at the bottom of the page. Finally click the **submit** button.

If you don't have internet access you can still add your name ( plus maiden name, where appropriate and your years in school) by ringing Gerry on 01937 832167. Leave your details on the answerphone if necessary.

# Reunion 2007

**Who can attend?:** The reunion is open to all former staff and students together with their friends. It is not a members-only gathering.

**Where will it take place?:** At Tadcaster Grammar School, Toulston.

**When?** Saturday 22nd September 2007 from 2 p.m.

**Whereabouts in the school?** The majority of the large Toulston site will be open to visitors. Some rooms, particularly laboratories, will not be accessible. Toulston Lodge Hall is used every Saturday by the Stagecoach Theatre Group and will accordingly be out of bounds. There is much that will be new to most of our visitors. The centre of proceedings will be the School Hall where most people meet, after a look round the site, to chat with long-lost friends over a cup of tea or stronger beverage.

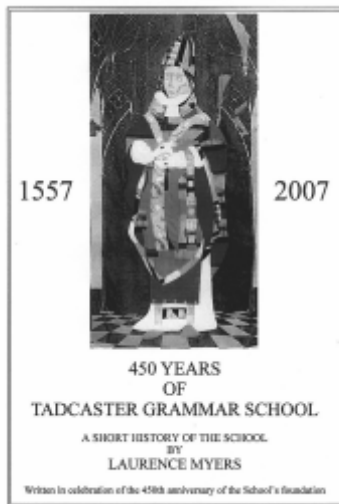
**What to do on arrival?** Please start your visit by going to the Hall and signing in. Please sign the decade sheets laid out in the hall: this lets your contemporaries know you're present. Please also fill out and wear a sticky label as an identity tag. Committee members will be present to enrol new members and accept subscriptions. You can enter the Hall from either the main entrance or via the entrance nearest the Science block.

**Who will be present?** Firstly, we sincerely hope **you** will. However, Geoff Mitchell, the Headmaster, will be present and available to chat to visitors. Also present will be up to thirty of his present-day students who will be available to talk about the school of today and to act as guides around the site. The present-day students will be easily recognisable since they'll be wearing school uniform. Please do talk to these young people and let them show you round: they are giving up their Saturday afternoon to help us.

**What not to miss.** Make a special point of visiting the new library/learning centre. It is a two-storey building near to the Girls' Gym. Whilst you are there please spend some time on the upper floor where Laurence Myers is staging an **Exhibition about TGS**. Laurence, who is School Archivist, has a great deal of material to display including written contributions from former students.

**Refreshments:** There will be a licensed bar. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available.

# TGSOSA PUBLISHES A NEW HISTORY OF TADCASTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL



To celebrate the 450th anniversary of the school's foundation the TGSOSA committee asked Laurence Myers to write an up-to-date history of the school. Laurence readily agreed to take on the task. As school archivist, Laurence was certainly the person best equipped to write the history. The result is a short, clearly written history of the school from its foundation in 1557 right up to the present day.

We have decided to have the history professionally printed. It runs to 12 closely typed pages with illustrations and an appropriate cover in colour. We feel that most old students would like to have a copy and we shall make it available at a modest price sufficient to cover costs.

The booklet will first be available at the reunion and then subsequently by post. Details of postal arrangements will be given on the web site and then in the next full newsletter.

You will be able to meet the author in the library at the reunion: Laurence will be manning the exhibition there.

## Finding the School

Most people should know the way to the school but there may be some of our older members who have never visited Toulston. The map below may be of some assistance. The school is on the Tadcaster - Bramham road about 1.8 miles from the centre of Tadcaster. The school is signposted at the junction of the Bramham Road and the A659.

We shall signpost the entrance to the school and the car park.

For satnav users the school's postcode is LS24 9NB  
We wish you a safe journey.

