

Dear member or friend of Bluefriars

The new data protection rules (GDPR) which come into force on 25 May 2018 will affect the way in which Bluefriars keeps in touch with you. In order to maintain your association with Bluefriars, you need to record your contact details on a form on the Bluefriars website.

For over 50 years, OMs Have had their membership of Bluefriars recorded on the OM database which is maintained by the school, by having a 'b' attached to their entry. If my memory serves me correctly, the original computerised address list, set up in the 1970s included various other groups - 'o' Old Monktonians, - 'c' OMCU, 'g' for people who received the Monkton Combe Gazette, and so on. It was convenient to keep records of all these groups in one list. This sharing of information has worked well and Bluefriars has not until now needed to maintain an independent list of members' contact details.

We now have amongst its members not only OMs but other friends and supporters of Monkton rowing. For a few years it has proved difficult to maintain a completely accurate list of Bluefriars members. The advent of GDPR presents us with an opportunity to get our list in order. This will enable us to provide a better service to members and to Monkton rowing.

**From 25 May 2018 the Bluefriars Membership database will be independent. We will no longer be able to get your details from the school database so if you want to maintain your association with Bluefriars , you need to let us have your contact details. You can do this very quickly by using the form at**

**<http://www.bluefriars.org.uk/forms/membership>**

Do get in touch if you have any problems or concerns about this process.

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