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Cover photo: Torchbearer 028 Sir Derek Day carries the Olympic Flame on the Torch Relay leg between Crawley and Copthorne.

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EDITORIAL

Following the death of Harry Maxwell (qv), who taught in the Junior School for twenty two years, an eminent OJ wrote to me: "I have just heard of Harry Maxwell's death. No one other than my parents had more influence on the first fourteen years of my life than him." He went on to ask for the address to which he could write to express his affection and sympathy.

This set me to wondering about the influence of one's schoolmasters and mistresses, and the affection which exists. Hurst has had some amazingly wise and distinguished members of staff; one has only to look at the plaques which adorn the west end of the chapel to realise how lucky we have been. One expects one's teachers to have considerable influence academically ... that is their job ... but it all goes far beyond that. Most of us owe a great debt of gratitude for the care, the advice, the moral guidance and the general sense of self-discipline which has been bestowed upon us.

We may not always have liked our teachers, but I am sure we still have great respect and thanks for those who nurtured us so carefully. Hurst pupils have been immensely



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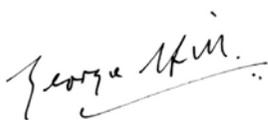
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lucky in the past, and I am sure that the present generation will come to look back with affection and gratitude for all the current dedicated members of staff at the college.

Times have changed and there will never be another P W Scott, who was housemaster of Chevron for forty eight years, but the ethos remains happily constant.



George Hill, Editor

Insurance disclaimer –

Your committee wish to point out that the OJ Club does not provide insurance for sporting events.

Sport

NETBALL

The OJ Girls netball team is just about to finish its third season! The first one, reported in the last newsletter, was played at Bethnal Green, but the last two have been fought out in Vauxhall with the London Eye as our backdrop. To date, the OJ Girls Netball team has played 32 games, winning 27 and losing 5. We have scored 725 goals and conceded 340. Special mentions must go to Alex Appleton and Kaylee Dawson who have both been awarded Player of the Match on numerous occasions. The conditions this season have been unexpectedly harsh, with the team having to endure bitterly cold temperatures, so I would like to say a BIG thank you to all the girls for persevering and pitching up each week. At the time of writing, and with just one game to play out, we are in pole position in our division and so we're hoping for a promotion next season.

Results from this current season have been:

29th Jan OJs 16 – 14 Matadors

5th Feb OJs 33 – 12 MTV Starlets

12th Feb OJs 28 – 14 Jaguars

19th Feb OJs 15 – 19 Mallaby Towers

Netball *continued*; Hockey

26th Feb OJs 28 – 11 BDO Social
5th Mar OJs 29 – 26 Matadors
12th Mar OJs 31 – 6 MTV Starlets
19th Mar OJs 27 – 24 Jaguars
26th Mar OJs 37 – 16 Mallaby Towers

The OJ Club has kindly offered once again to part-sponsor us for a fourth season and there will be no rest for the wicked as we kick off proceedings on 9th April. Now that the clocks have moved forward ... we are hoping to enjoy some balmy summer evenings!

If anyone would like to join us for a bit of fun on a Tuesday evening (and of course just a slight hint of competitiveness ... I would be lying if I said there wasn't any!) then please email me on Claire.tibbott@fishhall.org.uk or call on 07715 711157. And to find out more about the league, how we're doing and where we play please visit... <http://topcorner.co.uk/netball-league/vauxhall-tuesday-144/table/2082>

Due to conflicting commitments, we sometimes do find ourselves short so we really want to attract more players and make the squad even stronger!

We are hoping to get a team out for Etheldreda weekend in October ... so watch out School 1st Team!

And just to finish with a shout out to our old coach Carol Adams ... we miss you! Perhaps you'd like to do a one-off training session with us before the Big Game ... to mark our return?!

HOCKEY

The OJ hockey team took on the College in the annual fixture on Friday 1st March on the new astro. The OJ side had a fantastic mix of youth and experience with an OJ leaving age range of 39 years, showing how great it is to have OJs from all eras still coming back to play in this fixture.

In the first half the OJs played some great hockey against a mixed side with a first in the OJ game, some senior girls playing with some future 1st XI players. They played superbly well and took the lead with a very well worked goal but the OJs drew level and then took the lead with Oli Rodbourne's well taken effort. The first goal was an excellent deflected effort scored by New Zealand OJ Tim Thorstensen who is working at the College. The winning streak has got harder each year to defend and the second half against a full 1st XI meant that the OJs were going to be under severe pressure. For some of us it is the only game of the year but with some youth in the team it meant we

Hockey *continued*

had a good chance of competing. The College drew deservedly level at 2-2 but up stepped Tim Griffiths to put away the OJs' only short corner of the match with just 5 minutes remaining to secure a 3-2 win. The streak continues!

We were looked after very well once again by the College and it was great they upheld the match due to fixture congestion. After the match Mike Bailey, OJ goalkeeper for the match, took us back to his pub, the Royal Oak in Wineham, for some food and drinks and a catch up. It would be great to see more OJs next year whether in a playing or supportive capacity.

See team photo below and, opposite, names of OJs who played.

Mike Harrison

Mark Tonkin	Shield	1974
Stephen Hillier	Eagle	1980
Jeremy Subedar	Red Cross	1992
Mike Harrison	Eagle	1996
Mike Bailey	Martlet	1996
Oli Rodbourne	Star	1999
Pete Thomas	Chevron	2000
Rob Cundey	Eagle	2001
Tom Harvey	Star	2003
Tom Voller	Fleur de Lys	2005
Chris Tonkin	Star	2006
Tom Gogarty	Star	2006
Scott Simkins	Woodard	2008
Nicholas Chadwell	Star	2011
Tim Griffiths	Star	2012
Edward Zeidler	Crescent	2012
Ken Tsang	Star	2012



OJ Hockey 2013

Cricket

CRICKET

OHJ CRICKET WEEK DATES FOR 2013

Saturday 3rd August
v Eton Ramblers
Sunday 4th August v Romany
Monday 5th August
v South Wales Hunts
Tuesday 6th August
v Old Rossallians
Wednesday 7th August v Cryptics
Thursday 8th August v Stoics
Friday 9th August
v Sussex Martlets
Saturday 10th August v Buccaneers

Manager: Tom Moulton
(moulton_thomas@hotmail.com;
07790 538971)

Cricketer Trophy

Sunday 7th July
1st Round v Old King's Scholars (A)

Sunday 21st July
Semi-Final (H)

Sunday 11th August
Final (Gerrards Cross CC)

Managers:
Mike Harrison
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Simon Warrender
(simon@wandjewellery.com)

Other Matches

Sunday 16th June v College 1st XI

Sunday 30th June v Priestfield Wanderers

Manager: Simon Warrender
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Duck Club Dinner

Held at the Royal Oak, Wincham on
Friday 22nd February 2013

The tradition of having the annual Duck Club Dinner in London was changed this year. Ducks of all ages met at Mike Bailey's delightful hostelry and enjoyed a beer before adjourning for an excellent meal. A cold platter was followed by the inevitable duck and we finished with walnut tart and cheese. Twenty Ducks attended and Jerry Rawlins won the prize for travelling the furthest from deep in Wales to the tranquillity of the Sussex countryside. Apologies came from far and wide and were varied and diverse: distance was a common theme but arranging your own cricket club AGM on the same evening and taking the wife cruising in the Mediterranean could have been avoided!

The President Bill Baxter presided over the occasion with his usual assured aplomb and dispensed the various awards after the meal before everyone dispersed.

Cricket continued; Golf

It is always pleasant to catch up with friends during the 'off' season and, especially in such a bleak and long winter, be able to look forward to the summer and the annual OJ Cricket Week.

Annual awards:

Charles Carr Duck of the Week Trophy
– Josh Menzies

Drop of the Week – Stuart Hall

Len Tankard – Nick Chadwell

Arthur James Memorial Shield – Simon Warrender

Attendees:

Bill Baxter, Rupert Hill, Patrick McGahan, Mike Harrison, Simon Warrender, Mike Bailey, George Hill, Robin Carr, John Bettridge, Graham Negus, Derek Semmence, Jerry Rawlins, Rikki Hill, Ian Buckeridge, Dick Smart, Stuart Hall, John Hall, Tom Moulton, Hugh Thomas

23 extremely polite Ducks sent their apologies.

GOLF

26th June OHJGS Meeting at RAC

On the day after the Longest Day 10 intrepid OJs took on the Old Course at the RAC. Conditions were hardly summer-like as a strong wind was always making club selection and shot execution difficult. The course was in excellent condition although the rough was extremely penal. Graham Negus made use of his local knowledge to score 39 points, followed closely by John Goodacre on 35 and Paul Ruddlesdin on 32. We then enjoyed a lengthy lunch with some excellent club wines. At 4 pm six of us decided to play another 9 holes. Unfortunately our wonderful summer struck again and the heavens opened yet again causing early retirements.

Participants were John Goodacre, Jeremy Rawlins, Roger Goodacre, Graham Croll, Ian Clarke, Tim Baldwin, Bob Carter, Paul Ruddlesdin, Rick Holgate & Graham Negus.

All things being equal, we will do it all again next year.

30th July OHJGS Summer Meeting

We were blessed with lovely if very humid conditions that did at least allow us to get our shorts out for a rare

Golf *continued*

outing this summer! Our diminished numbers for the day were made up of Mike Harrison (photographer for the day), Graham Negus, Patrick McGahan, Jeremy Waud, Rick Holgate, Martin Dancy, Derek Pitt, John Fraser, Derick Fulcher, Steve Waud and Dan Burstow.

For some reason we missed our normal slot that coincides with OJ Cricket week and thus we missed all of our cricketing pals for what is normally a larger gathering. It was, however, great to see Martin Dancy making one of his occasional trips from New Zealand. Honours were taken in the morning Singles by Dan Burstow with a very respectable 37 points, followed by Jeremy Waud on 35. The afternoon foursomes proved an altogether more competitive matter (perhaps following

all the wine and Kummel at lunchtime?) with Stephen Waud and John Fraser winning on a last 3 holes count back from Secretary Rick Holgate and Dan Burstow to take the Stratford Tazzers – or one of them at least! – who has the other? Rick Holgate was the run-away winner of the veterans' prize as well!

Autumn Golf Residential Meeting – Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd September 2012

On Friday 21st September ten OJs and three guests met at Prince's Golf Club on the Kent coast for a light lunch before playing 18 holes singles on the Shore and Dunes courses for the Lowe Cup. The conditions were unbelievably good, with no wind



David Harrison, Paul Turrell, Dan Burstow, Peter Masters, Ed Welch, Jeremy Waud, Mark Baldock and Richard Kelly

Golf *continued*

and warm sunshine. Rob McCowen, playing his usual tidy shots, came in the winner with 35 points, the same score as Rick Holgate, but with more points on the back 9 count-back. This year's Captain, Tim Baldwin, trailed a close 3rd with 34 points. After driving to the Clarendon Hotel on the sea-front at Deal the traditional early evening wine tasting ensued before walking round the corner for a curry at Milaad's Tandoori. Saturday morning was dry and sunny with a testing breeze, and we played a singles at Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club, Deal for the St Etheldreda Cup. A bit of power play was needed especially into the breeze, and Robert Scull showed his mastery with 32 points, followed by Rick Holgate on 30 points and Tim Baldwin 28. In the afternoon Foursomes, the strong pairing of Rik Kelly and Jeremy Waud (2 of the Halford Hewitt team) with a score of 32 points secured the Piggott Boxes from Rob McCowen and Jim Fawcett with 27 points – Jim travelled from Burgundy in France especially for this meeting!

Saturday evening was refreshed after our 36 hole windy endurance test by a 15 bottle wine tasting and then on to a most enjoyable dinner at Dunkerley's Hotel nearby. After breakfast on Sunday morning the meeting finished, and everyone went their separate ways. A good time was had by all.

Our autumn meeting in 2013 will be organised by Dan Burstow who will take up this role on an annual basis working with the Captain for each year to ensure that our main social event of the year is both successful and well supported. Next year's Captain, Russell Ogden is keen to get 20 to 24 golfers out for our autumn meeting and similar numbers are normal and expected for both the spring and summer one-day meetings.

Halford Hewitt Warm Up, 10th February 2013

We enjoyed two chilly but dry days down at the great golf courses of Deal and Sandwich over the weekend.

Our party for this annual warm up for the Halford Hewitt competition was: Mike Harrison, David Harrison, Ed Welch, Jeremy Waud, Pete Masters, Simon Clapham, Danny Boy Burstow, Alex Taylor, Rick Holgate, Graham Negus and Patrick McGahan.

It was great to have David Harrison out with us for the first time and he played very well, even outdriving our long drive specialist Dan Burstow on several occasions!

Somewhat frosty conditions presented themselves on both Friday at Royal Cinque Ports and on Saturday's delayed start at Royal St George's.

Golf *continued*

As always much fun and camaraderie were enjoyed interspersed with a wine tasting and of course a good curry at Deal's infamous Milud restaurant.



Peter Masters at St George's famous 14th

Halford Hewitt 2013 – 11th April

We gave Stowe a tough fight in the first round at Royal St George's, but went down 3½/1½ with our top pair of Paul Turrell and Alex Taylor maintaining their winning ways, and an excellent half from Ed Welch and Peter Masters. The others pairs – Dan Burstow with our new boy Dave Harrison played really well but lost 4/3. Jeremy Waud and Rik Kelly lost on the 17th as did this year's captain Russell Ogden with his partner Nick Budge.

The competition winners were Eton, beating Tonbridge 3/2 in the final.

In the Plate competition at Prince's we drew Marlborough, a very handy side, and managed to contain them over the first 9 holes. On the back nine, however,

our boys were flagging somewhat in increasingly unpleasant conditions and fell back to lose the first two matches 4/3, leaving Rik Kelly and Mark Baldock to take a sporting half in the final match, thus losing 2½/½ overall.



Halford Hewitt Princes' Plate board

The Plate winners were Haileybury, beating The Leys 2½/½ in the final.



Supporters – Jim Fawcet, Ian Pilcher, Derick Fulcher, Rob Mc Cowen and Graham Negus

Golf continued; Over 60s Lunch; Curry Club

Thanks to our supporters, Dudley Stratford, Derick Fulcher, Graham Negus, Ian Pilcher, Jim Fawcett (making a special visit from France), Rick Holgate, Rob McCowen, and our official starter on the first tee – Keith Jenkin.



Official starter: Keith Jenkin

The OHJGS would be delighted if any younger OJs would like to join them. You can get in touch with Rick Holgate at rdh@goodliffe-estates.com or via the OJ website.

Over 60s Lunch

There was much discussion at the end of last year's lunch as to a venue for this year.

Most people liked the Oriental Club for its great service, good food, opulent decor and last but not least its convenient location.

Through the good offices of Paul Guy we have been able to reserve the library again for our lunch and pre-lunch drinks.

I hope that we will have as good a turnout as the previous two years.

If you are in touch with any of your contemporaries do get in touch with them and get them to come along.

Date: Tuesday 1st October

Time: 12.30 pm

Venue: The Oriental Club, Stafford Street (opposite Bond Street underground station)

Graham Croll

The late 70s OJ Curry Club

meets again on 11th June in or around Hurstpierpoint. For more details please contact aitman_richard@yahoo.co.uk



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The OJ Club

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The Committee is always anxious to improve the levels of communication with the membership. The Committee has decided that it would like to make use of e-mail for special announcements and for reminders about Club events. At present the Club holds a number of e-mail addresses, some of which appear to be out of date. We would like to increase and update the e-mail addresses we hold. Needless to say, all e-mails will be sent out 'blind' and under no circumstances will the Club divulge any e-mail address to a third party. Therefore if you would like to receive e-mails from the Club would you please complete the attached pro-forma and return it to Elizabeth Watson c/o The College:

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to contact each other,
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make purchases of club items
and get information about
club events.

Professionals Network



**The OJ Club President and Headmaster
invites all OJs to informal drinks and the**

Launch of the OJ Club Professional Networks

On

Monday 20th May 2013

6:30 – 8:30pm

At the Fishmongers Hall

London Bridge, City of London, EC4R 9EL

This will be a great occasion for OJs to get together in a central location,
and the perfect opportunity for OJs to meet others in similar professions

RSVP Claire.Tibbott@fishhall.org.uk



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Website – www.theojclub.co.uk

News and Views: LinkedIn Group

NEWS AND VIEWS

Introducing the Hurstpierpoint OJ Club LinkedIn Group

As an OJ committee, we've been hearing from many of you, asking how we might connect better, particularly across the years. Some of you have asked how we could create reasons to meet beyond the sport and music elements of school. We've also heard from OJs the desire to recreate something similar to the paper based business directory, that we had 20 years ago.

This January we kicked off a 'soft launch' of a new 'Hurstpierpoint OJ Club' LinkedIn group. We are looking at this, not as a 'social media' tool, but as being part of a three pronged approach to building better connections in our business life:

- 1. As a self-built Business Directory.** LinkedIn allows us to volunteer our latest information to a central directory, at lower cost, and more up-to-date than the old paper directory.
- 2. As a stronger business network.** Within the main group, are a selection of sub-groups around specific industries/ professions. The OJ Land Society, provides a model of what each of these communities could be like – regularly meeting and supporting each other. However, each Community will need a leader, to bring the group

together and invite them to events, but we would love to see around 4 chances to meet a year – say 2 via alumni events, and others via informal drinks/dinner or via professional society events.

- 3. As mutual career support.** Beyond LinkedIn, the communities provide a starting point for developing each other in accelerating our careers in our chosen professions. This is still work in progress, and we would welcome your thoughts and ideas. As a starting point we will be piloting a mentoring concept this year – looking to launch this in the autumn. If you would like more information on what it might mean to be a career mentor or mentee, please contact a member of the OJ Committee, or one of the Moderators of our LinkedIn group.

None of this can happen without your involvement – so please:

- Join LinkedIn and the 'Hurstpierpoint OJ Club' LinkedIn group (link below), whether you are a student, working, between jobs, or retired.
- Join us at the OJ Professional Networks launch event.
- Pass this message on to your OJ contacts.

We would love to connect.

Gordon Roff – OJ President

News and Views *continued*

Two OJs from foreign parts have been in touch with your editor.

Mickey Ellis (Fleur de Lys 1951) was on a visit from Canada, and came to look at old haunts, and convince me what a good rugby XV we had in 1950!

Simon Sevens was visiting the Hurstpierpoint village and I bumped into him in a local shop. He lives and works in Tokyo.

The College is now tweeting news stories. We invite the OJs to follow us @Hurst_College



John Neal (see the obituary in the last newsletter) was a member of MCC and a further obituary appeared in the MCC magazine.

Roger Shorter (Junior school and Red Cross 1945-53) wrote to tell us his news since leaving Hurst. He studied Rural Estate Management at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester. He then ran farms in Warwickshire, Gloucestershire and finally Oxfordshire where he ran a 1,000 acre farm in 1973. He has been involved with his local church and has just retired from 30 years on the Parish Council. He was honoured with the British Empire Medal in this year's Honours List.

Jack Dunckley (2010) is a young OJ making a real name for himself in the world of horticulture. He was inspired at the age of 11 on meeting his hero, Alan Titchmarsh.

In 2008, at the age of 15, he won a coveted bronze medal for his garden design at the RHS Malvern Spring Gardening Show. Now Jack has a thriving business at Dunckley's Birchfield Nursery in Henfield. He has made appearances on TV and on radio, and was a finalist in Young Achiever of the Year 2012 – Sussex.



Jack Dunckley

May 2013 will see Jack achieve his greatest ambition to date as the RHS have asked him to submit an innovative design for a “fresh” garden at this year’s Chelsea Flower Show. His garden will be called “Juxtaposition.”

His other garden awards to date are:–

Silver Medal, London Plant and Design Show 2009

Silver Gilt Medal, Malvern Spring Garden Show 2009

Silver Medal, Hampton Court Flower Show 2009

Silver Medal, Hampton Court Flower Show 2010

Certificate of Merit, Ethical Garden Furniture Stand Design – Chelsea 2011

Silver Gilt Medal, Hampton Court Flower Show 2012



Jack's Show Garden at RHS Hampton Court Flower Show last year called “The Italian Job”

Sir Derek Day (Fleur de Lys 1947)

a former hockey international and chairman of Hurst’s school council, carried the torch for the Olympics, and therefore the flag for Hurst, through Copthorne on July 17th.

He is not the only hockey international in the news. When **Robin Carr (Shield 1959)** left Hurst he played hockey for Keymer Hockey Club alongside John Neal (Chevron) and Denis Bradley (Shield 1955). He was selected for the Sussex Under 21 XI in 1962, and at about the same time felt privileged to play alongside three OJ internationals (Derek Day, Neil Forster and Bob Schad) in the annual match against the school. In 1968 he joined Worthing Hockey Club and has played there ever since. Having reached the grand age of 70, in 2012 he was selected to play in that age group for the South of England in the regional tournament.

News and Views *continued*

To his surprise (and I use his own words) and out of the blue he was invited to play in the over-70 age group for Scotland in the Grand Masters Hockey World Cup held at Oxford. He accepted and played in three matches. The tournament is held every two years, so Hurst's latest international is keeping fit in anticipation. Well done, Robin, and many congratulations.

Two visits were made to OJ war graves this year: Roger Moulton visited El Alamein (report below) and the Senior School Remove Geographers visited Iceland during the Easter holidays and explored its stunning

natural environment as part of their GCSE course. Pupils witnessed the Northern Lights dancing across the sky, experienced conditions on top of the Langjökull ice cap and discovered the features of a glacier, as well as spending time interviewing farmers affected by the 2010 volcanic eruption of Eyjafjallajökull that caused so much disruption to air travel across Europe. This year's trip also gave the College the opportunity to pay its respects to one of its former pupils who died during WWII. A group of students visited the Fossvogur cemetery in Reykjavik to lay a poppy wreath for RAF Sergeant Herbert Verrells, who died aged just 19.



Gravestone of H A Verrells

P H Sadler

In the course of a visit to the British and Commonwealth Cemetery at El Alamein my wife and I found the



Gravestone of P H Sadler

News and Views *continued*; Accounting; Reunion

grave of Lieutenant Philip Henry Sadler (Fleur de Lys 1925-32) of the Royal Sussex Regiment who was killed in action during the course of the Battle of El Alamein. On behalf of Fleur de Lys, Hurstpierpoint College and the Hurst Johnian Club we placed a small cross at the foot of the gravestone.

Also commemorated at the El Alamein Cemetery are Flying Officer Derek Alan Raikes Bee (Shield 1930-32) missing, believed killed on 14th June, 1942 and Lieutenant Stanley Cyril Hill (Chevron 1936-40) missing, believed killed on 27th October 1942. They have no known grave and their names appear on panels on the El Alamein Memorial.

Philip Sadler's brother, Captain Patrick Talbot Sadler (Fleur de Lys 1923-27) was killed in action in North Germany on 2nd May 1945.

Their father, Robert Sadler was at Hurst from 1891 to 1895 as were their uncles, Henry Sadler (1891-97) and Arthur Sadler (1893-1900). All were members of Fleur de Lys.

Roger Moulton

Urgent Call for accounting experience

After many years of stoic service, Rupert Ayton has retired from the role of OJ Club Treasurer. We are now in dire need for an OJ or friend of the OJs to help with the accounting side of this role. This would not require joining the committee or attending meetings and would be a huge help. If anyone is interested, please contact me on Josephfbell@gmail.com.

Saturday, 19th October. Reunion at Hurst for all Alumni and Staff and their families

There will be a reunion for all Hurst Alumni, Staff and their families starting at 10.30 am with a Chapel Service. There will be tours of the school including the new girls' day House, Phoenix and the new Library, followed by lunch in the Dining Hall, matches and tea. Invitations with further details to follow.

Obituaries

OBITUARIES

Sadly this year has witnessed the deaths of several people with close connections with Hurst as well as some OJs.

Dr John Birch was the Organist and Master of the Choristers at Chichester Cathedral from 1958 to 1980. During that time he was a Fellow of the Woodard Corporation from 1973 to 1999, and a member of Hurst's School Council from 1974 to 1993.

John Gardiner died quite suddenly in April. He succeeded Wilfred Smith as Director of Music at Hurst in 1962, and was followed by his deputy, Peter Lattimer, in 1994. He remained in the area and was in charge of music at Belmont School for a while and then at Brighton and Hove Sixth Form College. He directed the Hurst Singers for some years and was the organist at Woodmancote and Shermanbury for many years.

Christopher Wightwick joined the staff at Hurst in 1954 to teach modern languages. He was a keen athlete and in particular coached the high jump. He moved on to Denstone and then as head of languages at Westminster School. In 1975 he was appointed headmaster of King's College School, Wimbledon, which post he held for five years before becoming a schools inspector. He

finally ran an educational consultancy. He died in March aged 81.

Mrs Ruth Lambert, the widow of George Lambert, died after a short illness in February. A memorial service was held in the college chapel; this was attended by many people associated with Hurst and by many from Hurst village where Ruth was a well respected and much loved person. As a housemaster's wife for many years, she gave wonderful support and took a full part in the life of the College. We extend our deepest sympathy to her daughter Rosemary, her son Robin (OJ), her son-in-law Peter Scott (OJ) and all the other members of her family.

This year also saw the death of **Mrs Suzanne Holloway**, the widow of Howard Holloway who taught history at Hurst for many years after the war. She too was well known in Hurst, and moved away to live in Scotland with her daughter Alex not long before she died. Alex and her sister Julie were brought up at Hurst, and many friends remembered them when they met to inter her ashes in the memorial garden at Hurst's parish church.

The third former member of the staff to die this year was **Mr Harry Maxwell**, who taught many generations in the Junior School (as it was then called) from 1954 to 1976. In the classroom he

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had his own mildly eccentric methods of instilling French into his pupils, but he will probably be remembered more for his dedicated coaching at cricket, which game he loved. He married Brigid Raby who also taught at the Junior School; their two sons were pupils there before moving on to Christ's Hospital. To them and to his daughter Frances we offer our condolences. The affection in which he was held was summed up a few years ago when four of his former pupils, two having travelled from Australia, presented him with a mounted cricket ball together with the inscription: "We had some fun."

Peter Eve (Chevron 1940) was born in Addiscombe, Croydon, the only son of Thomas and Annie Eve. After attending Woodford House and St Anselms in Croydon, he studied at Hurstpierpoint College from January 1937 to July 1940. On leaving he began an apprenticeship with Croydon Corporation Electricity Department. Called up in 1943, he served in the Royal Navy as an electrician and was involved in the D-Day landings. After the war, he resumed his career as an electrical engineer spending most of that career with Associated Electrical Industries (AEI) which later merged with the General Electric Company (GEC). Peter married Sylvia on 9th August 1947 and they went on to have

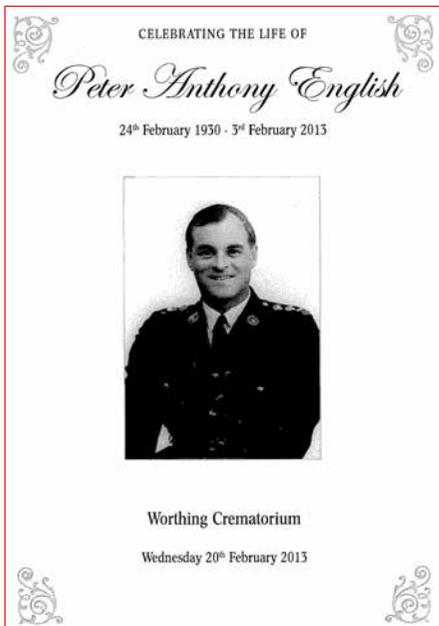
a daughter, Hilary. Peter's leisure and retirement interests included swimming – he was a senior Swimming and Diving teacher; sailing – he built his own dinghy; painting (watercolours) and Reiki Healing – he became a Reiki Master. He was proud to be a member of the Hurst Johnian Lodge no. 4937. He died in the early hours of 2nd August with his daughter and son-in-law in attendance. May he rest in peace.

Apologies for this not appearing in the Autumn 2012 edition.

Andre Syson (Red Cross 1955) died after a short illness on 4th January. His children Lucinda, Damon and Christopher, to whom we send our deepest sympathy, were with him. At Hurst he captained his house and was captain of cricket in 1954 and 1955. He won a scholarship to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. For a short time he was an articled clerk in the legal profession but moved on to work as an advertising copywriter both in England and in Bombay. He returned to England in 1973 and worked at Dorland and Ogilvy & Mather. In 1989 his cartoon story book, *Blobs the World* (illustrated by Margaret Chamberlain) was published, and at about the same time he began a twenty-five year career as a landscape gardener. He continued writing and gardening ... his two great passions ... right to the end.

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Peter English (Red Cross) was a very good all round sportsman. He played cricket and rugby for the school and was a talented athlete. He spent most of his career afterwards in the Hong Kong police. Your editor attended the celebration of his life at Worthing and was pleased to meet up with Colin Gould (Martlet 1975), who was a friend of Peter's son who was at the Junior School from 1967 to 1970.



News has filtered through that **John Molyneux (Shield 1953)** has died. At Hurst he played both cricket and hockey for the school. He was a very good goalkeeper; the Hurst Johnian records that "he well maintained our goalkeeping tradition". He went on to

play top class club hockey. After school he went into the brewing business and emigrated to the United States.

We have also heard that **Michael Pipe** who was in Junior School and **Shield (1962-1967)** has died at his home in Nairobi, Kenya. His ashes were interred at St Margaret's church in Ditchling.

Nicholas Smith was in Junior School from 1977 to 1980. He joined his father's butcher's business in Hurstpierpoint and Hassocks, and ran the Hassocks branch for some years. He died early this year.

Sir David Hart died on March 13th. After he left Hurst he qualified as a solicitor. One of the clients of the firm for which he worked was the NAHT (National Association of Head Teachers), and in 1978, despite having no experience in the classroom, he was appointed general secretary of that organisation. He held this post for 27 years. He was appointed OBE in 1988 and was knighted in 2006 just after he retired. He lived in Cumbria where he devoted much of his time to his horses, for he was an accomplished horseman and eventer. He is survived by his wife and two sons, to whom we extend our sympathy.

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