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Editorial

“Schooldays were the happiest days of my life”. So runs the old adage, but of course if this is true, there is something wrong! In a perfect world, the happiest days of one’s life should be the days one is living currently. This is for many a pipedream, but it is rather sad if one yearns for days long gone.

One would hope that while young and still at school, the days are blissful, but later such times as the adventures of university, the blossoming of a happy relationship, the wonder of parenthood, the satisfaction of a good career or the ability to serve others are also times which vie for “the happiest”.

Some, of course, were not happy at school, but for the majority I believe that that slight excitement or nostalgia on re-entering the portals and maybe reliving one’s formative years do suggest overtones of happiness. But many who were content at school do not revisit the place. How about trying to persuade one’s contemporaries to visit Hurst once again? I do believe that many would be very impressed and would enjoy those “feelings”.

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St Etheldreda Weekend 2001

The OHJ weekend followed the pattern of that established in 1999, with one or two minor time changes. Happily, many OHJs were seen at Hurst on one or both of the days concerned.

The Saturday arrangements began with tea and Evensong, except for the members of the choir who had practices earlier. Evensong was also a Thanksgiving Service for George Lambert, at which his son Robin and his son-in-law Peter Scott (both OJs) read the lessons and George Hill gave the address. The choir, composed mainly of OJs, was excellent and finished by singing John Ireland's Greater Love Hath No Man.

Drinks were served in the Common Room before an excellent dinner in the Dining Hall. The President, Paul Ruddlesdin, proposed the toast of "OJs Overseas" at the traditional hour of 9.00pm, and later, in a brief speech, proposed the toast "Floreat Hurst". The Headmaster replied in his usual easy manner and gave us an impressive précis of the College's achievements in the previous year. It is clear that Hurst is in good heart.

After the meal, flowers were presented to Mrs Meek and Mrs Ruddlesdin, and, to a heart-warming standing ovation, to Mrs Ruth Lambert.

On Sunday the AGM was held at 10.00am. Jonathan Allison had tendered his resignation after forty one fruitful years on the committee; tribute was duly and deservedly paid to him. The accounts were skilfully presented by the treasurer and were adopted by those present.

After the traditional St Etheldreda service, there was time to chat and have a drink before lunch and the rugby match between the College XV and a young Old Boys XV. In a good flowing game, the College beat the Old Boys by 29 points to 17.

Then tea and we were all able to wend our ways home after a truly excellent week-end. We extend our thanks to the College for its warm and extended hospitality.

The following attended the dinner:-

The President and Mrs P Ruddlesdin
The Headmaster and Mrs S Meek
The Bursar and Mrs R Smith
The Chairman of the School Council and Mrs Edell
The Reverend and Mrs B Wilson
The Chaplain and Mrs Hess
Mr & Mrs J R Allison
The Head Boy and Girl
Mr and Mrs D J Hughes
Mr K C C Burleigh
Mr R W J Hall
Mr B E Glazier
Mr G C F Croll
Mr and Mrs D W D Cole
Mr and Mrs J Trippett
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Mr P Smith
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Mr J G Gwynn
Mr J P W Larman
Mr C J L Bailey
Mr T D Porter
Mr M T Kemp-Potter
Mr R K H Redford
Mr K Mason
Mrs R G Lambert
Mr and Mrs P M Scott
Dr and Mrs R G Lambert
Mr J M Mason
Mrs K Tebb
Mrs M E Gregory
Mr H Travis
Mr and Mrs V W Maitland
Mrs and Mrs J R Leffman
Sir Stanley and Lady Simmons
Dr and Mrs N A Simmons
Mr J Gillman
Mr P Eve
Mr and Mrs P R B Salter
Mr D E A Coles
Mr B E Newnham

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Mr M I Taylor
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Mr and Mrs R J Ebdon
Mr & Mrs J Ebdon
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Mr L R Hands
Mr and Mrs G L Hill
Mr and Mrs R W Smart
Mr and Mrs J R M Hall
Mr J R Bettridge
Mr J H Peters
Mr and Mrs T Firth
Mr R H L Moulton
Mr L C Henwood
Mr G M Pitcher
Mr H R Thomas
Mr P H McGahan
Mr R H D Ayton
Mr and Mrs J C Rawlins
Mr and Mrs P B Stock
Mr E H R Goodacre

OJs v School at the Etheldreda Weekend in October



CRICKET

The Old Hurst Johnian Cricket Week 2001

More caravans and tents than ever seemed to mushroom on Manyweathers in the days leading up to the Cricket Week, and during its early days. The community there is a happy one, with perfectly safe and secure play space for the children who have become an integral part of the scene.

The weather was typically English ... a total mixture! Sadly the matches against the Old Rossallians and the Stoics were completely rained off. (The Manager was not too popular having taken the Thursday off to play golf in Eastbourne where the sun shone for most of the day, while consistent drizzle at Hurst meant no cricket!)

Against the Eton Ramblers, Dick Smart bowled well while Peter Riddy bowled very well, but for once the fielding rather let us down. The Hurst innings fluctuated, but no-one except Stuart Hall ever looked like taking things by storm, and we lost rather tamely by 33 runs.

Against the Romany, with Guy Symondson-Nolte batting extremely well on his debut, after Matthew Hastwell had reminded us that he can bowl as well as bat. He was effectively accurate. In an exciting finale, the OHJs fell 5 short of the target required.

Edward Welch, in his own unique style, seemed to be cruising to a century against the South Wales Hunts but fell at the last hurdle. Would 217 be enough? It might have been but we shall never know ... the glorious uncertainty of cricket! After Michael Harrison had made early inroads into the Cryptics innings, they recovered well on a day shortened by the previous day's rain. Matthew Hastwell batted with authority, but once he was out it never really seemed that we would reach the target.

Against the Sussex Martlets we batted with conviction but for too long, and the opposition were never really in with a chance (and seemed to realize it from the start). It was therefore just a question whether or not we could bowl them out in the time. We couldn't!

In the final match, Mark Semmence, on his only appearance of the week, made batting look ridiculously easy as we cruised to an easy win to “level up” the week. The results appear below.

As I have written many times before, it is impossible to thank everyone who helps to make the cricket week what it is. How does one describe good humour, a ready willingness to help out, the friendliness which permeates the whole place, the co-operation of the school authorities and the unflappable work of the caterers? They all know who they are, so I thank them one and all. If I mention names, someone will be forgotten; if I don't, I shall be dubbed a coward or ungrateful! Thank you **all**. But I shall mention one name; this year was the first year in which we had use of the new electronic scoreboard. It is brilliant, in all senses of the word, so I express our thanks once again to Philip Angel who was the inspiration behind its construction.

George Hill

OHJCC Report 2001

Brewers' Cup

An ultimately disappointing campaign began with sound wins over the Old Cranleighans and the Old Bloxhamists in the first two rounds.

In the first round against Cranleigh, the OJs made 288-8. Justin Bates top scored with 58 and there were also significant contributions from Riddy J (36), Wicker (41), Semmence (38) and Atkins (30*). Cranleigh were dismissed for 125 (Bates 4 – 30).

Against Bloxham in Round Two, the visitors were dismissed for 110 and the OJs won by 5 wickets, Goodacre J top-scoring with 36.

Rain then washed out our two attempts to play a semi-final against Hereford Cathedral School, and most regrettably, the OJs were unable to field a side for a third encounter thus forfeiting the chance to play for a place in the final.

It was a particularly disappointing end to the season as we had an extremely strong side with enormous all-round talent. It is very much hoped that we will mount a strong campaign in 2002. Other matches:

The matches against Lancing Rovers and the HAC were sadly cancelled, but the OJs recorded a win against the Free Foresters. The OJs made 208 (Hastwell 59, Riddy J 50) and the Free Foresters were dismissed for 134 with Riddy P taking 7-33. The match against the school was drawn. The OJs made 180 (Warrender 50) and the School had reached 120-8 at the close of play.

Tom Moulton

SQUASH

The Londonderry Cup

This is an old pupils' squash competition for teams of 5 players all of whom must be past pupils of the school. It has been in existence since 1934.

If anyone would like to get up a team to take part in this competition, he/she would have the backing of the Committee.

For further details, please contact the Hon. Secretary, Roger Moulton on 01273 832455.

1ST XI Hockey and Netball Fixtures

February

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| Sat 23 | <i>Hockey</i> Lancing (H) 2.15pm |
| Mon 25 | Netball St Leonards (A) 4.00pm |
| Thu 28 | <i>Hockey</i> Ardingly (A) 2.00pm |
| Thu 28 | Netball Ardingly (H) 2.30pm |

March

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| Sat 2 | Netball SISNA Tournament (A) 9.00am |
| Sat 2 | <i>Hockey</i> Caterham (H) 10.00am |
| Thu 7 | <i>Hockey</i> King's, Rochester (H) 2.30pm |
| Sat 16 | <i>Hockey</i> Seaford (A) 1.30pm |
| Sat 16 | Netball St Bede's (H) 2.00pm |
| Wed 20 | Netball Tour departs for Malta |
| Tues 26 | South Africa U15 <i>Hockey</i> Tour departs |

GOLF

Old Hurst Johnian Golfing Society – 2001 Season

Our captain for 2001, Derick Fulcher has supervised the golfing society's events through the season and 46 members have attended on at least one occasion. Peter Masters, Graham Pollock and Simon Henkel have made their first appearances.

Our season commenced in February with a Halford Hewitt trial held at Royal Cinque Ports, Deal and at Rye. The wet weather had badly affected Deal and Royal St George's at Sandwich as closed. Rye proved an excellent substitute and we found the course there in good condition. The trial proved to be useful and we approached our first round match in the Halford Hewitt Cup on 5th April in good heart. However the draw had again given us rather strong opponents for this scratch knockout team event, involving 64 teams. We played Eton at Deal, and after 7 holes, were leading in three matches and level in one. However, as we turned into the wind at the far end of the course, the extra power of the Eton players began to tell and our advantages soon slipped away. David Lenton and Rick Holgate in the top match lasted longest, losing 2/1. Russell Ogden and Mark Baldock lost 3/2, as did Nick Budge and Peter Day. Our other pairs were Jeremy Waud and Richard Kelly, and Derick Fulcher and Dudley Stratford, each losing 6/5. Again our team lacked three of our best players, but we were disappointed not to have won at least one match. The team much appreciated the support received from our President Laurie Henwood, our Vice-President Keith Jenkin and several others. This year there was a new Plate Competition for first round losers, at Princes. We won in the first round thanks to a walkover, but lost in a very close match against Stonyhurst in the second round. Jeremy Waud and Richard Kelly won their match, but Nick Budge and Peter Day lost. In the deciding match, Russell Ogden and Mark Baldock were level after 18 holes, but lost at the first extra hole.

Our next event was the annual match against Old Eastbournians at Walton Heath on 3rd May, off handicap. In a close finish, with the other four matches shared 2/2, Ian Clarke and Graham Negus managed to win at the last hole, enabling us to retain the Sussex 2 Iron.

On 10th May, 28 members and 5 guests played in our Members' Spring Meeting at West Sussex GC, Pulborough. All thoroughly enjoyed the lovely course and excellent clubhouse facilities. The morning singles Stableford competition for the Gibbs Cup was

won by Mark Baldock with 40 points. Nick Budge was second with 39 points and Keith Jenkin took their prize and the Veterans Tankard with 38 points. Rick Holgate won the scratch prize with 28 scratch points. The afternoon foursomes competition was won by Mark Baldock and Nick Budge (37 points) on a countback from Jonathan Baldwin and his guest. Rick Holgate and Ian Clarke were third with 35 points. After the prizegiving, our President Laurie Henwood made a presentation of a picture, a glass bowl and crockery (purchased with funds generously contributed by the members) to Dudley Stratford for his efforts as our Secretary for over 30 years.

Our team returned to the Royal Cinque Ports, Deal on 12th May to play in the Regional Qualifying round of the Grafton Morrish. Through foot and mouth restrictions, the usual venue Knole Park, Sevenoaks was closed, and the change to Deal proved very satisfactory to us. We were delighted to have Tony Hildrow back in our team and to welcome Peter Masters to the team for the first time. Tony played with Richard Kelly and their score of 28 scratch points was only beaten by two of the other 44 pairs taking part. Our team score of 68 points put us in third place out of the 15 teams, and so we comfortably qualified for the finals later in the year. The other team members were Russell Ogden, Nick Budge and Rick Holgate.

Also in May, we played our annual Match against the College for the Henwood Salver. We were beaten 2/1 by the College side – Steven Lloyd, Antony Cook and Ross Kennedy. We look forward to seeing the College side as Society members in a few years' time.

On 6th June, our team of four played in the Qualifying Round of the Royal Wimbledon Putting Competition. Each player had 7 putting matches. Rick Holgate won five and halved one of his matches. Jeremy Waud, Richard Kelly and Ian Pilcher were less successful, and we finished fifth out of the 8 sides playing that evening. Only the first two teams qualified for the Final Round.

In early July, our Over 54 team played at West Hill in the Mellin Salver. Our first round opponents were again Oundle, who had beaten us 3/0 in 2000. However we turned the tables this time in an exciting match. David Lenton and Rick Holgate had a good win by 2/1 but our third pair, Graham Pollock and Rob McCowen were beaten 4/3. Meanwhile, Derick Fulcher and Dudley Stratford were two up with 2 holes to play. They then lost the last two holes but managed to halve the first extra hole before winning on the 20th hole. In the second round we met

Cheltenham and John Waterfall replaced Graham Pollock in our team. David and Rick won again, but we lost the other two matches. Cheltenham went on to win the Salver. Peter Ross and Keith Jenkin took part in the Peter Burles Salver (for over 65s) but did not qualify for the final stages.

Our Members' Summer Meeting was held on 3rd August at Royal Ashdown Forest GC, 25 members and 3 guests attending and enjoying another lovely day. Steven Waud played very well to score 42 points and won the President's Cup in the morning, from Roger Goodacre (39) who also won the Veteran's Tankard. Richard Kelly won the scratch prize with 32 scratch points and Patrick McGahan took the third prize with 37 points. Our new trophy, the Bill Alban Putter was awarded to Angus Stewart for the outstanding effort of the round, a magnificent birdie 3 at the very difficult 17th hole. In the afternoon, Roger Goodacre partnered Dudley Stratford to win the Stratford Tazzas with 36 points, from David Staples and Bob Carter (34) and Richard Kelly and his guest (also 34).

Our annual match against the Old Canfordians at Blackmoor GC had to be cancelled owing to a problem about the date! We hope to play the match in 2002.

At our AGM held after dinner at Woodhall Spa on the Saturday evening, Roger Goodacre was elected as our 2002 season Captain, with Dudley Stratford continuing as our Honorary Secretary. Any Old Boys interested in joining our society as urged to get in touch with Dudley at Broadlands, Medstead, Alton, Hants, GU34 5PX (Tel: Home 01420 563382 Office 01794 830777). Whilst we are particularly looking for lower handicap members for our Halford Hewitt, Grafton Morrish and Mellin teams to improve our competitiveness in those scratch competitions, any golfers who can play to a handicap of 28 or better are welcome for our members' meetings and friendly matches.

The main dates already fixed for our 2002 programme:

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| 11/4/02 | The Halford Hewitt Cup commences |
| 9/5/02 | Members' Spring Meeting - West Sussex GC |
| 2/8/02 | Members' Summer Meeting at Royal Ashdown Forest GC |

OJ HOCKEY

Sunday 17th March - 2nd XI at 1.15pm and 1st XI at 2.30pm

Obituaries

Michael Allen and George Lambert



George Lambert MC, TD, MA

1914 to 2001

George was born in Crosby and educated at Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby and St Catharine's College, Cambridge. He accepted a post at Hurst in 1937 to teach mathematics, but his service here was interrupted by the war and he was away from 1939 to 1946, serving as a commissioned officer in the King's Regiment. Towards the end of the war he was awarded the Military Cross.

On his return to Hurst, now happily married to Ruth, he served faithfully and diligently until his retirement in 1980. It would take pages to chronicle details of his service here, especially as he was such an influential man; suffice it to say he was at various times in charge of Rugby and Athletics, he commanded the CCF, he was housemaster of Shield for nineteen years and subsequently Deputy Headmaster.

He was not idle in retirement and was on many committees in the village as well as being a fervent supporter of the Hurst Johnian Club, for which he edited this Newsletter for several years.

His son Robin, and his son-in-law Peter Scott are both OJs. They read lessons at the memorial evensong held in the Chapel on October 20th.

Here was a man who was devoted to his family, his faith, his career and his many friends. Many former pupils owe him a debt of gratitude. Once again, we extend our sympathies to Ruth, his wife for over sixty years, and to his family.

Ruth wrote after the service in October:

“My family and I would like to thank all those who have sent letters and cards, telephoned and generally given so much support during the past rather sad year. It was also wonderful to meet so many people at the beautiful service of Evensong, at the dinner and at the Sunday Etheldreda Service. Many many thanks to the OJ Choir, to George Hill and all who did so much to make it such a memorable weekend, which will never be forgotten”.

Patricia Phillips

1933 to 2001

Patricia died suddenly in October last. She was the Shield House matron for about 5 years in the 1970s, and later helped as a wardrobe lady in the drama department. She, together with her husband Peter, was an active supporter of the Friends of Hurst. We offer our deep sympathies to Peter and to their son James (Shield 82).

Walter John Stevens

1922 to 2001

Mrs Margaret Stevens wrote to tell us that her husband died on 16th August last year. He was in Chevron, and the youngest of three brothers at Hurst. His cousin was also an OJ, and subsequently two sons came to the College. He left Hurst in

1939 and trained as an engineer. After several posts he ended his career as Chief Services Engineer for Camden. He was a Fellow of the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers. We extend our sympathies to Mrs Stevens and to all members of his family.

Commemoration of OJs

Every year, I receive one or two letters from the families of OJs asking if there is any way that their OJ relative, who has recently died, can be commemorated in some way at the College. As a result, some trees have been planted within the School grounds in memory of OJs and commemorative plaques have been placed by the trees. I have felt that this has been a good way of both remembering the contribution of the OJ to the School, while at the same time adding more beauty to the College grounds. I am very happy for such an approach to continue.

However, I have also thought that another way to commemorate OJs might be the donation of silver cups. These would be suitably inscribed, and would be awarded for the various competitions which take place each year in sport, work, music and drama. The number and range of competitions has increased and it would be very good to have a designated cup for each competition. It would also mean that Houses would be able to keep the cups on display in each House, until they were re-awarded the following year. I think that this would be satisfying for each House and would help sustain team morale beyond the actual time of winning the cup.

I hope that you will feel, as I do, that silver cups would be a permanent and appropriate commemoration, for it would mean that the name of the person commemorated would be read out each year at the time of the cup's award. i.e. the John Smith Cup for Senior House Swimming etc.

If anyone would like to commemorate an OJ, or if any group of OJs would like to commemorate one of their contemporaries who has died, then I would be very pleased to hear from them. Please do write to me at the College.

Stephen Meek
Headmaster

AROPS

Record numbers, amongst whom were Roger Moulton and Jonathan Allison, attended the 2001 Conference held at Wycombe Abbey School on 12th May, 2001. The Chairman, John Kidd (Old Portmuthian) welcomed all participants and said he was particularly pleased to see that there were 13 Societies new to AROPS in the audience.

The Headmistress of Wycombe School, Mrs Pauline Davies, and Miss Sue Cameron, President of Wycombe Abbey Seniors, gave an entertaining insight of the School and its very strong relationship with its former pupils or "Seniors".

Tim Neale (Radleian Society) introduced David Williamson, Bursar of Marlborough College and until the week before Conference Chairman of ISBA (Independent Schools Bursars' Association). David spoke of the efforts being made by the Independent Schools Council (ISC) to ensure that the various organizations in membership of ISC work ever more closely together. His title was appropriately "United we stand...". He described the work of the ISC Second Unity Committee.

Guy Cliff (Old Silcoatian) then reported on the outcome of the recent AROPS survey on Life Subscriptions. A report on the survey results will be published in due course.

Alan Shrimpton (Old Bryanstonian) introduced Paul Shipley (old Silcoatian) and Graham Ratcliffe (Old Barnardian) to talk on the subject of Archives. Those at Conference were able to hear experiences of great success on the one hand and a warning of pitfalls on the other.

The conference finished with an ever popular Any Question? Session chaired by Margaret Carter-Pegg (Old Crohamian) and a panel of AROPS Committee members; Guy Cliff (Old Silcoatian), Vanessa Connor (Guild of St Mary and St Anne) and Tim Neale (Radleian Society). As usual the session covered a large range of subjects relevant to old pupils' societies with full participation from the many Representatives attending.

When closing Conference, the Chairman reminded Representatives that the AGM would take place at City of London School on 13th November and the 2002 Conference on 18th May 2002 at Hurstpierpoint College.

The Association's Annual Dinner took place in the evening at Wycombe Abbey School when Representatives were entertained by guest speaker, the eminent barrister and Wycombe Abbey Senior, Sue Birch (nee Carr).

News and Views

Congratulations to **Reg and Hilary Ruddock** who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding. For the benefit of younger OJs, Reg was a member of staff from 1951 until his retirement. He was a great sportsman/coach, a fine teacher of Geography and housemaster of Star. His three sons.... **David** (Fleur de Lys 70), **Bruce** (Fleur de Lys 74) and **Nigel** (Fleur de Lys 75) together with many former members of staff, family and friends celebrated this anniversary on January 12th.

I hope it will not be misunderstood when I report that the shock of the year came when **Michael McAdam**, who was the Chaplain at Hurst from 1960 until 1968, announced his engagement to Sandra Wilson. They were married on January 19th. We wish them every happiness.

Ken Mason celebrated his 95th birthday on January 19th. He is as "sharp" as ever, and both he and Peggy are in excellent form.

Congratulations to **Simon (Shield 89) and Karen Parkinson** on the birth of their daughter Rachel.

Bryan Renn (Shield 50), having reached a certain venerable age, has retired as a member of the school council and as a Fellow of the Woodard Corporation after many years diligent service. We thank him for his service to the College.

Tim Grantham (Chevron 69) has generously agreed to continue the award in memory of his brother Gordon. This is a cricket award and was instigated by his father following Gordon's tragic death in a road accident. Thank you, Tim.

Robert Cornish (Star 48) has written from his home in Cheshire with news of his son (who was a pupil of your editor in Llandaff some time ago!) Robert sits on the Finance Committee for Manchester University, which is the largest unitary university in England. He was sorry to miss Etheldreda as he was in Canada at the time.

Geoffrey Brown (Star 50) is threatening a reunion party with members of Star Rooker of his era, especially if **Mike Burfoot** (Star 50) can be persuaded to come "across the pond" sometime.

Graham Tottle (Star 51) has written with a kind offer to help in the construction of the promised e-mail list (q.v.) Those who understand such things may well pursue this.

Simon Stewart (Shield 57) writes that he retired in 1998 after forty years in the aerospace industry (the last thirty with the Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation in USA. He would be delighted to hear from contemporaries on spjsl@aol.com or 52 Putzel Avenue, Guilford, Connecticut 06437-1404 USA

John Bettridge (Junior School staff*) travelled to Ireland for the wedding of **Harun Cordan** (Eagle 88) and Miss Helen Gallager on September 29th. Several OJs were there to support the couple ... the Best Man was **Richard Sheppard** (Eagle 88). We send our best wishes for a long and happy marriage.

(*The Junior School, which to older OJs was Junior House, is now called The Prep School)

Left to right, back row: John Bettridge, Harun Cordan, Richard Sheppard, Edward Welch, Giray Cordan

Front row: Matthew Hastwell, Tulga Cordan



News of **James Douglas** (Shield 89) "I graduated from St Andrews University in 1993 and spend 7 years working in Romania, Japan, South America and Spain. I am currently Director of International House, Palma de Mallorca. International House is an organization that trains language teachers and teaches languages to people of all ages. It is based in Piccadilly and has over 160 schools in over 40 countries. International House Palma runs Cambridge CELTA courses (for people wishing to teach English as a foreign language) and also AS and A-level Spanish refresher courses for 6th form students from schools like Hurst who come out from England during their 6th form years. We also teach English and German to Spanish people. I would be happy to hear from old friends or people with questions about the field I am in. I would also like to send my regards to Mr Williamson, Mrs Peters, Mr Mance and Dr Buss, all of whom stand out in my memory as exceptional people" (As Shakespeare might have said: How? Exceptional?! ...Editor)

"Remember Me?"



Michael Grime

Trevor Leeson (Red Cross 48) has written expressing jealousy that your editor is lucky to live in Hurstpierpoint, which was his home until he married in 1952. He now lives in Horsham.

Patrick Wilson (Junior School and Eagle 72) would like to hear from any contemporaries who remember him. He is now living in

Hove with his family and works as a composer mainly doing soundtracks for film and TV. Address for contact:

Patrick@patrickwilson.com

John Windsor (Star 36) writes that although he is in his early eighties, he and his wife enjoy reasonably good health and keep fit! They are both members of Somerset C.C.C. and love to hear news from Hurst.

Clive Marshall (Eagle 61) writes that if there is to be an e-mail register, he would like to be included and will be delightfully surprised if anyone wants to contact him. He still lives in St Albans and is still a claims investigator for Royal and SunAlliance. He is desperately hoping for a viable redundancy package! He goes on: "I am married with two sons and one grandson. My hobbies are Naturism and North West Clog Morris Dancing, but not at the same time! I hope to do some travelling if I can wangle that early retirement, as Egypt, Syria and Jordan in the last year or so has whetted my appetite. I still perversely enjoy camping!" Try: clive@hatter.worldonline.co.uk

Ian Winton (Red Cross 80) writes that following jobs with various advertising agencies in UK and Germany, he is now managing director of a marketing agency in Richmond (Surrey). He is married with two sons. He remains in close contact with **Tim Allen** (Martlet 80) and makes occasional visits to Hurst. He finishes his letter: "the older I get, the more I realise how much I enjoyed my days there!"

I am told on good authority that **Ian Cummings** (Chevron 50) has captained England at shooting, and that **Andrew Penfold** (Fleur de Lys 80) is coach of the England under-21 team. I hope to publish more about these two next time.

Mention of Morris Dancing (above) reminds me that during Cricket Week we were inundated with photographs of **Dick Smart** (Star 63) dancing with his colleagues in the presence of the Queen. How smart he looked!

Also in Cricket Week (which in 2002 will run from August 3rd to 10th) we were tactfully reminded that **Derek Semmence** is still the youngest century maker for Sussex (108 v Nottingham at Trent Bridge in 1956). The list contains other illustrious names ... Washbrook (Lancs), Gower (Leics), Compton (Middlesex) and Hutton (Yorks).

Timothy Woodford (Shield 92) is the Director of Music at The Duke of Kent's School. Not long ago he brought his choir to Hurst.

Nick Barton (Shield 95) was awarded the Sword of Honour at Sandhurst.

Peter Izard (Fleur de Lys 90) would like to kindle some old friendships. His address is : 5 Wolstenbury Road, Rustington, Littlehampton, BN16 3LB.

We offer congratulations to **Guy Mance** (Eagle 89) and his wife Rachel on the very recent birth of their twin daughters in New Zealand. Best wishes too to Grandfather Michael! and Jill.

Christopher Dudley (Shield 98) graduated from the University of East Anglia with a degree in music. While in Norwich he was a choral scholar for two years in the Cathedral, and he also founded a barber shop group in which **Andy Burnett** (Shield 98) also sang. Christopher also received an award from David Blunkett for his voluntary work while at the university. He is now living just outside Washington, D.C. and singing in the National Cathedral and at St Paul's Church. He is also a case worker and hopes to obtain a masters' degree in social work.

News of **Michael Nuttall** (Shield 55) from the Church of Ireland Gazette:

Thirteen years ago, in the full biblical sense of the word, of course, Michael Nuttall, Team Vicar of Bottesford with-Ashby near Scunthorpe on Humberside, and his wife Valerie struck lucky. His senior colleague in the Lincoln diocesan team ministry noticed an advert in Church Times concerning a vacancy in the picturesque West Limerick Parish of Adare. However, when that cleric applied for details and received them in the post they posed such little interest that over coffee at the weekly team meeting he offered them to Michael for perusal! The rest is history. And what an amazing history it has turned out to be. And how he has joined his ancestors in adding to it!

Michael, made Archdeacon of Limerick by Bishop Darling some four years after his arrival, was not aware he had any Irish ancestry until he was here and discovered that his great-great-great grandfather – or something like that! – had been a Dean of Clonmacnois! And what really makes them laugh is that Valerie subsequently found she too has Irish ancestry, if not actually linked with the church. Which probably explains why they have so

enjoyed their life and ministry together and why they have fitted in so well to parish life in Limerick Diocese and the Church of Ireland. Rather than head back to Valerie's native Yorkshire or Michael's Hampshire roots, they are retiring to their fond retreat at Anglesborough below the Galtee Mountains on the Limerick – Tipperary – Cork border. A place aptly named in their case, since it does suggest their other background and the fact that they are looking forward to the luxury of time to visit their two sons, Richard and Andrew and Richard's children in England. Otherwise, after the very heavy schedule of pasturing and administering both his own Adare and Kilmallock Group and the neighbouring Rathkeale Group, Archdeacon Michael is looking forward to relaxing a little and also to ... "learning to use the computer, attending Summer Schools, maybe writing a little poetry, and walking and gardening with Valerie". Said Valerie: "We have loved being in this group and worshipping in the different churches. I've enjoyed accompanying Michael each Sunday to two of the churches".

Some of the work they leave behind, but which they will continue to take an interest in are the Alzheimer Day Centre which Valerie helped found and the Red Cross Committee which Michael chaired, serving the elderly and the handicapped. Michael has also been an Executive Member of PACT, the counseling and support agency for unplanned pregnancy.

A keen ecumenist all his adult life, the Archdeacon has maintained his links with fellow clerics and lay folk through the international Focolare Movement, founded by an Italian lady after the War. He and Valerie host a Focolare "Word of Life" bible study each month, something they will miss. They will also miss the annual Methodist-run Field Day on Adare Manor Golf Club course, an ecumenical event set on the site where John Wesley preached. The ecumenism also stretched to the sharing of Abington with the whole community by the outward looking parishioners in a pioneering exercise of co-operation. Together the ecumenical folk who live close to and receive spiritual support from Glenstall Abbey have formed the Friends of Abington to fund-raise actively to restore the church.

The Nuttalls have no immediate plans to restore at Anglesborough the donkey "sanctuary" which Adare Rectory was identified with for almost all of their ministry, confirms Valerie, though they still take an interest in the "mother and daughter" they passed on.

His colleagues watched Michael perform as usual at the General Synod – his 13th!- where he could also be counted upon to take the

rostrum and contribute to debate, this year on the varied subjects of Synod reorganization, liturgy, education, whatever...! Were they not as Irish as we are – which they are – the Nuttalls would still have something to tell us about being the promised people! Thank you Valerie and Michael. And, as Michael (or Micky) was often prone to say by way of farewell at church events, we say to them – “Go raibh mile maith agat!”

My Irish correspondent (**Reg Ruddock**) tells me that the translation of the last sentence is “thanks a thousand times to you”.

Seen in The Times, September 26

Fishy Tale

*Sir,
When a pupil at Hurstpierpoint public school in 1967 I was so appalled at the minuscule size of the Kipper served up to me, I encased it in Sellotape and stuck it in my daily diary. My wife ordered me to clear out the garage recently and it was still in good condition in the pages of the exercise book*

*Yours sincerely
Robin Sanderson
Henley-on-Thames*

The Times, September 27

*Sir,
By coincidence, kippers were the breakfast fare for pupils as I read Mr Robin Sanderson’s extraordinary account of his 1967 sellotape-embalmed kipper. No daily diary used by pupils today is large enough to contain the 2001 Hurstpierpoint kipper. If Mr Sanderson could make his kipper available to the college, pupils would doubtless be struck by their obvious good fortune in the 21st century.*

*Yours sincerely
Robert Smith
Bursar
Hurstpierpoint College*

Sir, Hurstpierpoint, being a Woodard school in the Anglo-Catholic tradition, naturally would have served kippers for breakfast, but only on Fridays. As Friday used to be a fast day in 1967, surely Robin Sanderson would not have expected to receive a large kipper. The fact that he desecrated the simple offering requires confession and absolution on his part.

As the current Provost of the Woodard Corporation (Southern Division), living in the next village to Henley-on-Thames, I am prepared to dispense the sacrament of absolution to Mr Sanderson if he will contact me.

*Yours faithfully
John W Ratings
The Vicarage, Wargrave-on-Thames*

Following the publicity in the media, some of which is reproduced above, Keith Jenkin (Fleur de Lys 50) wrote the following letter to The Times in October. Sadly it was not published!

Sir,

Of Exams and Kippers

Hurstpierpoint College has twice figured in your columns. In 1949 I failed higher certificate Divinity, a subject dear to the heart of the Headmaster Canon Howard. The subsequent interview with him left me with a deep seated trauma. It would have been tactless to claim bad teaching as he was the teacher. I feel a modest financial sum from the school would help me considerably.

Robin Sanderson (fishy tales) actually got a kipper. I never even saw one in ten years there.

Yours faithfully
Keith Jenkin

The Communications Revolution

In an earlier edition, I wrote about a possible e-mail register. We have run into some problems about this as we do not know in many cases whether or not the OJ concerned is happy for his/her e-mail address to be available to all other OJs. Dan Higgins, the Head of Design and Technology at Hurst writes:

As the World Wide Web continues to expand, the OHJ Committee is dedicated to offering a better service for all OJs wishing to stay in contact with one another. It is therefore our intention to create a search engine connected to an extensive database so that OJs may contact each other via the Web. Some of our information will be obtained from the existing business directory, but this is a little out of date.

Your e-mail address will only be used to distribute information to you about the OJ Club, its various functions and activities taking place at the College that you as an OJ may be interested in. It will not be made public or available to third parties.

If you are agreeable to your e-mail address being made available to other members of the OJ Club who might want to get in touch with you by e-mail, please tick the box. If you do not tick the box your e-mail address will only be used for the sole purpose outlined above.

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The Roll of Honour Part 2

As indicated in the previous article in this series it was stated that it was intended to visit further OJ war graves. The Somme battlefield has been visited twice this year – once in June and again in October.

The Thiepval Memorial contains the names of a number of OJs. This is the Somme equivalent to the Menin Gate and lists all those who were killed on the Somme and have no known grave. Corporal C I Brinton (Star 1896-97) of the Middlesex Regiment, 2nd Lieutenant H Corbett (Chevron 1901-10) of the Devonshire Regiment, Private C E Gepp (Chevron 1911-15) of the London Scottish Regiment, D C B Gumbley (Star 1906-11), J S Hayward (Shield 1900-01), Captain D W Lane-Nichols (Chevron 1910) of the Queen's Regiment and Sub-Lieutenant C H G Wagner (Red Cross 1895-97) of the Royal Marines are all commemorated here. Gumbley and Hayward were both 2nd Lieutenants in the Wiltshire Regiment and their names are one above the other on Panel 13A of the memorial.

C B Mellenfield (Star 1895-98) lies in Mill Road Cemetery near Thiepval. He was a 2nd Lieutenant in the South Lancashire Regiment.

2nd Lieutenant T F Adamson (Chevron 1908-14 and School Captain in 1914) is buried in the Devonshire Cemetery near Mametz. He was killed on 1st July, 1916 in the attack on Mametz by the 9th Devonshire Regiment.

Flat Iron Copse Cemetery is the last resting place of F L Deane (Chevron 1897-1902), who was a Private in the 5th London Regiment (the Civil Service Rifles).

Blighty Valley Cemetery lies about 200 yards up a grass path leading away from the Albert-Authville road. Here lies 2nd Lieutenant W P O Thomas (Star 1906-09) of the 9th York and Lancaster Regiment who went on from Hurst to St George's School, Harpenden. It was pleasing to find that a representative of St George's had laid a bunch of flowers on his grave.

The last cemetery to be visited was Serre Road No 2. Private A C Axe, Director of Music from 1907 to 1914, is buried here. He was one of many from the 15th West Yorkshire Regiment who died on 1st July, 1916.

There are still several graves to be found in the Ypres and Somme battlefields and we intend to visit the Loos, Neuve Chapelle, Aubers Ridge and Vimy Ridge areas.

Further to our previous article, David Barber (Junior House 1936-38 and Fleur de Lys 1938-42) has been in contact with some information about Pilot Officer W Ottley (Star 1936-40) of 617 Squadron who was awarded a posthumous DFC for his part in the Dam Busters Raid in 1943. We are very grateful to David Barber for the information which follows.

In his book *The Dam Busters* Paul Brickhill made virtually no mention of Ottley so it is good to know more about him. In *The Dams Raid Through the Lens*, which is an English translation of a German book by Helmuth Euler, the details of Ottley's last moments are given. In the attack, Ottley's Lancaster was part of the airborne reserve. Just before Ahlen, he was ordered to attack the Lister dam, but to the north-east of Hamm-Hessen his aircraft came under heavy anti-aircraft fire. The inner starboard engine caught fire immediately and the hydraulic system failed. The tail-gunner, who was the only crew member to survive, remembers Ottley's last words over the intercom, "I'm sorry, boys, they got us". Ottley and the rest of his crew are buried at Reichswald War Cemetery. Euler's book contains a photograph of Ottley's grave.

(To be continued)

Roger and Tom Moulton

HEROES OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

by Roger Moulton

In the last Newsletter the Editor requested information about OJs who had been decorated as heroes in the Second World War.

I have managed to compile the following list of awards from The Hurst Register. The details were originally extracted from the war time editions of the Hurst Johnian. As I have remarked on a number of occasions the records for the Second World War are nowhere near as complete as those for the First World War. Therefore I am aware that this list may very well be incomplete and that indeed there may be some inaccuracies. Any further information or corrections will be very gratefully received.

Military Cross

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|------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Ashworth, J.M. | Chevron | 1936-1933 |
| Balbernie, R.W. | Red Cross | 1937-1940 |
| Dowse, G.R. | Fleur de Lys | 1932-1936 |
| Gilman, G.E.C.R. | Star | 1901-1903 |
| Greig, J.C.M. | Shield | 1933-1937 |
| Harris, R.M. | Chevron | 1929-1933 |
| Hayes, J.B. | Chevron | 1919-1922 |
| King, D.A. | Star | 1932-1935 |
| Lambert, G.E. | Master | 1937-1980 |
| Motion, N.G. | Shield | 1934-1936 |
| Prebble, E.S. | Star | 1918-1925 |
| Sadler.P.T.S. | Fleur de Lys | 1923-1927 |

Distinguished Flying Cross and 2 bars

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| Allen, M.S. | Fleur de Lys | 1936-1939 |
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Distinguished Flying Cross and bar

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|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| Gray, G.J.D.W. | Chevron | 1931-1933 |
| Stevens, R.P. | Fleur de Lys | 1920.1928 |
| Matthews, J.O. | Shield | 1935-1939 |

Distinguished Flying Cross

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|-------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Bird, G.O.L. | Fleur de Lys | 1932 |
| Howell, S.W.R. | Red Cross | 1923-1930 |
| Lawrence, L.S. | Shield | 1926-1932 |
| J0117 1.K.S. | Fleur de Lys | 1933-1937 |
| McDonnell, A.R.D. | Red Cross | 1928-1931 |
| Ottley, W. | Star | 1936-1940 |
| Ruchwaldy, D.F. | Red Cross | 1935-1936 |

Distinguished Flying Medal

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|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Hamilton, M.G. | Star | 1927-1931 |
| Ruchwaldy, D.F. | Red Cross | 1935-1936 |

Air Force Cross

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| Henwood, L.C. | Shield | 1937-1942 |
| Macnee, H.B. | Fleur de Lys | 1932-1935 |

Distinguished Service Order

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|-------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Ingall, F.H.B. | Star | 1918-1927 |
| Matthews, J.O. | Shield | 1935-1939 |
| Rew, H.E. | Shield | 1912-1916 |
| Roseveare, J.C.A. | Star | 1924-1931 |
| Stevens, R.P. | Fleur de Lys | 1920-1928 |
| Thomas, W.B. | Fleur de Lys | 1910-1915 |
| Warr, P.E. | Red Cross | 1933-1937 |
| West, P.G. | Red Cross | 1937-1940 |

Distinguished Service Cross

| | | |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| Alderton, P.D. | Fleur de LYS | 1938-1941 |
| Cooper, N.C.M. | Shield | 1936-1938 |

Order of the British Empire**CBE**

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| Thomas, W.B. | Fleur de Lys | 1910-1915 |
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OBE

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| Fitch, K.S. | Red Cross | 1913-1915 |
| Keeson, C.A.G.C. | Star | 1910-1914 |
| Maxfield, J.F. | Red Cross | 1924-1928 |
| Perry, T. A. | Shield | 1924-1929 |

MBE

| | | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Hayes, V. C. | Chevron | 1922-1923 |
| Warr, P. E. | Red Cross | 1933-1937 |

British Empire Medal

| | | |
|-------------|--------|-----------|
| Rowland, P. | Shield | 1937-1940 |
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American Silver Star for Valour

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| Cockell, C.M. | Chevron | 1927-1930 |
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Netherlands Flying Cross

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|----------------|---------|-----------|
| Gray, G.J.D.W. | Chevron | 1931-1933 |
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Mentioned in Dispatches four times

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| Perry, T.A. | Shield | 1924-1929 |
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Mentioned in Dispatches twice

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| Downing, O.H. | Chevron | 1915-1921 |
| Franks, A.H. | Chevron | 1936-1942 |

Mentioned in Dispatches

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|--------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Carrington, R.W.S. | Chevron | 1929-1934 |
| Cheston, A.G. | Chevron | 1931-1934 |
| Franks, H.E. | Chevron | 1934-1939 |
| Hazeldine, T.E.R. | Shield | 1932-1934 |
| Langdon, M.C.S. | Fleur de Lys | 1929-1933 |
| Prebble, E.S. | Star | 1918-1925 |
| Read, C.H. | Chevron | 1933-1936 |
| White, N. | Shield | 1935-1939 |
| Woodhouse, T.H.B. | Fleur de Lys | 1927-1930 |

Croix de Guerre

| | | |
|-------------|---------|-----------|
| Hayes, J.B. | Chevron | 1919-1922 |
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American Bronze Star

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| Gibbs, A.W. | Chevron | 1918-1923 |
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Heroes and the War

Roger Moulton's other pieces have resulted in some interesting correspondence. Jack Gilman (Star 39) wrote to point out that his father's first name was Gordon, not George and that he was also awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre.

David Forster (Star 38) enlarged on the award to C M Cockell (1930) (see this issue). "He commanded C Company of the 9th Bn of the Royal Sussex Regiment, of which I was a member, during the North Burma campaign of 1944/45. During his advance down the Mandalay railway, his company was involved in a successful attack on a Japanese position known as Hill 60. As a result of his leadership and the fact that we were under American Command, he was awarded the American Silver Star for Valour, one of their highest decorations, and rarely awarded to non-US troops. He passed away a few years ago, but the story of his

exploit is to be found in "The Shiny Ninth", a history of the 9th Battalion".

News of another honour missed on the list has come to me from Mr C S Carnaghan, who is the Honorary Secretary of the Indian Police (UK) Association:

George Eric Denham Walker MBE

George Walker died on 14th November, in London, aged 86. After Hurstpierpoint College and a year in Switzerland, he passed the open competitive examination for the Indian Police in 1934 and was posted to Assam.

The Principal of the Police Training School in India described George as "a good all rounder at games, and imbued with the right spirit in other matters". In early 1937 he was seconded to the remote North East Frontier tracts, which bordered Burma and Tibet, working with the hill tribes in whom he took a keen interest. In late 1940 he was posted to Shillong, the capital of Assam – then a remote province, but soon to become of great strategic importance after the Japanese invasion of Burma – as ADC to the Governor, Sir Robert Reid. Sir Robert reported that George – "tactful, hardworking and with excellent manners" did exceedingly well as ADC.

In 1942, George was reappointed to a post on the frontier, as a Political Officer. Under the constant threat of Japanese invasion, George worked in arduous conditions – traveling mostly on foot, and often short of food – to reinforce the loyalty of the hill tribes, to establish camps for the thousands of refugees, and to provide vital support for the Nationalist Chinese and American armies in the area. In 1946, at the early age of 31, he was awarded the military MBE for these services. The new governor of Assam, Sir Andrew Clow, described George in 1946 as an officer of imagination and initiative, "a good all-rounder, well liked, energetic, honest and reliable, with good powers of expression".

After the independence of India in 1947 George decided to stay on, joining the Assam Railway & Trading Company. He returned to London in 1958, serving as a director of the AR & T until his retirement in 1973. In 1971 he had been appointed Honorary Secretary of the Indian Police Association, a post that he held with distinction for 22 years. He wrote a brief memoir of his service in India. He leaves a widow, Mary.

Robert Allwood (Junior House and Shield 39) wrote a most interesting letter on the vicissitudes of war, having read about George Lambert and Michael Allen, who was a classmate of Robert's. His letter goes on:

Reading the list of those who lost their lives, I see that over 10% of my form are on the list of people killed during the last war. I knew about another dozen mentioned, which included 4 who were in the Junior School at the same time as I was.

War is luck. I lost my best friend Basil Adams who was a bomber pilot. His brother was killed as an airman on the ground. I was one of the lucky ones like most of my form, and my brother. I expect that my experience is not unusual. Whenever I went anywhere, the war went elsewhere. Many of my classmates must have been in the thick of it. I know that if it were not for luck, I would not be here today. I leave Bath where I was in the Home Guard to join an infantry regiment, before it was blitzed. I was then commissioned into the Gunners and posted as a supernumery officer to a regiment destined for the second front. I was posted to Burma despite the Colonel wanting to keep me. The officer that took what would have been my place was killed in France. The troop ship in the convoy before mine was sunk.

I was posted to a regiment that was cut off by the Japanese in the boxes of the Arakan. So I was attached to the Chindits where I loaded them into the strongholds then went in to bring them out. I flew out. The other half of my unit that went to the other stronghold had to fight their way home. One day, I was due to join an aircraft dropping supplies to the troops. My batman forgot to wake me up and I missed the plane which was never heard of again, but I spent most of the next day connected with its disappearance.

I was due to go on the Invasion of Malaya but the Atom Bomb made the Japanese surrender. My brother (three years younger) at the same time was destined to be an officer commanding some of the 'funny' tanks for the invasion of Japan. So you can imagine what his chances would have been.

I am willing to bet that most of my contemporaries could tell similar tales. I wonder how many got medals or mentions. I bet everyone had a tale to tell, but all would agree with me that war is luck. We just did our duty.

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The Hurst Ball

This will be held at Hurst on 29th June. More details later, but put the date in your diary!

Forthcoming Events

St Etheldreda weekend will be 19th/20th October.

Term Dates

Lent Term ends on 21st March
Summer Term is from 15th April to 28th June
Half Term is 3rd to 10th June
Michaelmas Term is from 4th September to 13th December

Our new secretary at Hurstpierpoint College

Of course, Roger Moulton still continues to be the Secretary of the OHJ Club, but our contact secretary at Hurst has changed. All relevant correspondence should be sent to me (George Hill) at my usual address, or to Mrs Elizabeth Watson at the College.

Mrs Ann Dumbrell is still working at Hurst but has handed over OHJ responsibilities. I should like to take this opportunity to thank Ann for all her hard work on our behalf, and for her unfailing patience with your editor!

Insert OJ Reunion in London notice

The Last Word

As I have pointed out before, your editor is getting old; maybe the time is coming for a younger replacement. But how do you know when you are getting old?

Everything hurts.. and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.
The gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bi-focals.
You feel like the "morning after", but you haven't been anywhere the night before.
Your little black book contains only names ending in MD.
You get short of breath playing chess.
Your children begin to look middle-aged.
You join a health club... and don't go.
You decide to procrastinate, but never get round to it.
A dripping tap causes uncontrollable bladder urge.
You know all the answers, but no one asks the questions.
You look forward to a dull evening.
You walk with your head held high... trying to get used to your bifocals.
You turn out the lights for economic rather than romantic reasons.
You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.
Your knees buckle, but your belt won't.
You begin to regret all those times you resisted temptation.
Dialling long distance wears you out.
You become intolerant of people who are intolerant.
The best part of your day is over when the alarm clock goes off.
You burn midnight oil after 9.00pm.
Your back goes out more often than you do.
Your pacemaker makes the garage door go up when you watch a pretty girl go by.
The little grey haired lady you help across the street is your wife, and you say "Of course, when I was at Hurst... "more and more often!