



**HURST JOHNIAN CLUB
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**The Hurst Johnian Club
(Formed 1877)**

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Editorial

As I write this, the school's cricket party is about to leave for the sixth tour to India. Happily, the Hurst Johnian Club has been able to give a small amount of financial support to this venture, but the great bulk of the necessary money has been supplied by the tourists' families and by various money raising events. It is to the great credit of Chris Gray and Derek Semmence that the tour has been able to go ahead, and we congratulate all concerned.

As most people know, one has to look at school league tables with a selective eye. In no way do they tell the whole story; there are many sides to a school and to judge on academic results only is to make a terrible mistake. Nevertheless, it was good to see Hurst coming out so well in the last round of these tables. The school is "bursting at the seams" and is in buoyant mood. It makes one proud to be a Hurst Johnian. Well done, Hurst!

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Cricket
Cricket Week – G L Hill
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D N Stratford

Hockey
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SPORT

Cricket

Such is the popularity of the “week” that when we learned three days before the event that the Eton Ramblers were unable to raise a side this year, we managed to field two elevens to play an internal match. As Patrick McGahan and Peter Stock were both in residence with two cricket playing sons apiece, they were duly appointed captains! We thought we had picked two evenly balanced sides, but the arrival of Simon May, who came to watch but was soon dragooned into performing, rather spoilt the balance. He batted brilliantly and scored his century in twenty overs. What a pity he was unavailable for the rest of the week. Bowling? Well, the McGahan sons bowled well ... Max 3 for 7 off six overs and Harry 1 for 3 off four overs. Father? 0 for 43 off eight overs! The result (of no importance whatsoever) was a win for Mr. McGahan’s XI by six wickets.

The Romany match was washed out by a heavy downpour during the lunch interval, and so we came to the game against the South Wales Hunts, under the able leadership of Jeremy Rawlins (OJ). The feature of the OHJ innings was Rob Lunn’s attempt to score the slowest duck of all time. After sixty five minutes he was still not off the mark; loud cheers then greeted his classic shot for four, which was followed immediately by his demise. Meanwhile two innings gave respectability to the OHJ total. At one time, thanks to good bowling by Nick Creed (it was a pleasure to welcome him to his first “week”) and Michael Harrison, it looked as though we would win with ease, but a good innings by one James Pexton ... a former pupil of your editor at Llandaff Cathedral School, so of good pedigree!... postponed the victory. However, the main feature of the match was the outstanding performance of the Hunts’ captain, Jeremy Rawlins. Two stumpings (one quite brilliant), three catches and no byes ... to say nothing of a not-out innings, tell only part of the story.

The match against the Cryptics was a tale of might-have-been. We did well to hold a strong batting side to 276 for 7, and then set out in search of a famous victory. At 182 for 4 with Mark Semmence batting extremely well, we were well up with the clock and finally wanted 97 off the last 20 overs. A collapse (including two ducks) ensued and we lost off the second ball of the last over. Extras seemed to play a

prominent part in the game ... 53 for the Cryptics and 46 for the OHJs!

Nick Creed and Mark Semmence bowled well to dismiss the Old Rossallians for 152. Mike Bailey batted with excellent good sense in an opening stand of 75, and in spite of another mini-collapse, we won fairly comfortably.

The mere scores in the Stoics match simply don't tell the story of an absorbing days cricket. This game was the perfect advertisement for "proper" cricket; away with all those who want the limited over "pyjama" type! At lunch the Stoics were 99 for 6; we had bowled well, Michael Harrison once again to the fore. Lunch seemed to favour the opposition who rallied to 199 for seven, and eventually declared at 238 for 9. At 58 for 8 we were in real trouble... having welcomed Nick Creed and Jonathan Pilgrim to the Duck Club ..., but cometh the hour cometh the man! Dick Smart joined Michael Harrison, and we witnessed a new cricket week record stand for the ninth wicket. Michael batted with delightful maturity, while Dick really enjoyed himself with a mixture of classical drives interspersed with one or two less classical heaves! One of the former took him from 42 to 46; one of the latter, off the next ball, as he attempted an extravagant shot for his well deserved half-century signaled the return of the warrior to the pavilion at 162 for 9. At this stage we could not win but with two punched fours, Jeremy Rawlins stayed with Michael for a remarkable draw. We had all had a wonderful time.

The match against the Sussex Martlets (our oldest fixture) was marred by our having to wait until after lunch before we could begin. Maybe a draw was inevitable, but we thought that a typically aggressive innings by Edward Welch might give us a chance. All went well until our plans were spoilt by an equally aggressive innings for the Martlets by Paul Hess, the College's chaplain. Was this the Church Militant at work!? Eventually the game petered out into a draw. We failed once again to lure Derek Semmence into the Duck Club, but we suspect he is slowing down just a shade ... he was run out!

Sadly the match against the Buccaneers was rained off. So hard did it rain on the Friday night that we cancelled the game very early; it was a good decision for the downpour on Saturday afternoon left hardly a blade of grass visible on the North Field.

Of course the cricket is the reason for this “week”, but there is so much more to enjoy. It has become a family camping holiday, and I am truly grateful to all those who help in countless ways. The OHJ Captain, Matthew Hastwell, was unavailable having experienced his body going in two separate directions while trying his hand (or should it be his leg!) at water-skiing, but he played his full part in all that went on. He and Delphine are off the Singapore for two years or more, so we shall not see him until 2004. We wish them well. Mark Semmence has accepted the invitation to captain the “week” next year.

It is always dangerous to mention a few names, but I shall risk it. Major thanks go to the Headmaster for allowing us to visit Hurst once again; we think we are a good advertisement. Many thanks too to Richard Wright, and to Jenny ... the unflappable Jenny ... and her team of caterers, to Derek Semmence and his groundstaff and to all those who provide and help to make the teas, do the washing-up, etc. Thank you too to the umpires and the scorers. Finally, thank you to Maurice Pitcher, without whom there would probably be no Cricket Week. Was it he who visited us in the guise of a white bird who hovered over and on the North Field for several days during yet another most enjoyable visit to Hurst?

The following played for (or against) the OHJs during the “week”:-

Lee Atkins, Mike Bailey, Bill Baxter, John Bettridge, Nick Creed, Simon Cross, Mark Ellis, John Goodacre, James Hall, Stuart Hall, Michael Harrison, Tom Harrison, Paul Hess, Roger Hickman, Rikki Hill, Rupert Hill, Nick Jenkin, James Larman, Rob Lunn, Simon May, Harry McGahan, Max McGahan, Patrick McGahan, Tom Moulton, Simon Parkinson, Jonathan Pilgrim, Jeremy Rawlins, Jack Riddy, Peter Riddy, Ben Searls, Derek Semmence, Mark Semmence, James Stock, Peter Stock, William Stock and Edward Welch. Paul Stokes would have played on the second Saturday, but it rained! Amongst those who visited during the “week” or were in residence were:- Roger Goodacre, John Hall, Raymond Hands, Matthew Hastwell, George Hill, Keith Jenkin, Roger Moulton, Sam Moulton, Graham Negus, John Peters, George Pitcher, Bryan Renn, Paul Ruddlesdin, Bob Schad, Stanley Simmons, Hugh Thomas, Michael Watkins and Willie Welch. (My apologies if I have forgotten anyone.)

The Old Hurst Johnian Cricket Week 2002

Results

Unfortunately, the Eton Ramblers were unable to raise a side, so we had an internal game on the first Saturday, managing to raise two teams.

Mr Peter Stock's XI	215 for 8 dec.	E Welch 50, S Cross 49 M McGahan 3/7
Mr Patrick McGahan's XI	217 for 4	S May 102, P Riddy 51
Romany C C	87 for 3	M Corbett 48*
OHJ	202	ABANDONED M Semmence 49 N Creed 43
South Wales Hunts	192	J Pexton 46, N Creed 3/62 M Harrison 4/47 WON
Old Rossallians	152	N Creed 4/43, M Semmence 4/47
OHJ	157 for 6	M Bailey 45 R Cooke 3/32 WON
Cryptics C C	276 for 7 dec.	S Halliday 91 K Rutherford 66
OHJ	246	M Semmence 56 N Creed 45, M Bailey 37 LOST
Stoics C C	238 for 9 dec.	J Kumar 66*, D Eaton 56 M Harrison 5/65
OHJ	172 for 9	M Harrison 56* R Smart 46 DRAWN
OHJ	181 for 9 dec.	E Welch 61
Sussex Martlets	158 for 7	P Hess 58 DRAWN

Match v Buccaneers C C No Play ...Rain.

Played 6 Won 2 Drawn 2 Lost 1 Abandoned 1

Cricket week 2003 will be from August 2nd to August 9th.

OJ Cricket Fixtures 2003
(outside of cricket week)

Sunday, May 18 th	v Free Foresters
Saturday, May 24 th	v School
Sunday, June 1 st	v HAC

Brewers Cup Dates

Sunday, June 22 nd	Round 1 v St. Johns, Leatherhead
Sunday, July 20 th	Round 2
Sunday, August 13 th	Semi-final
Sunday, September 7 th	Final

Shooting

Ian Cummings (Chevron) writes to say that the OJ Rifle Club won a competition at Bisley this year. In the Match Pairs competition, David Friend and Ian Cummings came 1st.

Also, David Friend shot for England in the Elcho Match. He scored 223 out of 225, which is a record for the match.

We send congratulations to them both.

Hurst has a long and proud record for shooting, and it was good to hear that Rachel Eatwell, John Munn and Andrew Penfold also shot at Bisley this year.

Ian says that it is hoped to reorganize OJ shooting in the near future. He would be pleased if anyone who is shooting regularly or who is interested would contact him (e-mail – cumballistics@aol.com) or John Munn - johnmunn@btinternet.com

Old Hurst Johnian Golfing Society 2002 Season Report

Roger Goodacre has captained the golfing society during 2002 and 43 members have attended at least one of our events. Bryan Renn, Jon Cheyney and Dan Burstow made their first appearances.

Our season commenced in February with a Halford Hewitt trial held at Royal Cinque Ports, Deal and Royal St Georges at Sandwich. As a result of the trial, Dan Burstow was selected for our team for our first round match in the Halford Hewitt Cup against Repton on 12th April at Royal St Georges. Yet again the draw had given us rather strong opponents for this scratch knockout team event, involving 64 teams, as Repton's record over the previous seven years included reaching the final twice and the semi-finals on two other occasions. Our team was strengthened by the return of Tony Hildrow who helped to inspire the best team performance for over ten years. Four of the five matches ended on the 18th green to ensure that the result was in doubt until the final putt. Tony Hildrow and Richard Kelly won the top match by one hole after a titanic match. Our second pair, Nick Budge and Peter Day, were beaten by 3/2. Our three other pairs Russell Ogden and Mark Baldock, Jeremy Waud and Dan Burstow and David Lenton and Rick Holgate all played well but lost their matches by one hole, making the result 4/1 in Repton's favour. The team was supported by our President Laurie Henwood, our Vice-President Keith Jenkin and several others and all were delighted at the vast improvement shown by the team. In the Plate Competition for first round losers, at Princes, we had a first round walkover, but lost in a very close match against Downside 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 2nd May, off handicap. With the other four matches shared 2/2, Derick Fulcher and Patrick McGahan lost the final match by two holes, and the Sussex 2 Iron passed to the Old Eastbournians.

On 9th May, 20 members and 2 guests played in our Members Spring Meeting at West Sussex GC, Pulborough and thoroughly enjoyed the excellent course and facilities. The morning foursomes Stableford competition for the Petherbridge Bowl was won by John Graham and

Dudley Stratford with 35 points after a countback. Richard Kelly and Roger Goodacre also had 35 points and took second prize. In the afternoon, Richard Kelly won the Gibbs Cup with 40 points after another countback. Dudley Stratford lost the countback and was second, also taking the Veterans Tankard. Robert Holgate (39 pts) was third and Jeremy Waud took the scratch prize with 32 scratch points.

Our team went to Knole Park, Sevenoaks on 18th May to play in the Regional Qualifying round of the Grafton Morrish. Our pairings were Tony Hildrow with Nick Budge, Richard Kelly with Jeremy Waud and Russell Ogden with Mark Baldock and we comfortably qualified for the finals later in the year.

Also in May, we played our annual match against the College for the Henwood Salver, at Mannings Heath near Horsham. We were beaten 6/0 by the College side, and hope that their interest in golf will flourish and that they become society members in a few years time.

On 10th June our team of four played in the Qualifying Round of the Royal Wimbledon Putting Competition. Each player had 7 putting matches. Jeremy Waud won four of his matches, but Nick Budge, Rick Holgate and Derick Fulcher were less successful, and we finished seventh out of the 8 sides playing that evening. Only the first two teams qualified for the Final Round.

In early July, our Over 55 team played at West Hill in the Mellin Salver. Our first round opponents were the holders, Cheltenham. David Lenton and Rick Holgate won a close match at the 19th hole, and our second pair, Derick Fulcher and Bob Carter did very well to win by 2/1. Our final pair Rob McCowen and Willie Welch were beaten 4/3, but the team had achieved a splendid 2/1 win over the holders. In the second round we retained the same team and played Sherborne. David Lenton and Rick Holgate won again, but the other two pairs lost, leaving Sherborne the 2/1 winners. Meanwhile, John Graham and Dudley Stratford were successful in qualifying for the semi-final of the Peter Burles Salver for players over 65 but were then beaten by 3/2 in the semi-final.

Our Members Summer Meeting was held on 2nd August at Royal Ashdown Forest GC, 21 members and 5 guests attending and enjoying another lovely day. Tony Travers won the President's Cup in the morning after another countback, from Ian Clarke (39) and Nick Budge (35). Roger Goodacre (33) won the Veterans Tankard and Richard Kelly won the scratch prize with 28 scratch points. The Bill Alban Putter was awarded to Derek Pitt for his hole in one at the 9th hole. In the afternoon Roger Goodacre partnered Paul Ruddlesdin to win the Stratford Tazzas with 39 points from Nick Budge and Tony Travers (37).

Our annual foursomes handicap match against the Old Canfordians was played on 10th August at Blackmoore GC, Bordon. Our team lost by two matches to one in the morning and by the same margin in the afternoon, leaving the Old Canfordians the winners by 4/2.

The Grafton Morrish finals commenced at Hunstanton and Brancaster in Norfolk on 27th September, with 48 teams of six players taking part. Having received a first round bye, we played the holders, KCS Wimbledon, in the second round at Brancaster. Our first pair, Richard Kelly and Nick Budge played exceptionally well to establish a good lead but their strong opponents fought back and our pair eventually held on to win by one hole. Our second pair, Rick Holgate and Russell Ogden, started badly and were 4 down but they fought back well and lost narrowly, leaving the match in the balance. Our third pair, Jeremy Waud and Dan Burstow had a very close match but were successful, enabling us to beat the holders, providing the biggest upset of the competition. We retained the same team and order for our third round match against Stonyhurst at Hunstanton the following day. Our first pair were level after 15 holes, but lost the next two holes and their match by 2/1. Our second pair levelled the match by winning their game, again leaving the result in the hands of our third pair. We were one down playing the 18th hole but Dan Burstow holed a 20 feet putt for a par on the 18th leaving their opponents a downhill 10 footer for a half and the match. They holed it bravely, and so yet another very close match was lost.

Our Members Autumn residential meeting was held in France, based at Hotel du Golf at Deauville, from Friday 11th to Sunday 13th October. A party of 12 took part and enjoyed fine weather, interesting golf and excellent food. Winds gradually increased over the weekend and made

the return ferry passage on Sunday evening somewhat uncomfortable. On Friday afternoon at the first class Golf Club du Champ de Bataille, Derick Fulcher won the Lowe Cup with 33 points from Jonathan Baldwin (32) and Paul Ruddlesdin (30). On Saturday morning, at Golf Barriere de Deauville, Jonathan Baldwin won the Etheldreda Cup with 33 points, on countback from Tony Travers, leaving Bob Carter third with 31. The afternoon round was at Golf Club de L'Amiraute and was a foursomes competition for the Piggott Boxes, and the winners were Rick Holgate and Jonathan Baldwin (34). John Waterfall and Derick Fulcher took second prize after a countback from John Goodacre and Nick Searls, each pair having 32 points. The final round was played at Omaha Beach Golf Club for the Captain's prize. After another countback on 32 points, Bob Carter was the winner from the unlucky Tony Travers, with Paul Ruddlesdin third (27).

In mid-November, we have a handicap match against Old Aldenhamians at Porters Park, Hertfordshire. Our season will end with our AGM and Dinner to be held at the Basil Hotel, Knightsbridge on Friday, 29th November 2002.

Other members present at our events during 2002 were Bill Baxter, Simon Clapham, Simon Henkel, George Hill, Julian Knott, Robert Longley, Graham Negus, George Pitcher, Robert Scull, David Staples, Angus Stewart, Steve Waud, John Waterfall and Ed Welch.

Whilst we are a little disappointed at the lower turnout of players at our members meetings in 2002 compared with 2001, and at our lack of success in our friendly handicap matches, we are delighted at the substantial improvement in our team performances in the major scratch competitions which we enter each year.

Any Old Boys interested in joining our society are urged to get in touch with Dudley Stratford at Broadlands, Medstead, Alton, Hants GU34 5PX (Home Tel 01420 563382; Office Tel 01794 830777; e-mail dudley.stratford@talk21.com). Whilst we are particularly looking for lower handicap members for our Halford Hewitt, Grafton Morrish and Mellin Cup 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 for team selection for our friendly handicap matches.

The main dates already fixed for our 2003 (our 75th year) programme are:

10 th April	Halford Hewitt Cup commences
8 th May	Members Spring Meeting - West Sussex GC
1 st August	Members Summer Meeting - Royal Ashdown Forest GC

Insert Photo of Golfers

The above was received from Keith Jenkin and shows the OJ Golf Society team taken at the Mellin tournament in about 1965. Back Row from left: Teddy Prebble, Ronnie Lee, Charles Lock, Roy Lintott, R Esdaile. Front Row from left: Derek Piggot, Bob Hadfield and "Dippy" Henderson. Both Hadfield and Henderson shot for England I think.

It is the OJGS 75th anniversary next year. We shall have our usual meeting possibly at St Pierre in Wales where we had the 50th.

AROPS (Association of Representatives of Old Pupils' Societies)

For the third year in succession over one hundred Representatives attended the AROPS Conference.

The Chairman, John Kidd, Old Portmuthian, welcomed participants which included Representatives from as far away as Carlisle and the Isle of Man.

The Headmaster, Mr Stephen Meek, welcomed Representatives to Hurstpierpoint College and gave the opening address. His own experience indicated to him that some Societies gave little thought to inviting members of staff to join them. He was of the opinion that Societies should endeavour to create an inclusive community and that members of staff were a vital part of that community.

Margaret Carter-Pegg, Old Crohamian, introduced Dr Alistair Cooke, General Secretary of ISC (The Independent Schools Council) who gave a stimulating and wide ranging perspective on the concerns and challenges facing the independent sector. A detailed Report of the Conference including Dr Cooke's speech has been sent to your AROPS Representative.

The second session dealt with Websites. It was chaired by Joe Kearns, Old Priorian, and included a live presentation of the Haileybury Society website ably demonstrated by David Wright, the site manager.

After lunch, Melanie Whitfield, Old Embleian, gave Representatives the benefit of her experience in "Attracting the Younger Member". Her young and Vibrant Society had no difficulty in attracting younger members and many in the audience felt there was something to take back with them from her excellent presentation.

The final session of Any Questions? was held by popular demand. Chaired by Tim Cunis, Old Pauline, a panel of AROPS Committee Members covered numerous topics. As usual participation from Representatives attending was a feature of the discussions. There is no doubt that the session could have gone on well past the finishing time, so engaged was the audience.

The Chairman closed the Conference saying that he hoped to see many Representatives at the AGM at Westminster School on Tuesday, 19th November.

The 2003 Conference will take place on 17th May 2003 at the School of S Mary and S Anne in Staffordshire.

Tea and tours of the college followed.

The Annual Dinner took place in the evening at Hurstpierpoint College when thirty Representatives entertained by guest speaker, George Hill, former President of the Hurst Johnian Club who, before retirement, had been Headmaster at a number of Choir Schools.

At the Annual General Meeting of AROPS held on 19th November at Westminster School, Roger Moulton was elected as the new Chairman of AROPS.

The meeting was followed by a talk by Eddie Smith, the Undermaster, about Westminster's long and varied history. Neville Walton of the Elizabethan Club (Westminster School Old Boys) then spoke about the Club and its many and varied activities.

The evening concluded with a buffet supper. A full report will appear in the next Newsletter.

The Roll of Honour Part 4

For a variety of reasons it has not been possible to make any further trips to the battlefields of the Western Front this year. Therefore it is a good opportunity to look at the whereabouts of graves of OJs who gave their lives on other fronts during the First World War.

A number of Ojs took part in the Dardanelles Campaign of 1915 and six lost their lives in the fighting. Of these five have no known grave. However, three names are to be found on the Helles Memorial on the Gallipoli peninsula.

T B Beck (FdL/Red Cross 1909-11) was a Trooper in the Royal Buckinghamshire Hussars. He was reported missing after the fighting at Suvla Bay on 21st August 1915. T H O Crawley (Star 1894-99), a regular officer, was a Captain in the 4th Worcestershires. He was killed on 6th May 1915. R Turner (Shield 1898-1904) has always been regarded as one of Hurst's greatest all-round sportsmen who won a Soccer Blue while he was at Queens' College, Cambridge. He played soccer for both Sussex and England as well as playing cricket for Gloucestershire in 1906. Between 1907 and 1911 he taught in Rottingdean before spending two years fruit farming in British Columbia. Joining up in 1914 he was a Lieutenant in the Essex Regiment when he was killed on 15th August, 1915.

Two further names are to be found on the Lone Pine Memorial. E L R Holmes (Shield 1896 – 97) was an Army Chaplain and was killed in action with the New Zealand Contingent on 25th April 1915. Before the war he had been Private Chaplain to the Dowager Countess of Harrowby and Curate of Melton Constable. A C Smith (FdL 1901-05) went to Australia in 1906 and farmed near the Rawson River before moving on to Rockhampton and finally Townsville. In 1914 he joined the Australian Contingent which was sent to Gallipoli. He was killed on 5th June 1915.

The one OJ to have a known grave is F T Howis (FdL 1910-11) who was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Essex Regiment. Attached to the 6th Lincolnshires he was killed at Suvla Bay on 8th December 1915. He is buried at Hill 10 Cemetery, Suvla Bay.

Finally may I thank Keith Jenkin for furnishing me with a lot of information about E S Prebble's military activities during the Second World War. I hope to make use of it in a future article.

Roger Moulton

St Etheldreda's Day 2002

Insert photo

Patrick McGahan, President of the Hurst Johnian Club making a presentation to Vince Thomas to mark his twenty five years service on the staff at Hurst.

The OHJ Weekend

This was held traditionally on the Saturday and Sunday nearest to St Etheldreda's Day. The relatively new format seemed to be very successful. The OHJ Rugby XV beat Old Tonbridgians, while a young OJ side drew in an excellent match with the school team.

The Saturday evensong was again sung by a choir consisting largely of Ojs; this is a highlight of the new format.

Dinner followed and we were royally entertained by a witty speech from Hugh Thomas (a former Housemaster of Eagle House). The Headmaster gave us a brief speech ... brilliantly as usual without a note ... from which we learned that Hurst is in fine fettle. Time was then spent chatting and reminiscing, usually the best part of the whole week end!

The Sunday morning service was as moving as ever. The Provost's sermon gave food for thought, and we were left once again in wonder at the beauty of Hurst's Chapel.

A good number of OJs visited the school over the week end; the following were at the dinner:

Mr & Mrs H R Thomas
 The Headmaster and Mrs Meek
 The Head of the Prep School and Mrs Andrews
 The Head of Hurst House and Mr Taylor
 The Bursar and Mrs Smith
 The Chairman of the School Council
 R N P Griffiths
 S A Watson
 Mr and Mrs D J Semmence
 The Head Boy
 The Head Girl

Mr and Mrs J P Ruddlesdin	Martlet	1962-67	President
Mr & Mrs P R B Salter	Red Cross	1936-41	
Mr H Travis	Star	1936-41	
Mrs R Lambert			
Mr P Eve	Chevron	1937-40	
Mr L C Henwood	Chevron	1937-40	
Mr & Mrs D G Barber	Fleur de Lys	1939-42	
Mr P J L Leckie	Fleur de Lys	1939-43	
Mr and Mrs V W Maitland	Chevron	1939-44	
Mr & Mrs J R Leffman	Star	1941-46	
Sir Stanley & Lady Simmons	Star	1941-46	Committee
Mr G M Pitcher	Red Cross	1943-48	
Mr B D Renn	Shield	1943-50	
Mr M A Procter	Shield	1944-50	
Mr & Mrs G L Hill	Chevron	1945-51	Committee
Dr & Mrs N A Simmons	Star	1946-51	
Mr D E A Coles	Fleur de Lys	1946-51	
Mr and Mrs N G J Tuck	Shield	1946-51	
Mr & Mrs G C F Croll	Star	1952-56	
Mr H R Shepherd	Red Cross	1953-58	
Mr & Mrs D J Hughes	Chevron	1954-59	Committee
Mr & Mrs R W Smart	Star	1956-63	
Mr & Mrs P M Scott	Shield	1957-62	
Mr & Mrs J R M Hall	Red Cross	1958-63	

Mr G A Travers	Martlet	1959-64	
Mr & Mrs R G Lambert	Chevron	1960-65	
Mr M J Rymer and Mrs F Butler	Fleur de Lys	1960-65	
Mr J P O'F Webster and Guest	Fleur de Lys	1960-65	
Mr E H R Goodacre	Red Cross	1962-68	
Mr M W Baldwin	Fleur de Lys	1965-69	
Mr P R Norman-Smith	Shield	1967-72	
Mr R R Schmeil	Shield	1967-72	
Mr A L Buttifant	Fleur de Lys	1967-72	
Mr & Mrs J C Rawlins	Shield	1969-74	Committee
Mr J C E Saunders	Eagle	1970-75	
Mr J B Goodacre	Red Cross	1970-75	
Mr & Mrs P B Stock	Star	1971-75	
Mr R A Aitman	Shield	1974-79	
Mr G J Negus	Shield	1974-79	
Mrs H Yearley			
Mr K J Beal	Shield	1975-79	
Mr S J Castley	Shield	1975-79	
Mr R H Thomas	Fleur de Lys	1975-79	
Mr A W J Hunt	Eagle	1975-80	
Mr & Mrs P H McGahan	Star	1975-77	Vice-President
Mr & Mrs R J Ebdon	Martlet	1979-84	Committee
Mr & Mrs J Ebdon			
Mr T Moulton	Fleur de Lys	1981-86	
Mr E W Welch and Miss E Mackay	Martlet	1984-89	
Mr J G Carswell	Martlet	1989-94	
Mr S K Berkeley	Fleur de Lys	1989-94	
Mr J H Peters	Staff	1954-93	
Mr R H L Moulton	Staff	1968-96	Hon. Secretary
Mr J R Bettridge	Staff	1973-	

Apologies for absence were received from:

The Provost and Mrs Ratings
Mrs R N P Griffiths
Mrs S A Watson
Mr & Mrs T Firth
Mr & Mrs C Boon

Mr H C R Dell	Shield	1927-29	
Mr J E Robins	Chevron	1940-45	
Mr P A H Tee	Chevron	1943-45	
Mr I M Dadley	Fleur de Lys	1946-49	
Mr D E H Buckingham	Star	1947-51	
Mr R A Parvin	Red Cross	1947-52	
Mr D N Stratford	Red Cross	1949-55	
Mr A F E Gaite	Shield	1952-57	
Mr R W J Hall	Star	1952-56	
Mr D J Savage	Star	1952-57	
Mr R H D Ayton	Shield	1955-58	Treasurer
Mr D T Frost	Shield	1955-59	
Mr J T Sutcliffe	Fleur de Lys	1956-60	
Mr A R Penfold	Fleur de Lys	1975-80	
Mr N C Haigh	Martlet	1976-80	Committee
Mr S Moulton	Fleur de Lys	1984-89	
Mr M R M Porter	Red Cross	1989-94	Committee
Mr N S Frost	Shield	1991-96	
Miss L May	Martlet	1996-98	Committee

Mr Noel Tuck (OJ) came from America to attend the dinner. He stayed with your editor, who was pleased to serve him with a kipper for his breakfast! (Here endeth the ongoing correspondence on this fishy subject.)

A Life at the Chalk Face

Roger Griffiths (lately Headmaster of Hurst) has published his memoirs. The book traces his life, a large part of which was spent at Hurst. Here is a fine book, easy to read and full of fun. The price is £15 + £2.25 p& p, and copies may be obtained from:
The Memoire Club, Whitworth Hall, Spennymoor, Co. Durham, DL16 7QX.

Those who read the book should look carefully at page 128, and understand why your editor is considering legal action against the author!

News and Views

Keith Jenkin (FdL 1943 – 1950) informs us that E S Prebble who was in Star from 1918 to 1925 is living in New Zealand and is now aged 95. We wonder if he is the oldest surviving OJ.

Vernon Maitland (Chevron 1939-44) would like to make contact with Peter J Whitlock (Chevron 1938-40). If anyone is able to help please would they get in touch with the Club. Peter Whitlock is the father of M H Whitlock (Chevron 1963-68).

Ken Hancock (Star 1935-39) writes
“Excuse my scribble, but I thought I should send you a note after reading the Summer Newsletter.
“I don’t come to Hurst any more because all my old friends are dead and the young ones say “How is it that you are still alive!”
“I say ‘It is just luck, old man!’”

He goes on:

I am sitting on the balcony of my rather pleasant flat in the center of Bournemouth drinking a large glass of wine on a sunny evening in August. I have a beach hut on Westcliff that is a useful adjunct and life is agreeable albeit it is 63 years since I left Hurst.

The war beckoned in as much as I joined the Army as a gunner. I fought in the desert war and in Italy and took part in many of the battles that are now history. I was in a Lloyds City of London regiment and was fortunate to be on the winning side. Churchill described El Alamein as “not the end, not the beginning of the end, but the end of the beginning”.

I valued my time at Hurst, it gave a kick start into life. In the following years, I have worked in insurance broking – it’s given me a good life – played much cricket and squash and ran the OJ squash for a while. Three successful sons from my first marriage. Got married again – ducked out of that one – then went girl crazy which is enjoyable but not a good idea because everytime you break up you lose money; but there must be some merit in what I have done because I have recouped my money. I have kept fit (go to the club each day at 7 for the gym and a swim) and I have the prettiest, most delightful girlfriend with whom I share life. I don’t want anymore contracts now. I have

just adopted her and her rabbits and tortoise. All this load of rubbish is just to say that Hurst is a good omen for life and I thank my father for sending me to Hurst at a time when he had little money – it cost him 1/6th of his income, and the public school tag has always remained with me.

Good wishes,
Ken Hancock

Memorials to George Lambert and Bill Alban

We acknowledge with thanks the many contributions which we have received together with some interesting letters. Plans are afoot for the memorials and OHJs will be kept informed. If you wish to contribute it is not too late, and donations should be sent to:

Memorial Appeal (OHJ)
C/O Mrs Elizabeth Watson
Hurstpierpoint College
Hassocks
West Sussex
BN6 9JS

Forthcoming Events

Cricket Week 2nd - 9th August

**Etheldreda Weekend 2003 is Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th
October**

Obituaries

P Conly

Shield 1924 – 1929

Patrick Conly died in July 2002. After leaving Hurst in December 1929 he spent the next four years studying Electrical Engineering and was apprenticed to Crompton Parkinson of Chelmsford. Later he became Managing Director of A W Brackett & Co of Chelmsford.

Rupert St Stephens 1949 – 1956

I am sorry to have to report the death of Rupert Stephens on Friday 18th October in Kingston Hospital. He was 85.

Educated at Marlborough and St John's College, Oxford, he came to Hurst in September 1949 at the same time as Bill Alban and Dick Heald teaching in the Junior House until he moved on to Kingston Grammar School in 1956 from where he retired.

Rupert was a great sportsman playing hockey into his seventies and squash into his eighties. Graham Croll had many battles with him on the squash court and finally won a match against him only after he had passed his retirement age! Rupert's lasting legacy will be setting up of a squash section at Kingston Grammar. He was in the early days hampered by the lack of facilities and the fact that the first call for the best games players was hockey. (Kingston Grammar is one of the leading hockey schools). However, his perseverance saw the building of squash courts and one of his early prodigies, Tom Hendry, went on to get a Blue and then play for England.

Rupert was very active outside the school, being a committee member of both the Lansdowne and RAC clubs, a magistrate, and a staunch Conservative member. He was elected to the Kingston Council; unfortunately, it was discovered that as he was a teacher at Kingston Grammar, which was funded by Kingston Council, he was indirectly an employee of the council and therefore ineligible for office. This must be one of the shortest terms of office for any councilor.

The funeral took place on 14th November 2002 at Ruyton XI Towns, Shropshire.

The OJ Club Website

We are pleased to announce that the OJ website is now up and running at www.theojclub.com

Graham Tottle (Star 51) and Mike Burfoot (Star 51) took the bull by the horns and initiated a site which has been further developed by Graham and the OJ committee.

We hope you will visit the site and let us know what you think.

E-mail any comments to the Club Administrator at the College – Elizabeth-watson@theojclub.com

The Last Word

Pleasure: The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth, and to have it found out by accident.

(Charles Lamb)

and Service: If I can in any way contribute to the diversion or improvement of the country in which I live, I shall leave it, when I am summoned out of it, with the secret satisfaction of thinking that I have not lived in vain,

(Joseph Addison)