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Cricket

Cricket Week – T Moulton

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Editorial

Over the last few years the relationships between the College and The Hurst Johnian Club have been extremely cordial and constructive. History tells us that it was not always thus, so it is warming to know how well former pupils are made welcome, and how generous is the College's hospitality.

There have been some splendid reunions with have brought back to Hurst a good number of "lost" OHJs. "Good Heavens, you don't look a day older!" was an oft-repeated inexactitude.

One such reunion was for members of the 1950 cast of *The Winter's Tale*. This came about as the College's Shakespeare Society not only put on this play to celebrate its 150th anniversary year, but took it to Japan over the Michaelmas half term. What enterprise and what opportunities these days! Despite the best efforts, at rather short notice, of David Clark and his team, only four members of that cast of long ago managed to take advantage of the invitation. However, while they were royally treated some of the warm (and even amusing!) replies from others were most welcome, several coming from far distant lands. The play was truly excellent.

Our thanks to David Clark, Derick Bostridge (the Director of Marketing) and Caroline Bates and to Tim Firth, who was the temporary Headmaster at the time. And our congratulations to Hurst on yet another milestone.

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Sport

Old Hurst Johnian Golfing Society

Contact details

The OHJGS is always looking for new members! Whilst we especially need low handicap players for our teams in the Halford Hewitt, Grafton Morrish and GL Mellin Salver, we are pleased to welcome any golfer to our members meetings provided that they have an official handicap. Any enquiries should be made to:

Hon. Secretary
Dudley Stratford
Broadlands
Medstead
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Hampshire
GU34 5PX
Tel: Home 01420 563382 Office 01794 830777
E mail: dudley.stratford@talk21.com

Hockey

During the Etheldreda weekend the OJ Girls were defeated by the School 1st XI by 3 goals to 1.

Sunday March 20th 2005 at 2.45pm 1st XI only. Tea will be provided afterwards.
All are welcome.

Cricket

**The OHJ Cricket Week 2005 is taking place in the week of
30th July – 6th August**

Please contact Tom Moulton for further information

Old Hurstjohnian Cricket Week 2004

We were extremely lucky in a year of fluctuating weather to have an excellent warm and sunny week. How fortunate we have been over the years! Having been unbeaten in 2003, there was much to live up to, but the players most certainly did not let us down, and once again we did not lose a match. Mark Semmence captained the side with great good sense as well as producing several good personal performances. The only sour note was the failure of Romany C.C. to field a team for the Sunday fixture' as we have done in the past, we had an enjoyable internal game which enabled us to give a chance to some of our younger ardent supporters.

The match against Eton Ramblers was a rather lukewarm draw. William Stock showed his all-round potential and Stuart Hall bowled well. Then after the Sunday blank, there followed five successive victories.

The South Wales Hunts were without their usual captain, Jeremy Rawlins, but thanks to a staunch innings by a "ringer", Rupert Hill, they scored a respectable 205. A solid innings by Simon Cross gave us our first win of the "week".

Nick Creed and the evergreen Dick Smart ... he is now just two short of an incredible 400 wickets in cricket weeks ... bowled out the Old Rossallians for a modest score; we made rather hard work of our reply, but a sensible innings by Michael Harrison saw us safely home.

The Cryptics, usually so strong, appeared to be suffering from a few late nights(!), and succumbed more easily than is their wont. Again we made rather heavy weather of the reply, but this time the captain led us to victory.

The Stoics were beaten easily by a splendid all-round performance from Michael Harrison and some good bowling by Nick Creed. The Sussex Martlets really beat themselves! They batted so slowly that when the declaration just had to come, they found themselves in a precarious position and were beaten by three wickets. Maybe the presence of six Hurstjohnians in the Martlet XI had some bearing on the

result. One wonders how much the dropping of Derek Semmence on nought affected the result!

The Buccaneers batted very well against an attack in which only Rikki Hill showed any venom, but they probably batted too long. The target was too much for the OHJs, but Mark Semmence and Peter Stock showed that there were no gremlins in the best wicket of the week.

But as always, the “week” is not just about cricket; it is an annual grand reunion and once again the family atmosphere pervaded. We thank the retiring Headmaster for allowing us to invade Hurst again, and we were delighted to have a visit from the Headmaster-elect. We extend our thanks to Jenny and the catering staff, to the Bursar and his department, to Richard Wright and to Neil and his groundstaff. They all make us so welcome.

We are also grateful to our umpires and scorers without whom we could not operate and to many others who help and support in so many ways.

At the end of the “Week” I announced that Tom Moulton would be taking over as manager from 2005. I am delighted that he has agreed to do this; I cannot think of a better successor and I wish him well. The “Week” is in good hands.

George Hill

The following played in the cricket week:

Mark Semmence (Capt), Nick Banfield, Bill Baxter, Nigel Beauchamp, Nick Creed, Gareth Dexter, Tim Firth, John Goodacre, Michael Harrison, Roger Hickman, Rikki Hill, Rupert Hill, Rob Huxford, Matthew Isepp, Guy Mance, Harry McGahan, Max McGahan, Patrick McGahan, Hamish Reid, Dick Smart, James Stock, Peter Stock, William Stock, Edward Welch, Matthew Lowndes, Simon Cross, Stuart Hall, Mike Bailey, Derek Semmence, Alex Sinclair. There was also the usual host of faithful supporters.

Old Hurst Johnian Cricket Week 2004
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Results

OHJ Eton Ramblers	206 156 for 8	W Stock 35 W Stock 3/14	DRAW
South Wales Hunts OHJ	205 206 for 6	G R Hill 43* S Cross 49	WON
Old Rossallians OHJ	198 200 for 6	S Roberts 56 N Creed 4/47 R Smart 3/36 M Harrison 69	WON
Cryptics OHJ	154 157 for 7	N Creed 3/22 M Semmence 3/19 M Semmence 30*A McPhail 5/38	WON
OHJ Stoics	221 for 3dec 81	M Harrison 53 E Welch 36 M Semmence 32* N Creed 4/33 M Harrison 3/33	WON
Sussex Martlets OHJ	201 for 5dec 202/7	S Hoadley 106* D Semmence 35 S Hall 57 J Bayl 3/51	WON
Buccaneers OHJ	276 for 4dec 196 for 4	J Stringer 74 N Faber 83 P Hobson 41* N R Hill 3/48 M Semmence 102 P Stock 41	DRAW

Unfortunately, the Romany C.C. was unable to raise a side for the Sunday fixture.

Played 7 Won 5 Drawn 2

The Thirty Second Brewers' Company Cup

Insert picture of spectators at brewers cup final

Knowledgeable Spectators at the Brewers' Company Cup Final 2004

Having won through the two early rounds of this competition, Hurst should have played at home against King's College, Taunton in the semi-final. Unfortunately the pitch was not available, so the game was played at Taunton. This caused some logistical difficulties, but even managing to field only ten players, Hurst had a comfortable victory.

The final was played at Milton Keynes on September 5th v Cranleigh. The programme included the following interesting statistics and promised to be a close game.

Old Cranleighans are appearing in their second Final, the first being in 2002 when they beat Old Herefordians. This year they have beaten the Old Johnians, Old Suttonians and the holders, the Old Herefordians on their way to the Final.

Old Hurstjohnians are appearing in their fifth final having won the trophy in 1976, 1978 and 1988 and finishing runners-up in 1996. This year they have defeated the Old Aldenhamians, the Old Bloxhamists and the Old Aluredians to reach the Final.

Cranleigh won the toss and elected to field. Hurst made a steady start, but the "big guns" did not fire too well. However a reasonable score was made in the permitted

overs. Cranleigh also stuttered somewhat, but in the end it all came down to a very exciting finale. With one ball remaining, the scores were level, but Cranleigh had lost one fewer wicket than Hurst, so only the fall of a wicket would give us a chance. In the event, Cranleigh scored an extra and so won the cup. It was a close run thing on a glorious day.

The Old Hurst Johnian XI was L J Atkins (Capt), S J Warrender, P Wicker, M J Semmence, S P May, M T Harrison, N J K Creed, S R J Hall, C Bates, D Gibson and T J Jarvis. The OHJ team was very well supported (it is thought we outnumbered the Old Cranleigh support by about 30 to 1!), but we had to go home as runners-up.

Cricket Fixtures for 2005

OJs v School 15th May
OJs v Free Foresters 22nd May

Brewers Cup
1st round v Sutton Valence Sunday 19th June (Hurst)
2nd round Sunday 17th July
Semi Final Sunday 7th August
Final Sunday 4th September

Cricket Tour to India in February 2006

After two very successful cricket tours to India we are planning another in February 2006. This time we will be visiting Simla the most famous of the hill stations and playing at Moaholi, the newest Indian test ground.

We will then play again in Delhi, and visit the Taj Mahal in Agra and then on to Udaipur, surely India's Jewel in the Crown, where we will visit the famous Lake Palace (scene of the big fight in Octopussy), play at the Maharani's personal cricketground, situated at the old hunting lodge, followed by cocktails at the Fateh Prakash Palace.

The last stage of the tour is in Mumbai, the most cosmopolitan of the major Indian cities. Here we play on two test grounds, the Bombay Gymkhana, scene of the first test match against England and also at the Lords of the East, the Brabourne Stadium. Gold will be available at most of the venues. If you are interested in joining us either as a player or just to join the party, please ring Patrick McGahan on 01444 892243 or Derek Semmence on 01444 242828. The Tour will be of 17 days duration.

Shooting

Hurst OJs shoot predominantly full-bore at Bisley in Surrey; both Target Rifle and F-class. We are keen to hear from other OJ shooters interested in shooting at Bisley for the Imperial meeting in July, the PS Veterans match and other shoots. All standards welcome.

Please contact John Munn by email on OHJRC@btopenworld.com or through North London Rifle Club. Please include your shooting discipline, house and year.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you on the ranges

Lawn Tennis

Roger Vernon (Chevron 62) has agreed to take on the task of organising a tennis match against the College. He writes:

The Hurst Johnian Club is looking for tennis players to play against the College this summer, probably in the first half of the summer term. We need both Old Boys and Old Girls to form singles, doubles and mixed doubles teams. Initial contacts have been made and the College response is “excellent” and “fabulous”. So come on Ojs, how about it?

All standards are welcome.

Please contact Roger Vernon on rvernon@freeuk.com

Or

Peach Trees, 49 Chaddesley Glen, Canford Cliffs, Poole, Dorset, BH13 7PB

Tel: 01202 709527

Mobile 07961 550511

Please do not be shy or apathetic; help Roger to make this a great success. Embarrass him with a plethora of applications!

Rugby

School Rugby Tour of South Africa July 2004

From The Housemaster of Chevron, Rob Kift

Now that the dust has settled on our splendid rugby tour to South Africa this summer, I write in order to express our grateful thanks for the OJs generous support for this event. The tour itself was an outstanding success and both the staff and boys thoroughly enjoyed all that South Africa has to offer in terms of not only the rugby but its cultural, social and geographical diversity.

The OJ Rugby Club is very keen to introduce new players and/or management to the Club. The Club continues to play at the Old Reigatians ground and is especially interested in hearing from new OJs who may have now left University and are seeking to keep themselves fit and in touch with fellow OJs.

Fixtures have been confirmed for 12th and 19th February and depending on interest, further games can be arranged.

For any details on fixtures please contact Jeremy Carswell (Fixtures Secretary) on 07768 267994 or email Jeremy_Carswell@yahoo.co.uk

News and Views

Congratulations to Peter Riddy (FdL 92) and his wife on the birth of Esther Kate in August. He is just about forgiven for this preventing his coming to cricket week!

We have had the following update on the Hillier brothers from Stephen Hillier (Eagle 1975 – 80):

After gaining an honours degree in Biochemistry from Bangor University (to many people's surprise, not least I suspect my masters at Hurst!), I then went through various careers and via purchasing into Commercial Property Consultancy. Until recently I was a Director at a large London-based property consultancy – Collier CRE, where Rob Scull (OHJ) is a senior Director also. I set up my own consultancy specialising in leasehold acquisitions this year and more information can be seen on the website – www.hillier-associates.co.uk. I would welcome any enquiries from OHJs and preferential rates are on offer!

I married in 1998 to Henrietta and live in Lindfield with our children, Dominic 5, Jade 3 and Alexander 10 months. I am keenly involved in politics and was a Mid Sussex District Councillor for 8 years. I also regularly play hockey for Mid Sussex and play with Mike Jourdain, James & Ian Buckeridge, John Holmes, Vince Thomas and his son Peter (boy does that make me feel old!) as well as current Hurst pupils Ian Waugh and Tom Gogarty. I'm sure that there are several others that I've forgotten who are OHJs.

I went to Phil Mann's 40th party a couple of years ago where there was also John Hole and Nigel Haigh. Phil has now moved with his family to Australia (philbmann@hotmail.com).

I would be delighted to hear from any OHJs and can be contacted at srh@hillier-associates.co.uk

Rob Hillier (Eagle 1972 – 82) got an honours degree in Applied Zoology from Bangor University and followed it with an MSc in Bioaeronautics from Cranfield. Rob moved to Australia in 1989 and is married to Sarah with three children (Tara aged 8 and twins Liam and Fraser aged 6). He works as a Senior IT Analyst for one of Australia's major banks and lives in Melbourne. robh@dessanet.net.au

Chris Hillier (Eagle 1980 – 85) got an honours degree in Banking from Bangor University and was a Director with a factoring company in the City. In 2001 he married Sam and they embarked upon an around the world trip soon afterwards.

Following their return, they live in Brighton and have a son Ashley aged 9 months. Julian Divett was best man at their wedding, as was Chris at his and Jules is married with two children and also in Brighton. cbh@globalnet.co.uk

Duncan Hillier (Star 1985 – 90) also gained an honours degree in Applied Biology from, yep –Bangor University (the beer and hockey were great!) A couple of years ago he moved from his considerable achievements in the hotel industry to computer programming and is currently based in Munich where he is able to indulge his passions of beer and skiing. duncan_hillier@hotmail.com

Congratulations to James Carter (FdL 88) on his marriage to Miss Mariella Cook of Bristol. They spent their honeymoon in Malaysia last summer and now live at 27 Church Hill, Brislington Village, Bristol, BS4 4LT. James' father, John, is also an OHJ (Shield 1950).

Guy Mance (Eagle 89) and his wife and twin daughters have returned to New Zealand after a year's sabbatical in England. He played in the cricket week whilst here this summer. Michael and Jill Mance are having withdrawal symptoms having "lost" their lovely granddaughters!

“That” Photograph

I was delighted to receive so many replies to my request for the names of the seven-a-side team of 1945. Those supplying the information included: Neil Forster, Lionel Balfour-Lynn, Michel de Viggiani, Brian Davis, John Jenkin, George Pitcher, Keith Jenkin and John Neal.

The “answer” for those interested is:

Neil Forster (scrum half), Bill Shorter (hooker) Euan Horniman (wing) Bob Mason (scrum)
Stanley Simmons (centre) John Neal (outside half) Andy Devine (scrum)

John Neal adds that “the photograph was taken at the beginning of the 1945 Summer Term and such was the shortage of sports equipment that we had great difficulty in finding seven respectable shirts to wear!”

Now for a harder one! Harry Travis sent me this photograph of the 1938 cricket XI. Names please.

Insert cricket XI 1938 photograph

If you have photographs or other memorabilia which you no longer require, they would be welcomed by Martin Williams (the archivist) at the College.

Association Football

The following is an extract from the History of the Arthur Dunn Cup, which is the Football Competition for independent schools:

The Old Boys of St John's College, Hurstpierpoint formed their club in December 1912. In their first full season, they won the Old Boys' Cup 3 – 1, against Old Lawrentians. The club played in the Arthur Dunn Cup between 1919/20 and 1931/32.

Although they did not enjoy any great success in the Arthur Dunn competition, the Club and their players exemplified the spirit of the competition and AFA football. Take for example one Maurice Pitcher who, by February 1931, had played in 200 out of the 205 fixtures the club had played in since the First World War. He played in every position other than goalkeeper scoring 116 goals including nine in one game. He also walked from London to Brighton in sixteen and a quarter hours in 1924.

The School however gave up football in preference for rugby in 1925. By 1932 the lack of players meant their final fixture was played at the Crystal Palace on 10th December 1932 against the Corinthians A team.

<i>Playing record</i>	
<i>FC Club founded:</i>	<i>1912</i>
<i>Season joined</i>	<i>1919/20</i>
<i>Season left:</i>	<i>1931/32</i>
<i>Semi-finalists:</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Times in final</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Cup winners</i>	<i>-</i>

What a man was Maurice Pitcher! He also founded the OHJ Cricket Week in 1920 and ran it until the year of his death some fifty years later.

BLAZER BADGES

On leaving Hurst in 1949 I purchased a full school coat of arms blazer badge, details, colours etc. as from the cover of the "Reunion" – 20.9.2003.

Size 80 mm x 97 mm, made of cotton, no motto.

Cost £13.50 which includes postage.

Anyone who would like to order a blazer badge should do so by filling in the form below and sending a cheque for the above amount to **Ian Dadley** at 44 Pierson Road, Windsor, SL4 5RF



I would like to purchase a blazer badge and enclose a cheque (made payable to Ian Dadley) for £13.50.

Name:

Address:

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The 2004 Annual General Meeting was held on 9th November 2004 at St Paul's School. The President, Roy Elliott (Old Caterhamian), took the chair. 59 members were present representing 47 societies.

The Chairman, Roger Moulton (Old Pauline and Hurst Johnian Club representative), reported on the year's activities which had included a successful Conference at St Swithun's School attended by 124 representatives from 76 societies. This was a record attendance. The Annual Dinner, held in the evening, had attracted 38 diners. He said that arrangements for the 2005 Conference at Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby were well in hand. He announced that it had been decided to produce a book using the information gathered by Margaret Carter-Pegg and Tim Neale about what had happened to schools during the Second World War and that David Stranack (Old Whigiftian) had been appointed to write it.

The Treasurer, Guy Cliff (Old Silcoatian), reported that the AROPS finances were in good order. He said that he would be stepping down as Treasurer but would be remaining on the Committee. The President thanked him for all that he had done in his years as Treasurer.

The President thanked the Committee for all their hard work over the previous year. All the committee members were re-elected together with Fiona Porter (City of London OGA), John Millican (Old Barnardian) and Mike Thomas (Old Crosbeian) all of whom had been co-opted during the year. Rosemary Hamilton resigned both as Registrar and a committee member and Guy Cliff retired as Hon. Treasurer.

Roger Moulton (Old Pauline) was re-elected as Chairman. Tim Neale (Old Radleian) and Melanie Whitfield (Old Embleian) were elected as Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively. Maggy Douglas (St Albans High School OGA) was elected as Registrar.

The AGM was followed by a short presentation from Alistair Summers and Paddy Earnshaw of the Old Pauline Club.

The evening was rounded off by an excellent supper which gave plenty of opportunities to talk and discuss matters of mutual concern

Roger Moulton

Obituaries

Sadly, we have to record the deaths of the following:

Philip W Pye (Star 1945) died in June. He was the brother in law of John Neal (Chevron 45). Philip did not have much contact with Hurst, but John assures me that he was always interested in the news. At Hurst he was in the choir, and John tells me that "somewhere in the archives there is a photo of the choir (Philip included) together with the Archbishop of Canterbury at the 1942 carol service.

David J Lane (Star 1953) was a scholar at Hurst, and went on to take a theological degree at Magdalen College, Oxford. He was subsequently ordained, and after various posts in Barbados, Canada and England, he became the Principal of the College of the Resurrection at Mirfield from 1990 to 1997.

Geoffrey Harrington (Star 1940) was born in 1922, the third son of Thomas and Agnes Harrington. He grew up in Hove and at the age of 9 he went to Hurstpierpoint. He always thought this a little early but spoke fondly of his days at Hurst and the friends he made there.

The Second World War broke out whilst Geoffrey was still at school and at the age of 18 he persuaded the Headmaster to recommend him for a commission in the Fleet Air Arm.

He joined up at HMS Daedalus in July 1941 as a Pilot and undertook training at Gosport and Luton before leaving for Canada in January 1942 to complete his training. He joined 759 Squadron in August 1942 then transferred to 761 Squadron and in May 1943 joined 727 Royal Naval Air Squadron in North Africa, based at Blida aerodrome. Whilst in North Africa their primary role was reconnaissance and towing drogue's for the Navy's target practice. In September 1944, the Squadron moved to Malta and Geoffrey remained there until returning to the UK to be demobbed in March 1946.

During his time in the Fleet Air Arm Geoffrey completed over 1,000 hours of flying time, in 18 different types of aircraft such as the Defiant, Swordfish, Hurricane and Spitfire. Although he was never involved in front line fighting he was involved in two major accidents where the planes he was flying were written off. Thankfully he was not seriously injured either time and was able to continue flying throughout the war.

Upon returning to civilian life, Geoffrey joined the family coach building business based in Hove. He married Betty Medlam in 1948 and they had four children,

Anne, Michael, Christine and Andrew. The family lived in Hove until 1965 when they relocated to Enfield, North London and Geoffrey joined Arlington Motors as a director, where he worked until retirement.

There was no doubt that his days in the Fleet Air Arm made a huge impact on his life. After retiring he wrote a diary of his experiences of the Second World War from records and notes he had kept at the time. He also compiled a photograph album of pictures taken. The family have already been approached by a Second World War museum who are interested in obtaining this for the benefit of future generations.

Always a calm man, he was devoted to his family. He maintained long term friendships, including one with Harry Travis with whom he had been in Star House and another with a fellow pilot from the Fleet Air Arm with whom he had been billeted for most of the war.

He and Betty always enjoyed travelling and they had many holidays abroad. He also played golf and in his latter years bowls and had just this year taken up watercolour painting.

Geoffrey and Betty moved to Windsor in June 2003 following Betty becoming ill, so that he could be near his two daughters, who both live in Berkshire. He was a loyal and devoted husband to the end and was devastated when Betty died in December 2003. He was close to his daughters and saw them often and was in relatively good health right up until his death in June 2004, following a sudden and unexpected stroke from which he never recovered.

He leaves behind him four children and five grandchildren.

Peter Christie (Chevron 44) died in November of last year. Although he lived many miles away, he always showed a great interest in what was going on at Hurst. He came to the first of the reunions which the College arranged for OHJs, and enthused happily.

A N Peter Woodard was not an OJ, but he was a descendant of the founder and he was at Hurst for a short time in the late 40s. He died peacefully in December.

What do you want from the OJ web site?

The OJ-web team has been giving thought to ways in which we can use the capability offered by the net. We've looked also at the uses other schools are making of it.

The most interesting idea is perhaps to extend the number of **OJ's profiles** (in the OJ Browse area, which we aim to keep very informal). Up by 50% in the year; but from four to six! Haileybury do this well

(www.haileybury-society.org.uk) though we favour a less tightly formatted approach, and the inclusion of photos and graphics if people wish. Our site is all developed by Ojs, incidentally. This enables us to include a vast range of text and photos compared with commercial sites. We often hold photos as "virtual screens" so that you can scan around them. See for example Geoffrey Brown's 1950 School photo. Any material can be posted to Elizabeth Watson at the College or e-mailed to me, Graham Tottle, direct.

We would particularly welcome criticism of the present site and ideas and comments for its future development, using the **survey questions** and points below.

SURVEY POINTS

Please rate the present site [using Codes e=excellent, g=good, f=fair, p=poor]

* General

* Easy to find your way around?

Please say

* What are the two best features of the site?

* What are the two worst features?

Please say what else would you like to see on the site?

* Find an old friend – a Search facility to track down references to your friends?

* An optional e-mail address register, controlled by password?

* Other ideas?

General Comments:

Please send your comments to:

Graham Tottle, Thrumble Rock, Cloud End Lane, Congleton Cheshire CW12 3QF

Or e-mail to:

grahamtottle@compuserve.com

This comes with best wishes from the web team:

Alan Buttifant, Christopher Robinson, Graham Tottle, Elizabeth Watson

Calendar

20 th March	OJs v School Hockey XI 2pm
15 th May	OJs v Free Foresters 11.30
11 th June	OJ Reunion for 1970s by invitation
19 th June	Round 1 Brewers Cup
2 nd July	Summer Ball
30 th July	Cricket Week
15 th October	Etheldreda Weekend

LOST OJS

Please let the club administrator know if you move or if you have a new e-mail address.

The June Reunion

The next reunion will take place on 11th June and is for all old boys who first started in the Senior School in the period 1970 to 1980. Those concerned should have received an 'advance notice' mailing just before Christmas. If you did not, and you fall into the category concerned, or if you are in contact with any other old boys who have not heard from the College, please contact Caroline Bates by phone on 01273832535 or email: caroline.bates@hppc.co.uk to let her know.

Patrick McGahan presided at the annual dinner on Saturday, 16th October by kind permission of Mr Tim Firth, Headmaster for the term. The following attended:

Guests: -

The Acting Headmaster and Mrs Firth
 The Head of the Prep School and Mrs Andrews
 R.N.P.Griffiths
 N.G.C.Searls
 Mr and Mrs Chris Boon
 The Director of Marketing and Mrs Bostridge
 The Assistant Director of Music
 The Head Boy
 The Head Girl

P.H.McGahan Mrs J.McGahan	Star	1975-77	President
H.Travis Mrs R.G.Lambert	Star	1936-41	
J.R.Leffman Mrs A.E.Leffman	Star	1941-46	
Sir Stanley Simmons Lady Simmons	Star	1941-46	
B.D.Renn H.D.Steer	Shield Fleur de Lys	1943-50 1945-51	
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E.D.E.Wakefield G.P.Tottle	Fleur de Lys Star	1946-50 1946-51	
D.N.Stratford Mrs S.Stratford	Red Cross	1949-55	
I.F.Brownlee R.W.J.Hall	Red Cross/Eagle Star	1951-56 1952-56	
J.R.Allison G.B.Worrall	Chevron Fleur de Lys	1952-57 1952-57	
M.J.E.Gill K.C.C.Burleigh	Fleur de Lys JH 1948-53 and Star	1952-57 1953-58	

D.H.Houghton	Star	1954-59
I.D.Sutherland	Fleur de Lys	1954-59
R.H.D.Ayton	Shield	1955-58 Hon. Treasurer
R.G.Cranmore	Eagle	1955-60
Mrs J.Cranmore		
K.J.Phillips	JH 1951-55 and Eagle	1955-60
R.W.Smart	JH 1956-58 and Star	1956-63
Mrs F.L.Smart		
P.M.Scott	Shield	1957-62
Mrs R.A.Scott		
J.R.M.Hall	Red Cross	1958-63
Mrs S.E.Hall		
R.D.B.Vernon	Chevron	1958-62
J.P.Ruddlesdin	JH 1957-62 and Martlet	1962-67 Past President
M.W.Baldwin	Fleur de Lys	1965-66
P.R.Norman-Smith	Shield	1967-72
A.L.Buttifant	Fleur de Lys	1968-73 Committee
A.R.Marshall	Red Cross	1971-74
R.J.Ebdon	Martlet	1979-84
Mrs C.Ebdon		
J.Ebdon		
Mrs J.Ebdon		
T.Moulton	JS 1976-81 and F de L	1981-86 Vice President
Mrs L.A.Moulton		
Miss L.May	Martlet	1996-98 Committee
Guest of Miss L.May		
H.C.Aldridge	Eagle	1999-04
S.R.L.Broster	Red Cross	1999-04
Miss A.Chan	Martlet	1999-04
D.W.Dawson	Chevron	1999-04
Miss L.E.Elliott	Martlet	1999-04
Miss J.L.Humphrey	Shield	1999-04
Miss C.L.MacLaren	Martlet	1999-04
E.J.Parker	Red Cross	1999-04
M.J.Parker	Red Cross	1999-04
Miss C.E.Tibbott	Shield	1999-04 Committee
Miss R.E.Walkinton	Shield	1999-04
R.T.H.Jackson	Staff	1967-88
H.R.Thomas	Staff	1968-92
R.H.L.Moulton	Staff	1968-96 Hon. Sec.
Mrs J.K.Moulton		
I.K.Berrill	Staff	1972-95

Mrs F.Berrill			
J.R.Bettridge	Staff	1973-	Asst. Hon. Sec.
V.M.Thomas	Staff	1977-	
C.W.Gray	Staff	1985-	Committee
Mrs E.Gray			
P.G.Statter	Staff	2000-	
Mrs M.Statter			

After a splendid dinner, the President welcomed the guests and spoke with great affection for Hurst, emphasising how much he had enjoyed his term of office, due to end on the following day unless there was a revolution at the AGM!

Mr Firth replied to the toast of Floreat Hurst, giving us a lucid account of the previous year at the College. One felt that he "had the taste" of Headmastership! We were left in no doubt that Hurst was in good heart, going through a highly successful period.

As these were the only speeches, there was ample time for members to chat to old friends. This is always a memorable occasion, but one felt that it was particularly warm this year.

Presentations of flowers were made to Mrs Firth and Mrs McGahan and then, somewhat to their embarrassment, gifts were made to Nick Searls following his retirement after 37 years of wonderful and dedicated service on the staff, and to George Hill for his 32 years running the OHJ Cricket Week.

It was particularly heartening that among those attending there were 11 who had left in July 2004. We look forward to welcoming many more young people in future years.

The AGM of the Club was on Sunday 17th October. There were the usual small number of diehards in attendance, and after Mr Tom Moulton had been elected President, and tribute had been paid to Mr McGahan for his splendid work and devotion to duty during his two years as President, we all moved to the Chapel for the Etheldreda service as moving as ever.

For the rest of the day we enjoyed the hospitality of the College.

Heard in Court

Q This myasthenia gravis ... does it affect your memory at all?

A Yes

Q And in what ways does it affect your memory?

A I forget

Q You forget. Can you give us an example of something you've forgotten?

Q All your responses must be oral, okay? What school did you go to?

A Oral

Q How old is your son ... the one living with you?

A Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which

Q How long has he lived with you?

A Forty-five years

Q What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke that morning?

A He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

Q And why did that upset you?

A My name is Susan

Q Sir, what is your IQ?

A Well, I can see pretty well, I think

Q The youngest son, the twenty year old, how old is he?

Q Was it you or your younger brother who was killed in the war?

Q Were you present when your photograph was taken?

Q Did he kill you?

Q How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision?

Q Is it true that you were there until the time you left?

Q And how many times have you committed suicide?