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# Hurst Johnian Club

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## Winter 2009

### EDITORIAL

You will find, on reading your newsletter, that a quiet revolution has taken place. Did I hear: “St Etheldreda in the summer ... humph!”? Well yes, that is what will happen, and we hope very much that you will give the change a chance, and we encourage you to come to Hurst in June.

In fact, St Etheldreda’s feast day is on June 23rd; only in the Book of Common Prayer is it in October, so in a way we are “coming into line”. For many, I am sure that a visit to Hurst on a balmy summer’s day will appeal more than a chilly touch line in October!

How things do change! In days of yore, one arrived at school and that was more or less that. Maybe one saw one’s parents once or twice a term, whilst outings were restricted to away matches or the odd cultural visit. Use of a telephone was virtually unheard of ... unlike the ever-present mobile these days. Yet maybe we were more content. Who knows?

The present day pupils travel far and wide. Not only daily as the four-by-fours zoom them to school, but much much further afield. Sports tours overseas are commonplace and the young people of Hurst carry its name and reputation worldwide. The Shakespeare Society took its splendid performance of King Lear to China. The mind boggles at the thought of a Chinese



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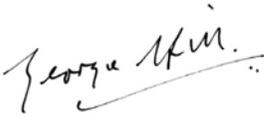
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audience struggling with: “Give me an ounce of civet, good apothecary, to sweeten my imagination”!

But well done, Hurst. Let initiative flourish.



George Hill, Editor

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The President, Graham Croll

### **Insurance disclaimer –**

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

# Sport

## Cricket Week

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### *2008 REPORT*

The 2008 Week will be remembered as one which was blighted by unusually poor weather. Not since the wash-out in 1985 has so much cricket been lost to rain. Despite often adverse conditions we managed to play on every day but there were five late starts and one game was abandoned before a result could be obtained. As may easily be imagined, the OJs did not allow the wet weather to dampen their spirits and much fun was had by all as usual. The morning sherry session was held, very successfully, indoors on several occasions and decent weather later in the day made for a few good evenings.

The Week began, as always, with the visit of the Eton Ramblers. Morning drizzle meant that the match began at 1.30 following an early lunch. Eton made a high score in the conditions, but the OJs looked set to win after recovering from 82 for 5, Mike Harrison and Stuart Hall adding 102 for the 7th wicket. However Harrison's wicket sparked a second collapse and we were bowled out 27 runs short, Rob Lunn and Dan Burstow joining the Duck Club and Mark Ellis making a claim to retain the Charles Carr Duck of the Week Trophy.

## Cricket Week *continued*

On the next day, morning drizzle meant another late start after early sherry and early lunch. Good bowling from the OJs led to Romany being dismissed for a low score but sadly the rain returned at 5.30 pm and the game was abandoned at 5.45 pm.

Fortunately, considering the length of the journey made by some members of the opposition, Monday provided some decent weather and a prompt start. Good bowling restricted the South Wales Hunts to 207, but on what was effectively a third day pitch (we had had to use the same pitch because it was the only dry part of the square) the OJs were shot out for 120 by two high class spinners who exploited the helpful conditions extremely well, Tom Harrison joining the Duck Club.

On Tuesday the weather gods resumed normal service with another rainy morning and again we took early sherry and early lunch. This time it was decided to play a limited overs game and 40 overs each was agreed. Rossall started slowly on a slow pitch and 156 seemed no more than a par total. A solid start by the OJs including an excellent fifty from Jack Riddy, laid the platform for what should have been a comfortable victory, but another collapse turned it Rossall's way, James Shillaker joining the Duck Club.

Better weather greeted us on Wednesday for the visit of the Cryptics. A fair batting display by the OJs, especially from a wagging tail, featuring a rejuvenated Bill Baxter (playing most un-presidentially), led to a reasonably competitive score, despite Alex Sinclair joining the Duck Club. However the game failed to come to life after tea, when a combination of slightly defensive bowling and unadventurous batting meant that the game petered out into a very tame draw.

On the Thursday, despite a wet start to the day, we began on time. The Stoics enjoyed good batting conditions to record the highest total of the week and the OJs struggled initially, collapsing to 74 for 6, with Tim Claringbull providing the Duck Club with its 6th new member in 6 days. However, an excellent rearguard by Stuart Hall and Patrick McGahan, who put on 118 for the 7th wicket in 25 overs ensured the draw, despite a last minute wobble, when both were dismissed with score on 192. (Can you imagine Patrick blocking? Don't worry – it wasn't that sort of rearguard!)

On the Friday, a drenched outfield meant that early sherry and early lunch were again the order of the day and we began at 1.00 pm. The Sussex Martlets posted a competitive total (despite the

## Cricket Week *continued*

absence of Derek Semmence – injured again!) and the OJs began well with an excellent platform laid by Tom Harrison and Peter Riddy. However, we again collapsed to leave ourselves winless with one match to go.

Saturday dawned not very brightly; weather-wise this was the worst day of the week and we had a late start again. In the mid afternoon, following a lengthy rain interruption, the Buccaneers' skipper, Rob Rydon, made an excellent sporting declaration at 160 for 2 and it was agreed that the OJs would have 30 overs to score the runs, with the draw an option. In fairly horrific conditions for bowling and fielding, the OJs romped home by 10 wickets. Good batting by Tom Harrison and the Master i/c Cricket at the College, Greg Haines, ensured that the week was not winless.

So, despite the weather, we battled through and had a good week. The Duck Club was delighted at the hatching of six new ducklings, all of whom were welcomed to the club with uproarious applause, though they of course realise that membership itself is a matter to be deplored. We look forward to drinking their port at the dinner. A few new faces were seen: it was good to have the services of Alex Sinclair for the whole week. Tom Harrison (who had appeared before)

was also there throughout. Both made telling contributions. Ben Marsh, Nick Jessup and Andy Gordon-Stewart also made their debuts and I hope the rain didn't put them off. It was also good to have the involvement of Greg Haines (Master i/c Cricket). He is clearly an accomplished player, so we look forward to more appearances on the field, but he is also keen to support the Week and he will, I'm sure, be a great help in steering school leavers in our direction.

I am indebted to a number of people for their help during the Week: John Maher, Hugh Thomas and Ken Ross for umpiring; Roger Moulton, Patrick McGahan, Matt Lowndes and Ken Ross for scoring; Jenny Honeywood and her team for the excellent lunches (and breakfasts for the lazy campers); my wife and many other ladies who helped with the teas; a number of people who contributed delicious cakes; Dick (sadly now officially retired, but with 400 wickets under his belt!) and Fiona Smart who cleaned the pavilion every day as well as being generally i/c the portaloos; Neil Sayers and his staff for preparing the pitches; the College's bursarial department (the plumbing worked perfectly this year) and the Headmaster for allowing us to use the College and for inviting us for drinks in his garden once again.

## Cricket Week *continued*

The following played in Cricket Week: Michael Bailey, Bill Baxter, Dan Burstow, Tim Claringbull, Simon Cross, Mark Ellis, Tim Firth, Andy Gordon-Stewart, Greg Haines, Stuart Hall, Mike Harrison, Tom Harrison, Matt Hastwell, Roger Hickman, Rikki Hill, Rupert Hill, Nick Jessup, Matt Lowndes, Rob Lunn, Max McGahan, Patrick McGahan, Ben Marsh, Jonathan Pilgrim, Jeremy Rawlins, Hamish Reid, Jack Riddy, Pete Riddy, Mark Semmence, James Shillaker, Alex Sinclair, Simon Warrender, Joe Woods.

## 2008 CRICKET WEEK RESULTS

v Eton Ramblers	Lost
ER 220-4 decl.	OJs 193
M Ellis 1-43, J Pilgrim 1-40, D Burstow 1-65	
M Harrison 86, S Hall 57	
v Romany	Abandoned
Rom 157	OJs 54-2
A Sinclair 2-43, R Hickman 2-24, J Woods 2-11	
T Harrison 19*, M Hastwell 19	
v South Wales Hunts	Lost
SWH 207	OJs 120
M Harrison 4-39, S Hall 2-70, R Hickman 2-47	
M Semmence 28, R Hickman 20*	
(M Thomas 6-21)	
v Old Rossallians	Lost
OR 156-7 (40 overs)	OJs 140 (39.1 overs)
J Woods 3-34, M Semmence 2-11	
J Riddy 52	
v Cryptics	Drawn
OJs 213	Cryp 169-6
M Semmence 61, S Hall 36,	
M Harrison 29, W Baxter 25*	
T Firth 2-46	
v Stoics	Drawn
Stoics 244-7 decl.	OJs 193-8
A Sinclair 2-67, N R Hill 2-31	
S Hall 53, P McGahan 46	
v Sussex Martlets	Lost
SM 221-2 decl.	OJs 192
S Hall 53, P McGahan 46	
T Harrison 72, P Riddy 36	
v Buccaneers	Won
Bucc 160-2 decl.	OJs 161-0
S Hall 1-33, A Sinclair 1-35	
T Harrison 88*, G Haines 65*	

Played	8
Won	1
Drawn	2
Lost	4
Abandoned	1

## Cricket 2009

### OJs v School

This will take place on Sunday 21st June (the new Etheldreda date) and will start at 1.00 pm. Thanks go to Gareth Dexter who is stepping down as manager after several years at the helm.

(New) Match manager:  
Simon Warrender  
simon@warrenders.co.uk

### OHJ CRICKET WEEK DATES FOR 2009

(All matches at the College at 11.30 am)

Saturday 1st August  
v Eton Ramblers

Sunday 2nd August v Romany

Monday 3rd August  
v South Wales Hunts

Tuesday 4th August  
v Old Rossallians

Wednesday 5th August v Cryptics

Thursday 6th August v Stoics

Friday 7th August v Sussex Martlets

Saturday 8th August v Buccaneers

#### **Manager:**

**Tom Moulton**

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### 20/20 Day

We have also been invited by the Sussex Martlets to take part in a 20/20 day. This is provisionally due to take place at the College on Sunday 9th August with an 11.00 am start. The other teams involved will be a Sussex Martlets President's XI, a Sussex Martlets XI and a Junior Martlets XI.

Despite its proximity to the Cricket Week, this will be a separate event.

Match Manager: Simon Warrender  
simon@warrenders.co.uk

We have received the following letter from Greg Haines, Master in charge of Cricket at the College:

#### **Dear OJs**

I am writing to introduce myself and Hurstpierpoint College Cricket to you. I have been the master in charge of Cricket at Hurst since last season and I am keen to promote the game at the College and build on the renaissance of cricket at Hurst which began last season with some very promising young sportsmen coming to the fore.

The College is creating an exciting opportunity for local companies

## **Cricket 2009** *continued*

to raise awareness levels of their businesses, not only among the parents of Hurstpierpoint College's own pupils but also the parents of children in the independent schools, both Preparatory and Senior Schools, across Sussex, Surrey and Kent, who feature on the Hurstpierpoint Cricket Club fixtures list every year. Girls' cricket, too, was introduced at the College last summer and this offers a further opportunity to reach the parents with daughters, as well as those with sons.

The matches take place on Wednesdays and Saturdays for the Prep and Senior School respectively and these events are always well supported by parents from both Hurst and the opposing teams.

There is also the opportunity to increase awareness of your company to the many adult visitors to the College who play on our wonderful cricket pitches throughout the cricket season post-school fixtures.

We are proposing to offer a range of sponsorship options, including company logos on

- Hurst cricket team shirts
- pitch covers
- sightscreens
- scoreboxes

In addition sponsors will be acknowledged in our publications, including match programmes for both the Prep and Senior Schools. Any press coverage or news items on our website relating to cricket will likewise acknowledge our sponsors.

If you would like to consider the possibility of sponsoring the Hurstpierpoint College cricket club in order to target your company's activities to an audience of independent school parents across the South East, please do contact me to discuss the options available.

Yours sincerely

**Greg Haines**

### **DUCK CLUB DINNER** **Friday 20th February 2009**

**at the Naval Club, Mayfair**

Any members who would like to attend the Duck Club Dinner and who have not already received notification please let John Hall know by email [jrm.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:jrm.hall@btinternet.com)

Would all Ducks please let John Hall have their up-to-date email addresses.

## GOLF

### The Mellin, Peter Burles and Bunny Millard competitions 2008

The Mellin took place at West Hill Golf Club, Woking on 10-12 July 2008.



Lionel Balfour-Lynn and Sir Stanley Simmons

This is a scratch, foursomes competition for 16 schools in 3 age groups.

The Bunny Millard is for the over 75s, and we were represented by Lionel Balfour-Lynn and Sir Stanley Simmons. Because of the increased numbers in this age group it was necessary to play a qualifying stableford on the first day. The lowest qualifying score was 17 points, but Lionel and Stanley were a few lower than this.

The Peter Burles is for the over 65s, and 2 pairs represent each school. Our first pair were Dudley Stratford and Tom Whittaker, and the second pair Willie Welch and Derek Pitt.

In the first round our opponents,

Shrewsbury, were too strong and won 2-0.



Dudley Stratford, Tom Whittaker,  
Willie Welch, Derek Pitt

All first round losers automatically go into a Plate competition, and in the first round against Oundle the result was 1-1 after 18 holes. There is then a sudden-death for 1 pair only, and Dudley and Tom secured a win at the first extra hole. In the next round against Bradfield, now the semi-finals, the score was again 1-1 after 18 holes, and Dudley and Tom managed to secure another win, this time on the 20th.

In the final, on Saturday 12th, against Downside, the match was again 1-1 after 18 holes, and Dudley and Tom again went down well-trodden fairways. On the third extra hole, with Hurst a little short of the green for 2 and Downside just off the green for 3, the odds looked good, but Downside managed to sink a long putt for their 4, and Hurst missed from six feet, so

## Golf *continued*

victory was snatched from our grasp.

The Mellin is for the over 55s, and 3 pairs represent each school. Our first pair were Rick Holgate and Roger Goodacre; the second pair were Derick Fulcher and Rob McCowen, and the third pair Nick Budge and Kit Millington-Hore.



Rick Holgate, Roger Goodacre, Derick Fulcher, Rob McCowen, Nick Budge, Kit Millington-Hore

In the first round our opponents, Shrewsbury, were too strong, winning  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

In the second round (now the Plate) against Felsted, the team scored a memorable 2-1 win to go into the semi-final. This was played against Bradfield on Saturday 12th. The result was a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  win for Bradfield.

This was a good result for Hurst, as we had 10 players into the last day (Saturday), something unheard of for too long.

Nick Budge and Kit Millington-Hore are to be congratulated for still being unbeaten in the 3 years they have been playing in this competition.

## Sussex Schools Match – Walton Heath 7th September



Sussex Schools Match

We won! In a tremendously exciting scratch foursomes match against Eastbourne and Brighton, Hurst emerged triumphant on 16 points, representing 8 wins from a possible 12 matches!

It was very pleasing to see Mike Harrison win his first match for OHJGS when he, partnered with Rick Holgate beat their Brighton pair and lost out to Eastbourne on the final green. Richard Kelly and Peter Masters proved to be a very stuffy pairing recording 6 points out of 8 on the day. Top honours however went to Paul Turrell and Jeremy Waud who recorded a full house of 8 points out of 8 winning all their games.

## **Golf continued**

The day was played in fine if slightly overcast conditions and the standard of golf was very high, as was the level of enjoyment and general camaraderie throughout the day and over a very fine lunch with wines supplied by the members – of course!

Next year we hope to have Lancing or Ardingly joining in again to get to a full strength field of 24 for this popular event which also serves as important match practice for both the Grafton Morrish later in the month and of course the Halford Hewitt in the spring. Well played Hurst!

### **Autumn Meeting – Littlestone and Royal Cinque Ports, Deal**

This year our autumn meeting was held on 20th and 21st of September over these two fantastic courses, whilst staying at our regular and friendly Sandwich hotel, The Fleur de Lis.

Top honours at Littlestone went to Nick Budge who fired an amazing 1 under par 71 off the yellow tees, for 44 stableford points winning by 10 clear points from the pursuing pack!

For our first round at Deal, another fantastic score was recorded, this time for day attendee only – Patrick McGahan, who carded a 43 stableford total and playing off the back tees! –

Pleasingly Patrick will now be cut from 17 handicap to 15 and he tells us he is expecting to be in contention for the Halford Hewitt side within two years!

The afternoon foursomes were played off the yellow tees and top honours went to Dudley Stratford and Richard Kelly.

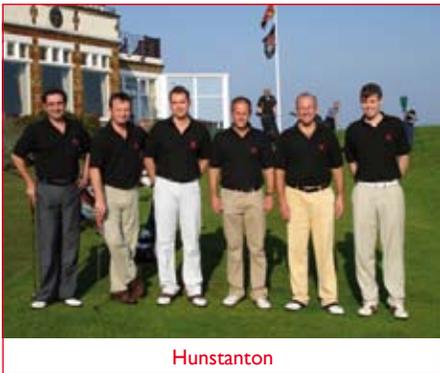
On Friday evening we enjoyed a 12 bottle pre-dinner red wine tasting (drinking), top selections here were the Clos de la Sete Argentinean Malbec and the similarly interesting Campo Veijo Reserva 2001. For Saturday night we had a very enjoyable dinner at The George and Dragon in Sandwich and a white wine tasting at our hotel, the highlights being a Spanish Verdejo from the ‘Marquis’ and a fabulous Californian Chardonnay which was tasted against a classic Mersault and a fine Prestige Chardonnay from Allan Scott of Marlborough, New Zealand. Another favourite was the Phillip Zink Gewürztraminer.

### **Grafton Morrish Finals – Hunstanton GC and Royal West Norfolk, Brancaster 25th-28th September 2008**

The team enjoyed spectacular weather on the Thursday and Friday of this year’s competition and even enjoyed the rare success of getting through the first round! – the last time we

## Golf *continued*

managed this feat was in 2002 when we beat defending champions, KCS Wimbledon. This year and at Hunstanton, it was the turn of Nottingham Schools old boys to come up against a sharp team from Hurstpierpoint and a 3/0 result for what we believe to be the first time ever? Particular praise must go to Mark Baldock and Peter Masters who were selected to play in Match 1 and for whom hopes in fairness were not too high – Mark had just 10 weeks ago decided to take up golf left handed for the first time! In match 2 Richard Kelly and Paul Turrell won by a commanding margin as well, leaving Jeremy Waud and Dan Burstow to squeeze in a win on the 18th to make it a hat trick for the OHJGS!



With just 35 minutes to have a drink and scramble over to Brancaster for our second round match against Repton who had just dispatched Watsons, one of the tournament favourites, in a 2/1

victory at Hunstanton. The Repton team looked considerably fresher and more match hardened as they proceeded to give us a ‘good stuffing’ and demonstrate their superiority in all three matches sadly. On balance a great days work for our team, though clearly we would have liked to have given our afternoon competition a better run for their money. The usual amount of social fun and games was intermixed with the obligatory wine tasting, and curry night out in Hunstanton on Friday evening. Saturday morning’s plate competition at Brancaster was severely delayed by fog and like many other teams we withdrew under the circumstances and made our way southwards from an otherwise very satisfactory event.

### **OHJGS v Old Aldenhamians – Porters Park Golf Club, Hertfordshire Thursday 24th October 2008**

Under the non-playing captainship of Keith Jenkin, Hurst cruised home to a convincing 5/3 victory over Aldenham at our annual friendly match. We are now 5/1 up in the series and the results on a dry but very blustery afternoon saw our scores as:–

1. Rick Holgate – Won 5/4
2. Roger Goodacre – lost 3/2
3. Dudley Stratford – Lost 4/3

## **Golf continued**

4. Tim Baldwin – Won 3/2
5. Raymond Gee – Won 2/1
6. Nick Budge – Won 5/3
7. Jeremy Waud – Won 5/4
8. Paul Ruddlesdin – Lost 2/1

Overall score Hurstpierpoint won by 5 matches to 3 – and there is talk of a trophy next year!

## **OHJGS AGM – London 29th November 2008**

We enjoyed an excellent (if a little rowdy) evening at The Gallery in Chelsea. This was a new and interesting venue for us. Various members assembled for a pre-AGM lunch at the Ebury Street wine bar and were joined by Patrick McGahan who was unable to stay for the main event later in the day. The Captain, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer were able to report a very successful year for the society, with our finances also in good order for which our appreciation was extended to the OJ club for their extra financial support during the year. It was also agreed that we should change the format of the match against the College and Dan Burstow agreed to take up this task – consideration now being given to inviting the students to our spring meeting at West Sussex at our expense.

## **2009 Dates**

### **Friday 27th & Saturday 28th March**

Halford Hewitt warm up – Royal Cinque ports, Deal and Royal St Georges Sandwich, Kent

### **Thursday 2nd April – Sunday 5th April**

The Halford Hewitt Competition  
Royal Cinque ports, Deal and Royal St Georges Sandwich, Kent

### **Thursday 30th April**

OHJGS v Old Eastbournians – Walton Heath GC

10 per side off handicap followed by dinner (Hurstpierpoint defending champions)

### **Saturday 9th May**

Grafton Morrish Regional Qualifier  
– Knowle Park GC, Kent

### **Wednesday 20th May**

Spring Meeting at West Sussex GC

### **Friday 3rd July**

The Mellin Trophy starts

### **Friday 31st July**

Summer Meeting at Royal Ashdown Forest GC

## **Golf *continued*; Rounders, Tennis, Hockey, Land Society**

### **Sunday 6th September**

Sussex Schools Quadrangular – scratch match

Walton Heath GC (Hurstpierpoint defending champions)

### **Friday 18th & Saturday 19th September**

Autumn Residential Meeting in Kent.

Yet to be fixed are a couple of social games, the match against Canford School, the November AGM and dinner and the match against the College

## **ROUNDERS**

If you would like to play in a “fun” rounders match this Etheldreda (June 2009) please contact Alice Hanson at [alicedjh@hotmail.com](mailto:alicedjh@hotmail.com)

## **TENNIS**

On the Tennis front Roger Vernon reports that the OJ Tennis team will be arranging a fixture against the College for 2009 and that they continue to look for more OJs to join them. Anyone interested can contact him at 24 Seaway Court, Seaway Lane, Torquay, Devon TQ2 6RJ,  
Tel: 01803 291108  
Mobile: 07961 550511  
Email: [rvernon@freeuk.com](mailto:rvernon@freeuk.com)

## **HOCKEY**

The annual OJ hockey match against the College will take place on Friday 13th March at 6.30 pm under floodlights against the 1st XI. There will be food and drinks for players and supporters at the Royal Oak in Wineham run by OJ Mike Bailey. Anyone wishing to play should contact Mike Harrison at [mharrison@st-georges-college.co.uk](mailto:mharrison@st-georges-college.co.uk)

Places are hard to come by so early applications will be necessary!

Look forward to seeing more support for the game from the College and any OJs wishing to come along and watch a free flowing hockey side in action!

## **LAND SOCIETY**

We meet every quarter in a Mayfair wine bar to keep in touch, and compare notes on experiences and opportunities. In November we had a very successful meeting with 17 members (who had been at Hurst between 1960 and 2000). Anyone involved in property who is interested – we have advertisers, property headhunters, architects, and lawyers already – please contact David Chapman ([dchapman@chapman-petrie.co.uk](mailto:dchapman@chapman-petrie.co.uk)).

We would also like to hear from pupils at Hurst who are thinking of a career in property – we could for example arrange some work experience.

## **AROPS**

### **ASSOCIATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OLD PUPILS SOCIETIES (AROPS)**

[www.arops.org.uk](http://www.arops.org.uk)

The 2008 Annual General Meeting was held at Queen's Gate School. The President, Margaret Carter-Pegg (Old Crohamian), took the chair.

The Chairman, Bill Gillen (Old Instonian/Old Arnoldian), reported on the year's activities which had included an excellent Conference at Kimbolton School. The Hon. Treasurer, Tim Neale (Old Radleian), reported that the Association's finances were in sound shape. Apart from Ken Laffin (Old Kimboltonian) who was standing down, all the other committee members were re-elected. The Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Registrar were re-elected. Michael Freegard (Old Haileyburian) was elected Hon. Secretary. Tristan Bradley (Old King's Club) was also elected to the Committee.

After the formal business of the meeting there was discussion about the use of electronic communication and online booking for old pupils' events, links between old pupils, former staff, past and present parents and sixth formers, contacting old pupils overseas and the use of Facebook.

Elizabeth de Leeuw of the Queen's Gate Old Girls' Association, then gave an interesting and amusing talk about the history of the school since its foundation in 1891. Former pupils include the Duchess of Cornwall, Trinny and Susannah, Nigella Lawson, Lucinda Lambton, Vanessa and Lynn Redgrave and Dame Eliza Manningham-Buller.

The Principal, Mrs Rosalynd Kamaryc, then spoke about the school today. It has 400 girls aged from 4 to 18 and is located in five buildings in Queen's Gate. It is well able to take full advantage of London's museums, art galleries, theatres and concert halls.

The evening finished with an excellent buffet supper in the school's dining hall.

The 2009 Conference will take place at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wakefield on Saturday 9th May.



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**Many thanks**

**The OJ Club**

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**Change of address:**

Please remember to let Elizabeth Watson, the Club Administrator, know if you move house (oj@hppc.co.uk or send this form to Elizabeth c/o The College).

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS please): .....

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..... From (date): .....

**Your Current e-mail address:**

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

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House: .....

Years at Hurst: .....

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## The Hurst Johnian Magazine

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Christmas 2008



19, Wisden Avenue  
Burgess Hill  
West Sussex  
RH15 8TL

Dear OJ

**OJ CHORAL EVENSONG AT HURST**  
**Saturday 20th June, 2009**

I hope that as a former chorister at Hurst (or perhaps you have become a singer since leaving Hurst?) you will want to be at Hurst on Saturday, 20th June, 2009 to make a bit of Hurst History – to take part in the first OJ **Summer** Etheldreda Choral Evensong – the closest date to the real St Etheldreda's Feast Day (23rd June).

Arrangements for the day are as follows:

11.00	Meet in the Common Room for coffee
11.30 – 12.30	Sectional rehearsals in Music School
12.30 – 13.00	Drinks in Common Room
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch in Dining Hall
14.00 – 15.00	Sectional rehearsals in Music School
15.00 – 16.00	Full Rehearsal in Chapel
16.00	Tea in Dining Hall
17.45	Robe in Vestry
18.00	Service

Come along and re-live your choral training at Hurst under the baton of our Choir Master Emeritus Neil Morris OJ and with Neil Matthews, The College Director of Music.

Please feel free to bring family along with you; everyone will be welcome. You might also like to consider attending the Annual Dinner of the OJ Club in the Dining Hall immediately after Evensong; if there are sufficient numbers, I will organise a Choir table. Dinner applications need to be made directly to the Club's Secretary. Perhaps you would kindly complete and return the reply form opposite to indicate that you will wish to take part. I very much hope to see you on 20th June.

Yours sincerely,

**Robert Ebdon**  
(Martlet 1979-1984)



## OJ CHORAL EVENSONG AT HURST

Saturday 20th June, 2009

To : Robert Ebdon  
19, Wisden Avenue  
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West Sussex  
RH15 8TL  
robert.ebdon@sky.com  
Telephone: 01444 232420 or mobile 07968 421305

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS please): .....

Address: .....

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Telephone: .....

Email: .....

Year left Hurst: ..... House: .....

*Please tick below as appropriate:*

I wish to  or I am unable to  take part in the OJ Choral Evensong

I can attend the morning sectional rehearsal at 11.30 am

I can attend the afternoon sectional rehearsal at 2.00 pm

I can attend the full rehearsal at 3.00 pm

I can attend the Choral Evensong at 6.00 pm

I will be applying separately to the OJ Secretary to attend the  
OJ Dinner in the evening and would like to sit at a Choir Table

I sing: Soprano  Alto  Counter Tenor  Tenor  Bass

## OJ TRAVEL FUND



Olivia Treyer-Evans with her class

### Three Months in Ghana

I would just like to thank the OJ Travel fund so much for giving me the opportunity to go to Ghana, West Africa where I worked as a volunteer in a school for three months. My first two weeks were pretty tough. I arrived in a 40 degree climate and was greeted by my newly appointed family: Gerald, Cynthia, Pauline (6 yrs), Jane (4 yrs) and baby Brian (1 yr). However, they all quickly adopted me as their new ‘obruni’ (white) sister. The facilities took some getting used to, having no running water, a cockroach-ridden bedroom, with a bed with no centre, and a chicken and goat hut right behind my bedroom. The whole family shared one tiny bedroom, allowing room for volunteers to sleep. It was all a bit of a shock. However, realising that I would not be leaving for three months, I had no other choice but to get on with it. I rose bright and early at six every morning, had a refreshing

bucket shower and then helped my new ‘brothers and sisters’ to school before I left for school myself.

My school was my biggest challenge. It was situated in a small village about two hours north of the capital, Accra. I was lucky as my house was only a 10 minute walk, and I soon got to know the familiar faces on my way to school. It was such an amazing feeling listening to the locals call out ‘good morning, Olivia’, and to accompany the same children on my walk to school. I initially taught English to grades one, two and three. My school used the cane as their main source of discipline, so you can imagine the difficulty I had controlling three classes of small children which only were quiet if they were hit. I promptly swapped to exclusively teaching grade two all their subjects. This was brilliant, as I formed a relationship with all the children, learnt their backgrounds and got to know their parents. All their parents worked so hard, the majority sold yams or tomatoes everyday. They would all have large families, living in minute houses in unbearable conditions. Parents often kept their children at home from school, so that they could fetch water or look after their siblings.

Ghanaian children are everything English children are not: kind, unspoilt and eager to learn. They were adorable

## **OJ Travel Fund** *continued*

to teach. It still used to be difficult on occasions, as often the headmaster would believe the children were being too noisy, and he would come straight in to my classroom, and hit every child to produce tears, and, inevitably, silence. It would also often be frustrating; for example, one day I spent the whole day teaching the children about space, thinking that I had a breakthrough. I went into school the next day and another teacher had repeated my topic, making the children write ten times in their book: 'The earth is bigger than the sun.'

Situations like this were so irritating, not just for me but for the children as well. Having lived and worked in Ghana a while, I became aware that money donated to charities does not always find its way to its intended recipients. Many volunteers came to the school for a short period of just a couple of weeks or less and they often donated large amounts of money to the school for books, pens and uniform. However, nothing happened when I was there; the money seemed to vanish and never be used for its intended purposes.

Every weekend I went travelling around Ghana. I swam in waterfalls, made some lifelong friends, hiked up deserted mountains, stayed in remote villages and huts by the sea and soaked

up the Ghanaian culture in varied regions of the country. It was really incredible.

I would like to thank the OJ committee once again for enabling me to enjoy this amazing opportunity. Although a challenge, it was an exhilarating, adventurous and a very rewarding three months of my life. Now I just can't wait to go back.

**Olivia Treyer-Evans**

## **Etheldreda – Minutes of AGM**

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HURST JOHNIAN CLUB**

**held at Hurstpierpoint College at 6.00 pm on Saturday 11th October 2008**

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

These had been received from J R Allison, R N P Griffiths, R C Ife, S Moulton, T Moulton, A R Penfold, P R B Salter, P A H Tee, V M Thomas, Miss C E Tibbott and M J Webb.

#### **2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

These had been circulated before the meeting. It was proposed by Gordon Roff and seconded by George Hill that they should be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting of the 14th October 2007. This was agreed and the Minutes were signed by the President. There were no matters arising.

#### **3. President's Report**

He reported that the constitution and rules had been redrafted and would be put to the meeting for approval. The problems with regard to the future of the Etheldreda Weekend had been resolved. With regard to the policy of youth on the Committee he was pleased to report that five committee members

were under the age of 30. There had been problems with the mailing of the Newsletter in 2007 but these had now been resolved. He regretted that it had been found necessary to cancel the London Dinner due to a lack of support. It was hoped that it would take place in 2009. He thanked all those who had assisted him over the past year especially the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Editor of the Newsletter, the Club Administrator and the various Sports Representatives. He was pleased that Graham Croll would be succeeding him as President.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer presented the accounts and made his report. As at 31st July 2008 there was a surplus on the Income and Expenditure Account of £24,234. There was a surplus on the sale of investments of £3,366 which gave a total surplus of £27,600. £16,016 had been transferred to the Life Membership Fund which left a final surplus of £11,584. As at 31st July 2008 the Club's investments, managed by Close Brothers Private Asset Management, had a book value of £123,229 and a market value of £125,211. Together with uninvested cash of £30,000 the total value of the fund was £155,211.

## Etheldreda – Minutes of AGM *continued*

As a result of the change of the date of the Etheldreda Weekend the AGM would be held in June. Therefore in future the Club's financial year would end on 31st March.

On the proposal of Paul Ruddlesdin and seconded by David Houghton the Accounts were accepted and were signed by the President.

### 5. Adoption of the new constitution

This had already been circulated. The Secretary said that in Article 2 the wording "Great Britain" should be changed to "the United Kingdom". This was agreed. The Secretary pointed out that Articles 6 and 8 gave the President a casting vote for Annual General Meetings and committee meetings. Under Article 8 the entire Committee would be elected annually. Article 11 made provision for the dissolution of the Club.

All those present voted in favour of the new constitution.

### 6. Elections

It was agreed by all that the elections should take place under the new constitution. On the proposal of John Bettridge and seconded by Norman Simmons the following were elected to serve for 2008/09:

Joe Bell	
Alan Buttifant	
Robert Ebdon	
John Hall	<i>Past President</i>
Alice Hanson	
George Hill	<i>Newsletter Editor</i>
Charlotte Lloyd	
Patrick McGahan	
Tom Moulton	
Gordon Roff	
Paul Ruddlesdin	
Will Sexton	
Claire Tibbott	
Debs Treyer-Evans	<i>Headmaster's/ Common Room Representative</i>

On the proposal of Roger Moulton and seconded by Sir Stanley Simmons the following officers were elected to serve for 2008/09:

<i>President</i>	Graham Croll
<i>Hon. Secretary</i>	John Bettridge
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	Rupert Ayton

### 7. Reports

The President reported that the Committee had asked for reports from all clubs and organisations. These had been received in March 2008. In summary both Cricket and Golf were flourishing. The Rugby Club was dormant. There were boys' and girls'

## Etheldreda – Minutes of AGM *continued*

hockey matches against the College as was also the case with Tennis. The Land Society was active and there was also a Lawyers' Society. Both societies had expressed the regret that they no longer played a part in the College Careers Programme. The Lodge was active. Unfortunately it had not been possible to raise a Choir this year. No report had been received from the Shooting Club. The Travel Fund was working very well. The Committee hoped that reporting would be improved.

### 8. Any other business

The new President, Graham Croll, spoke about the arrangements for June 2009. The dates were 20th/21st June. Full details would be circulated in due course.

George Hill reported that a donation of £250 had been received from David Savage. This was gratefully received.

Graham Tottle said that the Club's website needed to be updated. The President said that the Committee was aware of this and the matter was under close consideration.

The Secretary said that he wished to place on record his thanks and gratitude for the help and assistance he had received from Elizabeth Watson, the Club Administrator.

The Headmaster requested that communications with the College should be by email. He also asked if the College could be informed of the number of members attending the Etheldreda Service in June.

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## Etheldreda – Annual Dinner

### THE 120th ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HURST JOHNIAN CLUB

held at Hurstpierpoint College on  
11th October 2008

(by kind permission of the  
Headmaster)

President: J R M Hall Esq

Those present:

#### Guests:

The Headmaster and Mrs Manly

The Head of the Prep School and  
Mr Beeby

The Head of Hurst House

Mr and Mrs K T Grant

Mr and Mrs M J Mance

G Haines

R M Kift

Mr and Mrs T F Q Leeper

J R M Hall           Red Cross   1958-63

*President*

Mrs S Hall

L C Henwood   Chevron   1937-42

*President 1977-78*

J R Leffman       Star       1941-46

Sir Stanley Simmons   Star   1941-46

*President 1997-2000*

Sir Derek Day   Fleur de Lys   1943-46

*President 1983-84*

Lady Day

G L Hill           Chevron   1945-51

*Committee       President 1973-74*

Mrs R G Lambert

B D Bartlett       Chevron   1946-53

N A Simmons      Star       1946-51

Mrs P Simmons

G P Tottle         Star       1946-51

E D E Wakefield   Fleur de Lys   1946-49

Mrs R Wakefield

G J F Brigg        Red Cross   1949-53

*President 1989-91*

D N Stratford     Red Cross   1949-55

Mrs S Stratford

G C F Croll       Star       1952-56

*Vice President*

R W J Hall         Star       1952-56

D J Savage         Star       1952-56

P N Guy            Star       1952-57

Mrs B Guy

K C C Burleigh   Star       1953-58

Mrs S M Burleigh

H R Shepherd     Red Cross   1953-58

D H Houghton     Star       1954-59

Ms S Milton

N Twine            Fleur de Lys   1954-60

Mrs G Twine

R H D Ayton       Shield      1955-58

*Hon. Treasurer*

P M Scott         Shield      1957-62

*President 1987-89*

Mrs R A Scott

R W Smart         Star       1958-63

Mrs F L Smart

## Etheldreda – Annual Dinner *continued*

J P Ruddlesdin <i>Committee</i>	Martlet <i>President 2000-02</i>	1962-67	Mr and Mrs S A Watson
A L Buttifant <i>Committee</i>	Fleur de Lys	1968-73	Mr and Mrs S D A Meek
R H L Moulton <i>Hon. Secretary</i>	Staff	1968-96	Mr and Mrs Chris Boon
Mrs J K Moulton			Mr and Mrs Mark Lewis
R C Scull Mrs H Scull	Martlet	1970-75	Mr and Mrs J H Peters
J R Bettridge <i>Asst Hon Secretary</i>	Staff	1973-	Mr and Mrs N J Edey
G J Negus Ms H Yearley	Shield	1974-79	J R Allison
G C S Roff <i>Committee</i>	Martlet	1975-80	R J Ebdon
T Moulton <i>Committee</i>	Fleur de Lys	1981-86	R C Ife
Mrs L A Moulton	<i>President 2004-06</i>		P H McGahan
S C Twine Ms G Morris	Fleur de Lys	1983-88	A R Penfold
S Moulton Mrs S J Moulton	Fleur de Lys	1984-89	P R B Salter
			P A H Tee
			V M Thomas
			Miss C E Tibbott
			Mrs D Treyer-Evans

### **Apologies:**

The Deputy Headmaster and Mrs Firth

The Bursar and Mrs Halliday

The Chairman of the School Council  
and Mrs Moore

The Head Boy

The Head Girl

The Director of Music and  
Mrs Matthews

Mr and Mrs R N P Griffiths

# ETHELDREDA WEEKEND

20th - 21st June 2009

Outline programme – details with an application form will be sent out later.

## Saturday

1. Music workshop and choral training for evensong
2. Choral Evensong
3. Reception in the Inner Quad
4. Dinner in Dining Hall or
5. Hog Roast
6. Two groups join in Dining Hall for musical finale to the evening

## Sunday

1. Chapel Service with School (for those who apply)
2. Cricket v School 1st XI starting after Chapel
3. Lunch
4. Other matches v School
  - Rounders
  - Football
  - Tennis
5. Tea

## NEWS AND VIEWS

The following letter was received from **Harold Steer (Fleur 1950)**

Those of us who knew Tony Church must have been very moved by his obit in the 2008 Summer newsletter, reminded as we were of the amazing Shakespearian roles he played during his time at Hurst. I recall, however a different role he performed in an end of term romp when he and M F Porter put on an Edgar Wallace thriller entitled 'The Case of the Frightened Lady', known to us daringly as 'The case of the FL.'

Church, who was directing it, producing it and heavens knows what else, played the part of the investigating police Inspector, and Tony Watson was his police sergeant. I was given the part of an old lag, dragged in to give evidence. I think this was the first speaking role I ever undertook and must have been given the part because I looked suitably villainous. Be that as it may, beyond readings there had been no proper rehearsals and I was waiting nervously in the wings for my cue, when to my horror I heard dialogue I knew was not in the script and I realised that the two Tonys were making it up as they went along! Church had not had time for anything so mundane as learning the lines and Tony Watson went with him 'ad libbing' in the hope that somehow Church would get back into the part.

Nevertheless my cue never came. In the end Watson resolved the difficulty by saying something like 'shall we have this chap in now?' and coming over to the wings and grabbing my arm. I think Watson did the interrogating and I somehow managed to get my lines out in reply.

My great moment of glory came, however, when the police offered me a cigarette which I duly lit and inhaled on stage under the far from approving eye of R C Howard. I had strict instructions that this was to be put out immediately on my exit, and placed in a fire bucket. I seem to recollect, however that this was snatched by English, working as a stage hand, who finished it for me with relish.

I have other wonderful memories of Tony Church in Ken Mason's History Sixth. We were all rather in awe of him, including I sometimes suspected, Ken Mason himself. Occasionally there would come a high pitched giggle from the 'horsebox' where Church habitually sat. Ken Mason would look over enquiringly, and we thought indulgently, to be told Church had found a peculiar, or interesting fact. Anyone else would have been suitably squashed!

Tony Church was one of those people whose influence permeated throughout

## News & Views *continued*

the school. I subsequently saw him in Shakespeare long after we had left, but I like to think that Tony engendered in me an abiding love of theatre and Shakespeare in particular, beginning from my Junior days at Hurst.

**Jeremy Carswell (Martlet 1994)** sent the following announcement:

I would like to announce to the OJ Club my recent engagement to Christine (Chrissy) Barnes. We are due to get married in September 2009 in the Lake District, close to her family home. We are currently living in East Sheen in London, and intend to remain so after the wedding. My brother, Ben Carswell (Martlet 1992) is best man and ushers include Jon Gardiner and Chris Rylands (Red Cross 1994) and James Leach (1994).

On another note – sadly the OHJRFC continues in hibernation. As expressed many times before, the club has bank accounts, kit and use of pitches in Reigate. So any young OJs willing to rebuild the process once more, please let me know.

We were pleased to hear from **Dr John Apps (Chevron 1976)** johnapps58@gmail.com with the following update and photograph.



John Apps

Qualified in Medicine at The Royal London Hospital, after a year working on the Labrador coast for a bush air ambulance service. Settled into General Practice in Darlington and established a BASICS scheme for North East England. This provided on-scene doctor back-up to NHS Ambulance Services at serious incidents, which was fascinating and occasionally saved life or limb.

I left NHS General Practice in 2001 to pursue my interests in wilderness medicine. I am about to start my fifth season at Patriot Hills, Antarctica, working for Antarctic Logistics, previously known as Adventure Network International. I have also provided on the spot medical cover for the Everest Marathon, the North Pole Marathon as well as running a high altitude clinic in the Himalayas. In addition I have recently completed an operational deployment with the British Army to Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

## News & Views *continued*

I have three grown up children and currently live on the wild west coast of New Zealand's South Island, where we have a 50-acre forestry block and countless outdoor adventure opportunities. Future plans include keeping pigs, chickens & goats, once the incessant travelling stops!

All visitors very welcome, but be warned we have no mains services and rely on solar & wind energy.

**George and Sue Hill** celebrated their golden wedding in August. Among their guests at a party were these OHJs, all of whom were members of the 1950 rugby football XV:



Bryan Renn (full back); George Hill (centre);  
Roger Bartlett (scrum half and captain)  
and Keith Jenkin (No 8)

A good year? We think so! Results:

v Cranbrook School (a) won 14 – 3

v King's School, Canterbury (h)  
drawn 3 – 3

v Whitgift School (a) won 5 – 0

v Cranleigh School (a) lost 3 – 6

v Bloxham School (h) won 6 – 0

v St John's School, Leatherhead (h)  
won 18 – 6

v St Mary's Hospital XV (h) lost 3 – 8

v Brighton College (a) drawn 6 – 6

Notes: the match against Bloxham was the first ever rugby match between Hurst and another Woodard School. Of course, a try then scored only three points!

Two members of the St Mary's XV were OHJs ... Stanley (later Sir Stanley) Simmons and Tony Lever, whose brother Jeremy was in the Hurst side.

**The Rev. Canon Jeremy Davies** (Red Cross 1964) appeared on the cover of *Singing Out*, a Choir Schools Association publication.



Jeremy Davies

We offer our warmest congratulations to **Ben Searls (Eagle 1999)** on his engagement to Miss Vikki Gordon.

## OBITUARIES

**Mr Brian Primmer (Star 1943-47)** died on 29th November. He was very musical while at Hurst and distinguished himself by winning a music scholarship to Magdalene College, Cambridge. He followed a musical career and was sometime director of music at Dover College and later a lecturer in music at Durham University. We send our sympathies to his family. His daughter, Sue, hopes to hold a celebration of his life in the New Year and any OJ wishing to attend may call her on 02075 381766 or write to her at Christchurch Vicarage, Manchester Road, London, E14 3BN.

**Marcus Nelson (Chevron 1967-73)**, a member of a well-known Hurstpierpoint family, died following a tragic accident on the family farm. A congregation of over 400 packed into the parish church to pay their respects and to learn of his work for charity, and other details of his life. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife Elaine and his three sons, as well as to his mother, his brother Andrew (OJ), his sisters Holly and Lexa, his brother in law David Cole (OJ) and his wider family.

**Stephen Bertram (Martlet 1986-91).** It's with much sadness that we report the premature passing of Stephen Bertram who died on 25th October 2008 from an unexpected heart attack.

Stephen was a highly talented junior tennis player, winning the Kent U12 and U14 Boys' Championships as well as regularly representing the county. Aged 14 and 15, he formed a strong partnership with his elder brother Tim (Martlet 1983-88) in 1st VI Tennis team, and the pair won the School Doubles Championship in 1988.

During his later years at Hurst, Stephen successfully switched sports to excel in Athletics (Senior Cross Country & 1500m Champion, 1991).

After graduating from the University of East Anglia (BA Hons – History of Art & Architecture), he made Norwich his home town and was qualifying to be an Accountant at the time of his death.

Stephen will be sorely missed by family and friends.

## THE LAST WORD

I am told in good faith that these are actual statements found on insurance forms where car drivers attempted to summarize the details of an accident in the fewest possible words.

1. Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.
2. The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intention.
3. I thought my window was down, but I found it was up when I put my head through it.
4. I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.
5. A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face.
6. A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.
7. The guy was all over the road; I had to swerve several times before I hit him.
8. I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment.
9. In an attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.
10. I had been shopping for plants all day and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection a hedge sprang up obscuring my vision and I did not see the other car.
11. I had been driving for forty years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.
12. I was on the way to the doctor with a rear end complaint when my universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident.
13. As I approached the intersection a sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before. I was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident.
14. To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I struck the pedestrian.
15. My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.
16. An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished.
17. I told the police I was not injured, but on removing my hat I found that I had a fractured skull.
18. I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road when I struck him.
19. The pedestrian had no idea which direction to run, so I ran him over.
20. I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows.

# Etheldreda Weekend 2009

The OJ Club cordially invite you  
to join them for this year's  
Etheldreda Weekend  
on  
Saturday 20th  
and  
Sunday 21st June

Further information and booking form  
will be posted at a later date  
or contact

Elizabeth Watson  
([elizabeth.watson@hppc.co.uk](mailto:elizabeth.watson@hppc.co.uk))

*See outline programme on page 27*