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EDITORIAL

Hurst may not be the oldest independent school in the country, and only the most biased would claim that it is the most famous! However, it has often been in the vanguard of innovation ... its long tradition of presenting Shakespeare's plays and its production of its school magazine are just two examples. This extract from a new book bears witness to another Hurst "first":-

Drill was the only activity that Hurst's first Headmaster, Edward Lowe, made compulsory. When in 1860, amidst fears of a French invasion, volunteer forces were raised throughout the country, a number of masters from the College (including Baring Gould who famously wrote the words of 'Onward Christian Soldiers') joined the newly formed 13th Sussex Volunteers and the formation of a school corps quickly followed. Thus on 18th June 1860 the No.1 Cadet Company, 2nd Volunteer Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment was formed and given the badge of the 35th Foot.

Hurst was one of the first six schools founding corps; few others followed. By 1870 there were ten and, just before the Boer War, only 42. Hurst's remained the only public school corps in Sussex until Eastbourne formed theirs some 36 years later and it was not until the Boer War that Lancing and Brighton Colleges - aided by advice from Hurst - were prompted to follow suit.



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Editorial *continued*

The observant among you will have noticed that 2010 will be the 150th anniversary of the founding of Hurst's corps and events to mark this are being planned. The publication of the book referred to above has already taken place, and Hurst features prominently in it. Details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Happily Hurst's corps flourishes. At school there were those who loved it, and those who loathed it! In the late 1940s when the corps paraded on a Monday there was even a suggestion that the school motto *Beati Mundo Corde* translated as "Beautiful Monday Corps Day"! Its history is fascinating, and we former pupils wish it well for the future.



George Hill, Editor

Cover photo and additional photos of new academic buildings by David Watson.

Insurance disclaimer –

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

Sport

Cricket Week

2009 REPORT

As England sought to build on their one-nil lead in the Ashes series at Birmingham, the 2009 OHJ Cricket Week got underway. Both contests were weather affected, though in our case not too seriously.

The first game against the Eton Ramblers saw the OJs in a good position having reduced Eton to 136 for 7. However rain caused an early tea and then an abandonment.

Sunday dawned brighter and a prompt start was made. The Romany were bowled out for 136 by Patrick McGahan and Mike Harrison, but we made heavy weather of what should have been an easy victory by losing eight wickets chasing a very modest total. Vital contributions by Greg Haines and Matt Lowndes saw the OJs home.

On Monday the South Wales Hunts amassed what was to be, by some distance, the highest score of the week – 245, despite good bowling by Max McGahan (the first sign of how conducive the wickets would be to spin), Mike Harrison and Roger Hickman. Mike Harrison

Cricket Week *continued*

led the response with a good 70 but unfortunately his dismissal and Mark Semmence's demise on 49 left us with too much to do and we could only draw. Unfortunately we were without Mark's services for the remainder of the week due to an injury picked up in this game. He must work on his fitness.

On Tuesday spin bowling was to the fore again, with Stuart Hall taking 4 wickets in the Old Rossallians' collapse to 159 all out. However, any celebrations proved premature as we could only muster 146, despite Mike Harrison's 58 and 21* from Will Stock.

The Cryptics strong batting line-up failed to fire on Wednesday as again spin bowling accounted for 9 of the wickets to fall in a total of 173, Max McGahan recording his second 5 wicket haul in 3 days. The OJs made fairly easy work of their reply with telling contributions from Nick Creed and Matt Isepp.

On Thursday the Stoics reached 214 despite Nick Creed and David Gibson having combined figures of 7 for 93. In reply the OJs reached 80 for 6 before rain caused abandonment. The scores would suggest that a Stoics victory would have been likely but with Mike Harrison and Nick Creed at the crease it could have been interesting.

Without a doubt, Friday's highlight was the dismissal of Derek Semmence for a duck. Although Derek was made an honorary member of the Duck Club when he retired, it remained our ambition to make him a full member. When the moment arrived after more than 30 years of trying, no-one could quite believe it. It was a good all round OJ performance as we won the game by 77 runs.

By the time we reached Saturday, the weather was more settled but England's performance was far from being so-described. We were rapidly throwing away our advantage in the series with a wretched performance at Leeds. Not so the OJs, who ended the week with a thumping victory over the Buccaneers. We bowled our opponents out for 106 with Stuart Hall returning the remarkable bowling figures of 8-8-4-0. I wonder if better figures have ever been recorded. Bill Baxter's aggressive 36* helped to bring victory by 6 wickets.

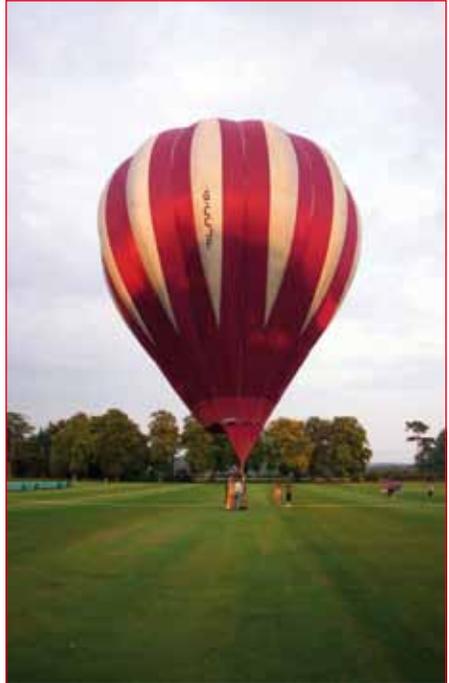
We are indebted to a number of people for their help during the Week: John Maher, Hugh Thomas, Chris Stock and Ken Ross for umpiring; Roger Moulton, Peter Stock, Ken Ross, Derek Semmence and Matt Lowndes for scoring; Jenny Honeywood and her team for the excellent lunches (and breakfasts for the lazy campers); my

Cricket Week *continued*

wife and many other ladies who helped with the teas; a number of people who contributed delicious cakes; Dick and Fiona Smart who cleaned the pavilion every day, not to mention their sterling work with the portaloos; Neil Sayers and his staff for preparing the pitches; the College's bursarial department and the Headmaster for allowing us to use the College.

The following played during the Week:

Mike Bailey, Bill Baxter, Dan Burstow, Tudor Carr, James Catterall, Tim Claringbull, Nick Creed, Mark Ellis, David Gibson, Greg Haines, Stuart Hall, Mike Harrison, Roger Hickman, Rikki Hill, Matt Isepp, Tim Leeper, Matthew Lowndes, Rob Lunn, Simon May, Harry McGahan, Max McGahan, Patrick McGahan, Jeremy Rawlins, Jack Riddy, Peter Riddy, Dom Rodbourne, Ben Searls, Derek Semmence, Mark Semmence, James Stock, Peter Stock, Will Stock, Peter Stokes, Simon Warrender, Will Wild, Joe Woods



Hot Air Balloon at Cricket Week

We were surprised at the end of Cricket Week when a hot air balloon suddenly arrived. “Keep off the square” we shouted ... which it did. After a few minutes it landed close to Manyweathers and intrepid campers helped to collapse it.

Cricket Week 2010 will be from Saturday 31st July to Saturday 7th August.

Tom Moulton

2009 CRICKET WEEK RESULTS

v Eton Ramblers Abandoned – rain
ER 136-7

M Semmence 4-29

v Romany Won by 2 wickets
Rom 136 OJs 138-7

P McGahan 4-20, M Harrison 2-30

G Haines 31, M Lowndes 25

v South Wales Hunts Drawn
SWH 245 OJs 185-7

M Harrison 3-49, M McGahan 5-58,

R Hickman 2-52

M Harrison 70, M Semmence 49, S May 24

v Old Rossallians Lost by 13 runs
OR 159 OJs 146

S Hall 4-18, W Stock 3-59, H McGahan 2-46

M Harrison 58, W Stock 21

v Cryptics Won by 4 wickets
Cryp 173 OJs 174-6

M McGahan 5-68, J Woods 2-15

N Creed 51, M Isepp 46, M Lowndes 33

v Stoics Abandoned – rain
Stoics 214 OJs 80-6

N Creed 4-32, D Gibson 3-41

W Wild 21, N Creed 18, M Harrison 16

v Sussex Martlets Won by 77 runs
OJs 199 SM 122

M Harrison 77, P Riddy 30, D Semmence 0

D Gibson 2-33, M Harrison 2-24, S Hall 2-9,

D Burstow 2-11

v Buccaneers Won by 6 wickets
Bucc 106 OJs 107-4

S Hall 4-0

B Baxter 36

Played	8
Won	4
Drawn	1
Lost	1
Abandoned	2

GOLF

Grafton Morrish Qualifier July 2009

Our team under its usual event Captain Richard Kelly, was somewhat depleted with the absence of Paul Turrell (playing golf in a Sussex scratch match), Alex Taylor (legal military manoeuvres of some description), Russell Ogden (getting over his honeymoon and world tour!).

Accordingly Richard called up the old guard of Jeremy Waud and Dan Burstow, Mark Baldock, Peter Masters and Rick Holgate.

Our correspondent can report that they all played dreadfully (perhaps the lack of a liquid lunch had a negative bearing!) and we failed to qualify this year – easily!

Summer Meeting 31st July 2009

On a glorious Summer's day 16 OJ's and a couple of guests gathered for bacon rolls and coffee at Royal Ashdown Golf Course just south of East Grinstead for the annual Summer Meeting. Royal Ashdown is in the top 100 courses of the British Isles and is unique because the course has no bunkers, just lots of heather!

Golf *continued*

In the morning we were playing for the Presidents Cup which was won by Patrick McGahan with 37 points – a real lesson that it is not all about length off the tee at Royal Ashdown! Runner up for the second year running was Mark Semmence with 35 points, who was playing with Patrick and apparently the victim of some bad sportsmanship with McGahan putting his buggy into reverse at a number of key moments! The scratch prize was won by Dan Burstow with 30 points and the Veterans Tankard by Derick Fulcher with 33 points.

After some large pimmis on the balcony we all enjoyed a wonderful 3 course lunch and plenty of claret before heading out in the afternoon playing Foursomes for the ‘Stratford Tazzas’ well lubricated.

The best score of the afternoon was by Derick Fulcher and his guest Malcolm Ralston (36 points) although sadly as not a full OJ pair the spoils went to Dan Burstow and Mike Harrison with 32 points narrowly beating their playing partners Ed Welch and Mark Semmence (31 points) on the last green.

We enjoyed cake and a few beers on the terrace with prizegiving to round off an excellent day, with our thanks again to Dudley Stratford for organising a splendid day.

6th September Sussex Schools Challenge

The sixth annual Sussex Schools Challenge was held at Walton Heath with our OHJGS selected scratch team of six coming out on top for the second year in succession.

Our team of Jeremy Waud and Dan Burstow, Richard Kelly and Alex Taylor and Rick Holgate and Russell Ogden won one of their matches with Rick and Russell winning both of them – our combined team morning and afternoon score of 8 points from a possible 12 edged out Lancing (7), Eastbourne (5) and Brighton (4).

As usual the competitive event was played in good humour and all 24 competitors enjoyed the fantastic condition of the world famous courses not to mention the exemplary lunchtime cuisine!

We now share the honours at 2 wins each with Lancing and Eastbourne over the tournament history. Ardingly also played in 2004 and Brighton have now competed in the last two years of this popular event.

We were delighted to welcome Russell back into the team after his marriage last year. He has just had a 12 month world tour with his expectant wife who

Golf *continued*

is due to produce in later November – Congratulations Oggers – next time out however can you bring your own shoes, shirt, tie and blazer as there will be a hire charge – oh yes – and get your hair cut!

Autumn Meeting 21st September 2009

Our Autumn Meeting on the Kent coast was special this year for many reasons; this excellent weekend was shared by 25 OJs and 6 guests.

We played Littlestone Golf Club on Friday afternoon and then enjoyed 2 rounds at Royal Cinque Ports, Deal on Saturday. On Saturday evening we had dinner at Deal clubhouse, and were joined by two more OJs. Before dinner we held our society AGM to deal with the formal ‘changing of the guard’ and to receive an update from the treasures and to receive the annual review from 2009 Captain Kit Millington-Hore.

The Celebratory Dinner at Royal Cinque Ports

The highlights of Saturday evening’s proceedings centred on Keith Jenkin and Dudley Stratford. Keith retired as President of the OHJGS and Dudley has now succeeded him. Dudley (after 40 years) has retired as

the society Secretary and Treasurer, with the former role being taken over by Rick Holgate and the financial responsibilities now rest with Derick Fulcher. Before the presentations and jokes started, many nostalgic stories were told, including a very apt e-mail from Martin Dancy in New Zealand and a note from Graham Croll the OJ Club President which went on to praise the golf society as the OJ Club’s most active group and to suggest it might even be the best golf society across comparable old boys’ clubs. A collection was co-ordinated amongst the wider OHJGS members and an impressive £700 was raised – this all being invested in a framed Mellin photograph for Keith Jenkin, a huge photographic montage featuring the names of the Captains who have served under Dudley for the past forty years – this alongside a large canvas boxed photo of the 2009 Spring Meeting attendees and a voucher for him and his long-suffering wife Suzanne was presented to Dudley.

The jokes kept on coming with Willie Welch, Ian Pilcher, Jim Fawcett and Patrick McGahan providing their usual style of entertainment. Jeremy Waud entertained us with the ‘Head Boy Challenge’ – here assisted by ‘Bookie McGahan’; he correctly guided the enthralled audience to the correct conclusion that the right Head Boys in

Golf continued; Hockey, Rugby

the room were in fact Jeremy Rawlins, Keith Jenkin, Paul Ruddlesdin and Roger Goodacre. For some reason the red herring entries of Negus, Scull and Budge convinced not one soul.

Golf Results

Littlestone Singles – playing for the Lowe Cup

1st Dudley Stratford – 34 points

Guest Prize

Martin Dennis – 35 points

Deal Morning Foursomes

1st Dan Burstow and Richard Kelly
– 38 points (2 over par!)

2nd Rick Holgate and
Kit Millington-Hore – 32 points

Deal Afternoon Singles

1st Patrick McGahan – 39 points
(on count back)

2nd Ed Welch – 39 points

3rd Paul Ruddlesdin – 37 points

Scratch Prize

Dan Burstow

Veterans Tankard

Kit Millington-Hore

2009 Douglas Henderson Trophy

(2 best scratch scores of the year)

1st Dan Burstow – 61 Scratch points

2nd Jeremy Waud

Handicaps

The Society's handicap committee was hastily gathered to review the Etheldreda Cup scores and concluded

the following alterations with immediate effect:

P. McGahan – Cut 3 from 15 to 12

E. Welch – Cut 2 from 10 to 8

HOCKEY

The annual OJ match against the college is taking place on Friday 12th March at 6pm under floodlights against the 1st XI. Anyone wishing to play should contact Mike Harrison via the OJ website.

RUGBY

The OJs played the school at Rugby and Girls' Hockey in October. It was a very well attended, highly enjoyable and exciting fixture with the OJs winning the rugby 26-20. The school won the hockey convincingly. Rob Kift would encourage more OJ girls to join in next year.



AROPS, OJ Travel Fund

ASSOCIATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OLD PUPILS SOCIETIES (AROPS)

www.arops.org.uk

The President and Roger Moulton attended the AROPS Annual General Meeting which was held at Queen's Gate School on Thursday 8th October 2009.

After the formal business of the evening (during which Roger Moulton was re-elected to the AROPS Committee) had been concluded Mrs Rosalind Kamaryc, Principal of Queen's Gate School, gave a brief account of the School's activities and achievements over the past year which had been a successful one despite the recession. Pupil numbers were up and there had been excellent GCSE and A level results.

The Chairman, Bill Gillen (Old Instonian/OldArnoldian), announced that there would be further workshops on electronic communications during 2010. He also said that the AROPS website was in the course of reconstruction and would be up and running very soon.

There was a discussion about the need for good working relationships between societies, heads and development/marketing directors and how best to go about seeing that this was achieved.

Peter Booth (Sternian) talked about events and activities that would appeal to society members and made a number of very useful suggestions. Some of these ideas, such as cricket matches and golf meetings have already been developed by the OJ Club. Other suggestions such as pizza and pint evenings at universities and reunions at the school for recent leavers could well be considered.

The evening ended with an excellent supper provided by Queen's Gate School.

Roger Moulton

OJ TRAVEL FUND

Community Work in Tanzania
Sarah Poole

On 11th July, fifteen of us, most of whom are young people, flew out to Iringa, Tanzania for three weeks. In this time we worked with the community in a number of different ways. For the majority of the time we worked alongside the deaf and disabled people and we built a new room for carpentry at Neema Crafts centre where the deaf and disabled used the skills they learnt to make clothes, beautiful jewellery and accessories.

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On the second week we took time out from the craft centre and were able to go to one of the most diverse safari parks in the world: Ruaha Game park. Here we had close encounters with lions, water buffalo and hippos whilst riding on the top of a land rover. We stayed over for one night in the park and set off on another safari the following morning before then making our way back to Iringa.

We also planned and organised a holiday club for the local children with games, balloons and crafts; all things they were not used to or had ever done before. In our group of the 7-11's, between four of us we had 100 children on one of the days. One of the projects in Tanzania for the street children is called FISCH (Feeding Iringa's Street Children) a fantastic programme run by the diocese that feeds all the homeless kids in the area, some as young as five years old, for one meal a week. Here we spent the morning with the kids and then had a meal with them; a truly challenging and rewarding time for us all.

In Tanzania there is a great shortage of teachers so having the opportunity to teach an English lesson to a class of 60 kids at the local school was an eye-opening experience and one that made me realise how fortunate I was to have been privileged enough to go to a school like Hurst.



Sarah Poole and Eleanor Boyd-Wallis in Tanzania

There is a lot that we learnt in terms of the culture and the simplicity of the way that they carry out their lives and we would like to thank the OJ Committee for providing Eleanor Boyd-Wallis and myself with some of the funds to make this incredible experience possible.

A Wealth of Opportunity **Melissa Sophie Bowden**

At the beginning of July 2008 Poppy Wade and myself were fortunate enough, with the help of a donation from the OJ Travel Fund, to travel to Kenya to teach at a school in Samburu.

A love for Kenya and indeed Africa has remained with me since the age of 7. My first visit brought with it sighting of lions, elephants and all the beautifully mesmerising and somewhat prehistoric animals of the savannah. It is not just the animals, but the splendour of the landscape such as the vast expanses of

OJ Travel Fund *continued*

stunning scenery dotted with acacia trees, which contributes to my love for the politically fraught country. On top of this there are the Kenyan people. When out in the open wilderness, seeing life led so simply, but with sure gracious purity, one remembers the facts which deem life astonishing.

This year on my ninth trip I wanted more than ever to work with the people of Kenya. This is something I sought to do on previous occasions but never fully organised. Due to many members of my family living in Kenya I was able to arrange a trip to teach in a school in Samburu, north of Nairobi.

The arrangement of this trip I felt as important as the action itself. By gaining contacts and asking around I was able to arrange the visit without the cost usually imposed on a 'gap year charity experience.' Despite never doubting the work done and indeed the positive influence which these charity trips have on third world countries, it has never settled quite right with me. Cashing in on the consumerism of a 'charity trip' seems morally ironic. Paying usually thousands of pounds to work in impoverished areas in my opinion is the wrong placement of money.

Therefore the trip on which I embarked with my good friend was funded

entirely by ourselves and we managed to raise a lot of money which went directly to the improvement of the school. Skipping costs of advertising, organised transportation, accommodation and much more, money went unswervingly to the school.

The wealth of opportunity to partake and contribute to a lifestyle, in many ways so far removed from our own, is there – just by making the connection in a independent way you can use money saved to leave a helpful footprint on peoples lives for years to come.

Ngutuk Engiron Primary School is a lovely school, built up from classes taught under a baobab tree, to now four classrooms, the school is growing and progressing year by year. It is the most established school in the group ranch, spanning 35,414 ha, with an estimated population of about 3000 people.



Welcome to Ngutuk Engiron Primary School

When we first decided to go and teach at the school we had little idea of what

OJ Travel Fund *continued*

the school would be like but were excited by the opportunity to have a first hand experience in helping the local community. My friend and I eagerly anticipated teaching the children on our first day but naively underestimated the language barrier and the limited resources we were to be met with.

We were greeted by a sea of faces smirking at the alien appearance of the 'Musungu' (white girl) teachers. The children were far from chaotic. When we entered the simple classrooms, despite the novelty of our presence, each class stood up and greeted us with almost military discipline. As well as enthusiasm, faces showed trepidation. Shyness, especially notable in the girls, was marked in their wary eyes. Quite understandably we were new and unknown to their daily regime where more often than not 2 out of the 4 primary classes would be left unattended.

Teaching in this environment keyed in to our resourcefulness as well as imagination. Ranging from art to PE there was so much which was unfamiliar to the children we had to think 'outside the box' and find a happy medium of what would work and educate them without being too daunting.

As time went by the girls and boys became more confident in our presence and the language barrier completely

subsided. Using pictures, completely uninhibited and sometimes ridiculous actions, as well as smiles we managed to explain things. The energy of the children and their thirst for knowledge was insatiable. Without drinking one glass of water the whole long and hot school day the kids stayed laughing, enthusiastic and bursting with vigour. I realised the true courage of this when, after playing netball, thirst kicked in and without thought we went to swig water, something we never saw the children do. This was one of the numerous times we realised first-hand the incredible hardiness of their spirit.

Whilst we taught at the school we were taking with us huge butts of water each day from where we staying. Yet they didn't use this to drink but to mix with food which had been kindly donated from a visitor to the area. Without water they were unable to prepare the food and this came as a treat and surprise to them. When we got our classes to go for breakfast, we initially thought it happened every day. Watching the children eat steaming hot porridge in the blistering heat was a sight I will never forget. It was a new experience for us as well the children; watching food received with both excitement and apprehension.

There are so many little experiences from the day to day life at the school and within the community which imposed

OJ Travel Fund *continued*

on my opinion of the country and indeed life. With the money we raised before our trip and the money kindly donated from the OJ Travel Fund, we were able to purchase an above ground water tank for the school and contribute to an ongoing food fund. Recently I have been sent an email showing the water tank in place. With the rarity of rain in the area I was pleased to know that with the tank in place, a recent downpour meant that the precious commodity of water was collected and put to use.

With ever improving technology comes ease of global communication. I was informed of the news of rain in Samburu within hours of it happening whilst miles away in England. The internet also provides the resource to communicate and arrange such projects without necessarily going through a third party of a major corporation; thus leading to the possibility of independently arranging such trips without wasting money and resources.

In a land full of such wealth found in sublime beauty in the landscape, animals and ingrained in the culture, there is an intense need for wealth in capital. Money can go towards making something so everyday to you and me, a reality. Poppy and I cannot thank the OJ Committee enough for their generosity to such a worthy cause and I hope that others follow in our footsteps.

Kenya and indeed Africa is a place which stays with you once you first set foot there. If anyone is interested in going to Ngutuk Engiron Primary School in Samburu I would be more than happy to talk to them. Email: melissasbowden@hotmail.com

Medical Work in Sri Lanka **Oliver Pearce**

I would like to thank the OJs for their assistance with my elective this summer.

My third year at medical school provided me the opportunity to gain valuable clinical experience and develop my medical knowledge abroad. Having completed a full year of clinical experience in a westernised hospital environment, I felt it was important to decide on a destination that would challenge and expand the skills and knowledge I have acquired at medical school.

My elective was split between two hospitals in contrasting environments in order to gain the most experience. Initially I was based in the Colombo General Hospital working alongside a Professor of GI and General Surgery, whilst attending anatomy seminars, clinical tutorials and ward rounds with the final year students at the University of Colombo.

OJ Travel Fund *continued*

Sri Lanka is home to approximately 20 million people, and throughout the last decade boasted a healthy economy primarily based on its tourism. Major tourist attractions are focused around the island's famous beaches, ancient heritage sites and the Hill Country located in the centre of the island. However, recent devastating events such as the 2004 Tsunami and recent emergence of the civil war and consequent breakdown of the infrastructure affected this industry.

Having arrived in Sri Lanka three months after the declaration of victory over the Tamil Tigers, I had little idea what to expect with regards to my personal security and exposure to the post civil war aftermath. However, after staying four weeks in Colombo, which had previously been a primary target, I did not at any stage feel unsafe or vulnerable as a foreign visitor.

Regardless of the numerous security checks throughout the city or the strange looks I received while working in the hospital, the locals lived up to their reputation as hospitable and welcoming people. Consequently my elective was very enjoyable and extremely rewarding.

We quickly had to adapt to the unbearable humidity and heat while working in the hospital as our first duty

as an elective student was to negotiate the 150 patients waiting outside the clinic rooms that we ultimately had to run. The Sri Lankan Outpatient Department was busier than any department I had observed back in the UK. Our situation was not made easier by the language barrier which proved difficult at times. However, with the help of some translation from fellow students, we obtained and documented medical histories and performed clinical examinations. One striking difference observed during the clinic was the disregard for patient confidentiality and respect for privacy. This was apparent as numerous consultations and examinations would take place within the confines of a small non-AC room.

Specific diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular disease have a high prevalence in Sri Lanka and this was apparent as we listened to many patient histories detailing diseases which we would commonly see in the UK.

In addition to my interest in surgery and anaesthetics, my surgical placement allowed me to observe the distinct contrasts between the surgical environments and facilities in the UK and in Sri Lanka. It was apparent that due to the lack of available funding achieving an aseptic environment was difficult. To my amazement Sri Lankan



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The OJ Club

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Hurst



Hurstpierpoint College
Combined Cadet Force
150th Anniversary
Friday 28th May 2010

2010 will mark 150 years since the Cadet movement first started. Cadet Corps were formed to help bolster the country's defence capability following heavy losses in the Crimean War and amidst fears of a French invasion.

Hurstpierpoint College was one of the first six schools in the Country to found a Cadet Company.

On behalf of the Headmaster I have great pleasure in announcing the details of our celebrations next summer.

The Inspecting Officer at the parade and guest of honour at the dinner will be Admiral the Lord Boyce of Pimlico (and OH-J).

All Hurst-Johnians and their guests are invited to attend the parade and subsequent events which are featured in the proforma opposite. OH-Js and their guests are invited at cost price to the drinks and dinner and are reminded that places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Changing facilities will be available for ladies and gentlemen who are attending both parade and dinner. The stands in the afternoon will give visitors an insight into the military training given to cadets whilst a military band and a tea tent will provide entertainment and refreshment. There will be a College chapel service at the usual Friday time, where places will also be limited.

Meanwhile I have been delighted by the response from OH-Js to the CCF notice in the summer newsletter and continue to welcome further correspondence relating to the history of the cadet unit at Hurst.

Please note, however, that the completed application form (opposite) should be returned to the Common Room Secretary as soon as possible.

Lt Col Jim Gowans, Hurstpierpoint College West Sussex BN6 9JS
Email jim.gowans@hppc.co.uk



Hurst



Hurstpierpoint College
Combined Cadet Force
150th Anniversary
Friday 28th May 2010

Please indicate which events you wish to attend
and indicate the number of tickets required

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 2.15pm Parade in Outer Quad | YES/NO |Tickets |
| 3.00pm Stands and tea tent | YES/NO |Tickets |
| 5.10pm Chapel Service | YES/NO |Tickets |
| | 7.00pm for 7.30pm | |
| Dinner in Dining Hall | YES/NO |Tickets @ £40 |

The tickets for the dinner are charged at cost.

Dress for Dinner will be Mess Dress or Black Tie. Ladies are invited to wear evening dress.

Please bear in mind that places for Chapel and dinner are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis.

Please make cheques for the total amount payable to "Hurstpierpoint College Ltd" and return this completed form with your cheque enclosed to asap:
The Common Room Secretary, CCF 150, Hurstpierpoint College,
College Lane, Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex BN6 9JS

From: Name.....

Address:.....

Post Code..... Contact telephone no.....

COMBINED CADET FORCE 150th ANNIVERSARY and THE OH-J CLUB'S MEMORIAL FUND

As was advertised in the Summer Newsletter last year, 2010 sees the CCF at Hurst celebrate its establishment 150 years ago as the No 1 Cadet Unit of the 2nd Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment. There is now a further advertisement in this newsletter (page 16) giving details of the events being held on 28th May at the College.

Hurst was one of the first schools in England to form its own cadet unit in 1860 in response to a call from the War Office, and at first wore the badge of the 35th of Foot.

To commemorate this occasion the Hurst Johnian Club is inviting donations from members for a new CCF Banner. The old one will be laid up in the Chapel. A brass plate will be fixed to the banner poles suitably engraved to mark the occasion and the benefaction of the OH-J Club. If there are sufficient funds the CCF's new drums will be emblazoned with the CCF Crest and an inscription to record the occasion and the OH-J Club's gift.

Donations can be made on line via the web site or by cheque (payable to The Hurst Johnian Club) and sent to

Elizabeth Watson
OJ Club Administrator
Hurstpierpoint College
College Lane
Hurstpierpoint
West Sussex
BN6 9JS



3rd January, 2010

19, Wisden Avenue
Burgess Hill
Sussex
RH15 8TL

Dear OJ

OJ CHORAL EVENSONG AT HURST : SATURDAY 19th JUNE, 2010

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, 19th June, 2010 to take part in the OJ Etheldreda Choral Evensong – the closest date to the real St Etheldreda's Feast Day (23rd June).

Arrangements for the day are as follows:

12.30 – 13.00	Meet in the Common Room for drinks
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 19th June, 2010.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Ebdon
(Martlet 1979 – 1984)

OJ CHORAL EVENSONG AT HURST : 19th JUNE, 2010

To : Robert Ebdon
robert.ebdon@sky.com
19, Wisden Avenue
Burgess Hill
Sussex
RH15 8TL

Telephone : 01444 232420 or mobile 07968 421305

NAME :(BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

ADDRESS :

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YEAR LEFT HURST.....

HOUSE.....

Email:.....

I wish to / am unable to take part in the O.J. choral evensong at Hurst on Saturday, 19th June, 2010.

I can attend the afternoon sectional rehearsal at 2.00pm.....please tick

I can attend the full rehearsal at 3.00 pmplease tick

I can attend the Choral Evensong at 6.00 pmplease tick

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 Tableplease tick

I sing: Soprano.....Alto.....Counter Tenor.....Tenor.....Bass.....

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):

New Address:

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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:

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS please):

House:

Years at Hurst:

E-mail address:

OJ Travel Fund *continued*

surgeons would regularly perform two surgical cases alongside each other in the same room. Regardless of the burden this would have on achieving a truly sterile and uncontaminated environment, the situation could seem quite amusing as a patient who was under a local anaesthetic could witness a fellow patient having open abdominal surgery. Flying insects in the room and stray dogs roaming the post-op wards added to the situation. Surprisingly, in spite of the conditions and limited funding for surgical equipment, surgical procedures which are considered to be complex in the UK are still being performed with similar levels of success in Sri Lanka.

Many of the surgeons who we assisted had previously worked in the UK for several years. This included our professor who happily shared his experiences working in the UK, while at the same time showed us a surgical instrument which he had brought back with him from the UK which was clearly labelled “only to be used once” and “do not re-sterilise”. The surgeon went on to explain that he had used this particular item a few hundred times and that it was common for Sri Lankan surgeons who work temporarily in the UK to bring back additional tools for their tool kit!

I was fortunate to assist in various surgical procedures, which included

a breast lump excision, thyroid surgery of the neck, an abdominal hernia repair and a total knee replacement. This proved valuable as the experience allowed me to develop my understanding of anatomy, the surgical treatment of diseases and possible complications post treatment. We would attend the morning surgical ward rounds with the surgical team who would describe various medical and surgical treatments required for cases that we would not normally witness in a UK teaching hospital. A particularly interesting case was a patient who had been admitted for emergency treatment after receiving a sniper shot in the back which had shattered the top of his pelvis, had left him incontinent and also resulted in him losing sensation in both his legs. This case highlighted the need for a multidisciplinary team approach to his treatment; a similar approach that would also be seen in the UK.

Another surprising contrast observed in Sri Lanka was the number of patients who would be seen in an average day. A surgeon in the UK would perform on average 5-6 surgical cases per day, whereas the efficient Sri Lankan system would allow a surgical team to complete three times as many cases. Surgeons still had the time to perform ward rounds, attend clinics and teach the fifteen medical students crowded round an open abdomen in theatre.

OJ Travel Fund *continued*

One of the most memorable events in theatre involved a minor operation of a large cyst (carbuncle) on the back of a patient's head. Everything seemed to be going to plan as the surgeon removed the cyst while I sterilised the area. However further drainage caused slight movements in the patient's leg. This was initially ignored but it quickly progressed into uncontrolled shouting from the patient who also attempted to push himself off the operating table. The anaesthetist administered more sedation however this had no effect. A team of four including myself had to physically hold him down to prevent him causing himself further harm. While restraining him, the surgeon in the adjacent room shouted to the anaesthetist to administer even more analgesia. At this point the anaesthetist ran back into the room waving a large syringe and began to violently administer this into the back of the patient's head, finally providing the patient pain relief. At this point I realised that another patient, awake and patiently waiting to be prepared for anaesthetic in the neighbouring theatre, had observed the whole event.

In addition to assisting in surgery, I also was given opportunities to cannulate patients before surgery, use endoscopic equipment and develop and apply my suturing skills. I was also able to practise advanced airway management

skills assisting the anaesthetists by intubating airways. I was also given the opportunity to remove a cystic testicular mass, which I performed under supervision. Although I have been taught these skills, due to the stringent restrictions in the UK, opportunities to put these skills into practice are rarely presented.

During my free time in Sri Lanka I explored the country, experiencing the rich and diverse culture and, just as important, enjoying the local food! We had the opportunity to watch many professional international cricket matches at the beautiful Galle cricket ground, which a few years ago was left in ruins by the Tsunami. Having experienced the hectic bustling atmosphere of Colombo city centre, we were also able to enjoy the beautiful and relaxing beaches of the south coast.

My trip to Sri Lanka was an extremely worthwhile experience. The clinical experience allowed me to develop the basic practical skills I learnt at university and also to experience various clinical situations that I would not normally be exposed to in the UK. Finally this trip enabled me to gain a better understanding of medicine in developing and economically deprived countries – which was ultimately my aim for this elective.

Etheldreda – Minutes of AGM

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HURST JOHNIAN CLUB

**held at Hurstpierpoint College at
5.45 pm on Saturday 20th June 2009**

1. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. C N Grayling, Christopher Wood, James Turner, Kit Millington-Hore, Paul Rutherford, Peter Sassoon, Dudley Stratford, David Moren-Brown, Norman Simmons, Keith Parsons, Paul Bennett, Jonathan Allison, Robin Field-Smith, S Campbell Ritchie, A de Ostrikkoff, Peter Salter, Tim Bastow, Henry Shepherd, Robert Ife, Robert Carpenter, Roger Moulton, Giles Williams, Peter May, John Leffman, Professor Richard Steinitz, Miss Claire Tibbott and the Headmaster.

2. The following were in attendance:— Messrs Graham Croll (President), Rupert Ayton (Treasurer), Sir Stanley Simmons, Messrs. John Hall, Dick Smart, Tony Travers, Roger Vernon, David Savage, Luke Tarr, Will Sexton, Paul Ruddlesdin, Alan Buttifant, Gordon Roff, Bruce Hay, Christopher Robinson, Norman Young, Richard Glass, Richard Ottley, Robert Ebdon, Harold Steer, Ian Brownlee, George Hill, the Rev. Michael Seymour-Jones, Mrs. D. Treyer-Evans and Miss Alice Hanson.

3. The minutes of the previous AGM

were approved and signed by the president.

4. There were no matters arising which were not on the current agenda.

5. The president presented his report making reference to the new timing of the St. Etheldreda celebrations. He remarked that these were new, but hoped the pattern would settle down in the future. Sixty members were scheduled to dine later in the day, with thirty signed in for the hog roast. There would be more publicity in future.

This brought him on to the new OJ website. Graham Tottle had given a presentation of the original website and Jeremy Waud had given a similar presentation of new Network 72 website. A sub-committee had approved the adoption of the latter. (A show of hands revealed that a good number of those present had visited the new site.) The president urged members to register on the site. Various members would be responsible for events to be shown on the site. It was emphasised that in future members would be able to pay for events via the website.

The president was at pains to thank Graham Tottle and Christopher Robinson for all their hard work on the original website. This was greeted with warm applause.

Etheldreda – Minutes of AGM *continued*

Mr. Savage was urged to “go digital”!

Mr. Robinson reiterated his plea for the website to be kept up to date.

The president explained that a small sub-committee had interviewed applicants for grants from the OHJ travel fund. A total of £3,600 had been granted to six members of the current sixth form and three former pupils. The president and his committee had been most impressed with the standard of the applicants and their applications.

6. The treasurer presented his report, pointing out that the accounts were for the period 1 August 2008 to 1 March 2009 owing to the change of date for the AGM. A surplus of £4,113 for the eight months to 31 March 2009 was recorded amongst the other detailed accounts.

Sir Stanley Simmons was keen to see the amounts awarded to worthy applicants for the travel fund be increased. This was taken on board by the president for consideration by the committee.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Steer. This was passed *nem.con.*

7. The officers and committee were elected *en bloc* on the proposal by Sir Stanley Simmons, seconded by Mr. David Savage.

8. There were a few section reports. Mr. Ebdon expressed his regrets that evensong had had to be cancelled, but was sure that this was a result of the new St. Etheldreda format. He was sure that “we shall be back!” Mr. Ruddlesdin gave a brief report on the golf club, informing all that Hurst had tied for first place in the schools’ putting competition, sadly losing to Tonbridge in a play-off. Dudley Stratford (after some forty years) is handing over the secretaryship of the golf club to Rick Holgate. Cricket week will take place as usual, and Mr. Hall reported that the Duck Club had held a successful dinner. Mr. Hill said that a framed photograph of Derek Semmence would be unveiled in the pavilion in cricket week. Mr. Roger Vernon announced that a tennis team was assembled to play the school on the morrow. Mr. Luke Tarr announced that, having had a few matches, it was hoped to establish an OHJ association football team on a more formal basis. This idea was given the blessing of the club.

9. Any other business. The president thanked the secretary, the treasurer and the newsletter editor for their efforts, and gave particular praise to the younger members of the committee.

10. The meeting ended at 6.47, and everyone adjourned happily for pre-dinner drinks.

ETHELDREDA 2010 19th & 20th June

This will give you an opportunity to see the new Academic Quadrangle – we think you will be impressed.

Proposed programme of events
(subject to change)

Saturday 19th June

5 pm AGM

6 pm Choral Evensong

6.45 for 7.30 122nd Annual Dinner
of the Hurst Johnian Club or Hog
Roast

Sunday 20th June

11 am Sung Eucharist

Drinks in the inner quad

BBQ lunch

1 pm onwards cricket

2 pm other sports matches



Foundation Stone to the new Academic
Quadrangle

NEWS AND VIEWS

Hurst is slowly monopolising the posts of precentor at the English cathedrals.

Jeremy Davies (Red Cross 1964) – Salisbury, and **Bruce Ruddock (Fleur de Lys 1974)** – Peterborough, are now joined by **Simon Pothen (Martlet 1980)** whom we congratulate on his appointment at Chelmsford.

Michael Seymour-Jones (Star 1956) has now been ordained priest.

As mentioned in the editorial, a new publication contains some splendid photographs of Hurst's Cadet Corps through the ages. These range from a picture of the Hurst Corps in the Outer Quad taken in 1899 to a delightful one of two young lady cadets as they run through the Inner Quad. The latter is entitled "Late For Parade"! The book is called *The Army Cadet Force*, and is written by Mike Ryan. It costs £14.99 and is published by The History Press, The Mill, Brimscombe Port, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 2QG or www.thehistorypress.co.uk. The ISBN number is 978 0 7524 5067 4 Highly recommended.

The Summer Edition editorial produced some interesting correspondence. It was never intended to criticise OJs overseas; it was simply hoped that we would hear more of

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them. With typical whimsicality, **Noel Tuck (Shield 1951)**:-

Dear Editor,

I refer to your editorial in the summer newsletter, in which you requested knowledge concerning the activities of OJs in various parts of the world. Here is a report on the Old Johnian Club ... Delaware Chapter. This Chapter has not registered with the Internal Revenue Service and thus all reference to it must be regarded as highly classified. After many years of aggressive recruiting we now have a membership of 1. I know that in Australia we have a strong nucleus. In Delaware I am the nucleus!

Delaware is in the United States of America. (I mention that for the benefit of the younger OJs who have dropped Geography.) To comply with the truth in advertising, we should be called "The States of America" as currently there is little unity in the country. Delaware is the second smallest state. If you get the car up to 75 mph and brake you are probably out of Delaware before you stop. Still life's not all bad; we are one mile from the beach, back on to a golf course and have no sales tax (VAT?).

Joyce and I welcome visitors (after clearance by the Chapter) so "come on down".

He goes on: "Now the serious stuff ... I do hope that the College organises another event for OJs who left by, say, 1965. On the previous occasion I saw many of my contemporaries. Had I attended this year's dinner, I would have seen only 7. Finally to all OJs ... take care."

Noel wrote in a subsequent e-mail:-

Further to my letter I am pleased to announce that the OJ Club – Delaware Chapter has doubled its membership. **Gavin Braithwaite (Shield 1966)** lives in Lewes, Delaware. Our recruiting programme is on a roll; we are closing in on Australia!

Keith Phillips (Eagle 1960) who, in 2006, organised the 50th anniversary of the founding of Eagle House, wrote in praise of OJs Overseas. He particularly commended Jerry Hill (USA), David van Weel (Amsterdam), Mike Webb (Sierra Leone) and one member from Australia who all turned up for the event. More local members, including two from West Sussex, did not make it. His last provocative sentence reads: "The indications are that Overseas OJs are a bit more loyal than some of those still in the UK!"

As a footnote he wonders if anyone has a photo of that event. He knows one was taken, but regrets he has never seen it.

News & Views *continued*

Keith Parsons (Red Cross 1947) and **Patrick Grigsby (Red Cross 1949)** wrote a joint letter from the midlands saying how the Members' Directory on the OJ website had put them in contact. They urge members to put their details on the site to start the ball rolling to instigate meetings such as the enjoyable reunion which they experienced, talking over Hurst days and subsequent careers.

Patrick has recently had a book about his life published by Pan Press. It has in it a good deal about his days at Hurst. It is available from Amazon at £8.99.

Tim Brawn (Shield 1973) writes that he is now managing director of netpack ... a fulfilment business in Cornwall. He is married with four children, one of whom (Alice) teaches at St. George's, Windsor! He says it is not easy to get back to Hurst from so far away, but he has many happy memories.

Another Overseas OJ, **Nick Williams (Eagle 1974)** writes that he "cannot resist picking up George Hill's glove ... after all toasts for one's wellbeing are not to be taken lightly!" He has lived in Norway for nearly thirty years, still married to the reason he went there, and with three children as a consequence! His home is in Vadso at nearly 70 degrees north. The town is near Varanger fjord, well known by bird watchers for its multitude of rare

species. He invites OJs, whether bird watchers or not, to get in touch if they venture so far north, and he wonders if he and Anthony May are the only ones living in Nordic countries.

We heard from **Steve Pocock (Eagle 1973)**:-

Hello George,

I recently discovered the OJ web site after being tipped off by another OJ, Charles Brain.

I read with delight that you toast OJs abroad 'in absentia'. I moved overseas to the west coast of Canada in January 2008 with my wife, Sharon. We live in the beautiful city of Victoria and are settling in to our new lives by the sea, in the warmest place in the whole of Canada. As I write, we are enjoying wonderful sunny Autumn weather, with a very pleasant 19°C temperature. Next door to us in Alberta, winter has just started – today they have -6°C and it's snowing!

I managed a very brief visit back to Hurst a couple of years before moving overseas; I was visiting friends on the south coast from York where I lived, and decided to stop by the College. I had a great, although far too short, visit and put the details on my member's page.

News & Views *continued*

Rest assured that your toasts are being earned, and appreciated, by this OJ at the very least!

Storm Griffin writes to say that her father **Noel Wilfred Griffin (Red Cross 1933)** is now 93 and is sadly suffering memory loss, but still has fond pictures of his Hurst days. He travelled to many countries before finally settling in Australia, and whilst his family never visited Hurst, they feel they know it from the many stories he told ... sadly never written down. He is now in a care home in Coorparoo, Brisbane.

In the sixties, several young men from the USA came to Hurst as students. We heard recently from John Boak who was at Hurst as an ESU student from 1965-66. He recalls fondly of visits to pubs during his time here! He is now an artist and designer living in Colorado and is president of the Colorado Yale Association. Examples of his work can be found on <http://www.boakart.com/kingman.html> and <http://www.cafepress.com.boakrt/177767>

We had a letter from Ken Hancock to thank us for the summer issue and he would like us to record that “I am still around and send greetings to any that will remember me, for example, Keith Jenkin and others. I liked that item on great OJs from the past also the page on “the last word” – how very apt and so

sad that all of this is true today. I visited Hurst for the first time for many years when I joined George Hill to watch the school play the MCC in a cricket match summer 2008.”



OJ guests at Stuart Hall's Wedding to Jo

Some OJs attended Stuart Hall's summer wedding to Jo.

We received the following report from Dan Burstow about his New York Marathon attempt on 1st November 2009.

Diana (Martlet 98) and Dan Burstow (Shield 1996)

Diana and I wanted to write to say a huge thank you to everyone who has been tremendously supportive and generous before, during and after our New York Marathon attempt on Sunday 1st November. The great news is that we both finished in one piece! The even better news is that we were

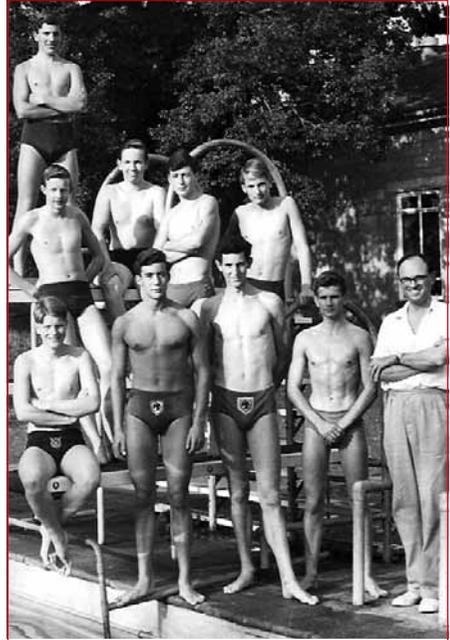
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both delighted with our times – Di a new personal best of 3 hours 42 minutes and me a first marathon time of 3 hours 52 minutes, wildly better than I thought possible when I agreed to this folly! The best news is that we have raised £6,222, which is in fact well over £7,000 with gift aid. www.justgiving.com/theburstows. This has totally smashed our target of £5,000, and we hope will make a significant impact at Hurstwood Park League of Friends.

The experience was amazing and the crowds incredible – lots of ‘Yeh Dan, you’re the man!’ and ‘Looking strong Dan, good work!’ (in a loud American way). The first 16 miles seemed fine but by the end I was in a world of pain and it took all my mental strength to get me to the finish! Finally we wanted to thank our Dad and little sister Sophie, for the sponsorship, encouragement through our training, for making fantastic banners for race day and for getting up at the crack of dawn & feeding us toast and peanut butter!! Having Dad and Sophie there made the whole event so special, and we of course had a fantastic celebration after the race and toasted Melanie.

In true British fashion we partied hard that night, finally crawling (literally) to bed at 4 am a bit sore but extremely satisfied!

Peter (Nick) Narishkin kindly sent us some old photos, one of which is reproduced below.



Swim Team 1962

**Swim Team 1962.
Where are they now?**



Obituaries

OBITUARIES

First a sincere apology, and a humble retraction. In the last newsletter I recorded the death of Martin Bradbrooke. I cannot remember who informed me of this, but I have learnt that I must check my facts and my sources, for I have learned since that ... happily ... Martin is alive and well.
— *Editor*

Desmond Plummer (Lord Plummer of Marylebone) Star 1932 died on October 2nd at the age of 95. Long obituaries appeared in the national press for he had been a veritable star of London politics. When the Conservative party won the Greater London Council election in 1967, he was the first leader of that party to be victorious since 1934, and he went on to spearhead Edward Heath's general election victory in 1970. After Hurst, he was educated at the College of Estate Management where he trained as a surveyor and estate manager. He joined the TA and served in the Royal Engineers during the 1939-45 war, rising to the rank of major. He had many various posts including chairmanship of the Horse Race Betting Levy Board and President of The Portman Building Society. He was a magistrate for many years and a Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London. He was knighted in 1971 and raised to the peerage in 1980.

Tony Lee joined Chevron in 1947 and was a school prefect. He won colours at Rugby and hockey, and played cricket in the first XI. He went from Hurst to St. Edmund Hall, Oxford. After Oxford he worked for ICI for a while, but spent most of his working career in printing and packaging. He was a peaceful, calm and diplomatic person. We extend our sympathy to his wife Judy, whose brother Peter Milne was an OJ and who died about a year ago, and to his daughters Sandra and Wendy.

Warren Eade (Shield 1945) was a prefect in his house, and won colours for hockey and athletics. He also played cricket and rugby and squash for the school. He was one of those who was in the Home Guard while still at school.

He passed his first MB and went on to Christ's College at Cambridge. He spent most of his life in general practice in Hove.

Your editor attended the funeral of David Goldsmith in October. He was not an OJ but some will remember him and Douglas Birks who taught at Hurst from 1948 to 1950, before they both moved on to Radley. He was a gifted teacher and always had a warm spot for Hurst, which he called "such a happy place". After Radley he was headmaster

Obituaries *continued*

of Cokethorpe School in Oxfordshire but he was not the retiring kind and went on to teach at Lord Wandsworths and finally at St. Catherine's, Bramley. In all he taught for 61 years and in 2008 he was appointed MBE in recognition of his services to education. We extend our condolences to his widow Jan and their family.

We also record with sadness the death of Sue Finch, the wife of Bob Finch, who was on the staff at Hurst in the early sixties. They both had fond memories of Hurst where their young family grew up.

Following the death of Lord Plummer (qv), **Gordon Cheston (Chevron 1934)** wrote wondering if he at the age of 92 was now the "senior" OJ! Your editor had to disappoint him, as he had recently heard from Ronald Neame who will be 99 in April next. He was not long at Hurst, but loved his time there. He is a very distinguished film producer and director, having produced such classics as *Great Expectations* and *Oliver Twist* and directed among many others such films as *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* and *The Odessa File*. He was appointed CBE in 1966 and now lives in California. He visited the school in March 1951 and gave a memorable lecture.

Of course Ken Mason, whilst not a former pupil but nevertheless a member of the Hurst Johnian Club, at the age of 102, outranks them all!

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THE LAST WORD

A genuine letter that was recently sent to the UK's Secretary of State for the Department of the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs. One in the eye for The Common Agricultural Policy.

16 May 2007

Dear Secretary of State,

My friend, who is in farming at the moment, recently received a cheque for £3,000 from the Rural Payments Agency for not rearing pigs. I would now like to join the “not rearing pigs” business.

In your opinion, what is the best kind of farm not to rear pigs on, and which is the best breed of pigs not to rear? I want to be sure I approach this endeavour in keeping with all governmental policies, as dictated by the EU under the Common Agricultural Policy. I would prefer not to rear bacon pigs, but if this is not the type you want not rearing, I will just as gladly not rear porkers. Are there any advantages in not rearing rare breeds such as Saddlebacks or Gloucester Old Spots, or are there too many people already not rearing these?

As I see it, the hardest part of this programme will be keeping an accurate

record of how many pigs I haven't reared. Are there any Government or Local Authority courses on this?

My friend is very satisfied with this business. He has been rearing pigs for forty years or so, and the best he ever made on them was £1,422 in 1968. That is – until this year, when he received a cheque for not rearing any.

If I get £3,000 for not rearing 50 pigs, will I get £6,000 for not rearing 100? I plan to operate on a small scale at first, holding myself down to about 4,000 pigs not raised, which will mean about £240,000 for the first year. As I become more expert in not rearing pigs, I plan to be more ambitious, perhaps increasing to, say, 40,000 pigs not reared in my second year, for which I should expect about £2.4 million from your department. Incidentally, I wonder if I would be eligible to receive tradeable carbon credits for all these pigs not producing harmful and polluting methane gases?

Another point: These pigs that I plan to not rear will not eat 2,000 tonnes of cereals. I understand that you also pay farmers for not growing crops. Will I qualify for payments for not growing cereals to not feed the pigs I don't rear?

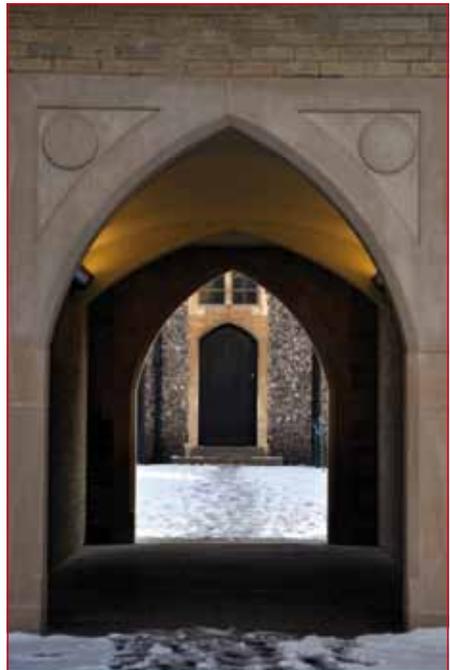
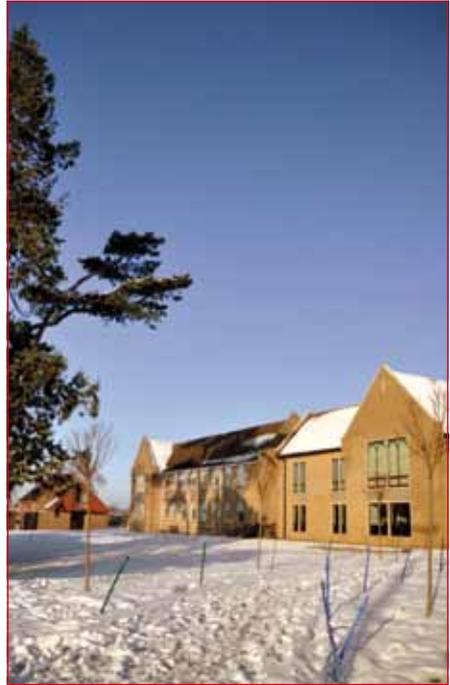
I am also considering the “not milking cows” business, so please send any information you have on that too. Please could you also include the current DEFRA advice on set-aside fields? Can this be done on an e-commerce basis with virtual fields (of which I seem to have several thousand hectares)?

In view of the above you will realise that I will be totally unemployed, and will therefore qualify for unemployment benefits.

I shall of course be voting for your party at the next general election.

Yours faithfully,

Nigel Johnson-Hill





OJ WEBSITE

We have a website at

www.theojclub.com

where members are able to contact each other,
change their contact details,
make purchases of club items
and get information about club events.

We do hope you will visit it.

Etheldreda Weekend 2010

The OJ Club cordially invite you
to join them for this year's
Etheldreda Weekend
on
Saturday 19th
and
Sunday 20th June

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

Elizabeth Watson
(elizabeth.watson@hppc.co.uk)

See outline programme on page 27



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Sixth Form

Enabling students to realise their full potential

Academic excellence

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True community spirit

One of the friendliest and most supportive school communities you are likely to find anywhere

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“... Hurst has exceeded our expectations in terms of the happiness, motivation, ambition and all-round contentment of our daughter ... Thank you.”

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