

HURST JOHNIAN CLUB

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2003

**The Hurst Johnian Club
(Formed 1877)**

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Editorial

What do you want from **your** newsletter? There has been a suggestion that it should be fuller and more “glossy”. That would clearly cost more for the Hurst Johnian Club, but if that is the majority wish of the members it could be done. The opposite view is that members want news of other OHJs and of what they are doing, and of what is going on at the school.

Of course nothing can be done unless there is input from members, and I have to say that letters are very few and far between. Do please let your editor know of successes, honours, marriages, births etc. etc. All these things are of interest to your fellow OJs, especially contemporaries.

Because we have access to the results of the last census, we have “found” a number of “lost” members, which is very pleasing. But if you do know of any OJ who does not receive the newsletter, your editor would be pleased to hear of them.

We do not want to lose track of the family members; do please help if you can.

George Hill

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OJ Organisations

Cricket
Cricket Week – G L Hill
Duck Club and other matches – T Moulton

Rugby
M R M Porter

Golf
D N Stratford

Hockey
J E Riddy

Netball
Miss Lucy May

Shooting
N C Haigh

Choir
R J Ebdon

Land Society
D E H Chapman

Law Society
B E Glazier

SPORT

Cricket

The school XI has had a successful season; as I write, they have lost only one school match. They were also invited to a seven-a-side tournament at the Oval where they reached the semifinal after beating Haileybury and Marlborough. They then lost to Charterhouse, but acquitted themselves extremely well.

The game against the OHJs was drawn in a match of fluctuating fortunes. Mathew Lowndes and Jack Riddy saved the OHJs at a critical time.

The annual cricket week will take place from August 2nd to 9th. Anyone interested in playing should contact George Hill (01273 835639).

The annual Golf match between the OHJs and the school was drawn, so the school retain the Laurie Henwood trophy.

George Hill

We had an excellent game against the Free Foresters at Hurst on Sunday, 18th May. Although the match was drawn, it was a high scoring game with a very close finish: All four results were possible with 2 balls remaining. The match manager, Patrick McGahan, reported that a thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all, in fact to quote the great man: "The Free Foresters are a really good bunch of guys and the three games we've had against them have all been corkers!"

Score:

Free Foresters 273 for 8 decl.

Ojs 268 for 8

(M. Semmence 77, J Bailey 51, J Riddy 38)

Match Drawn

Tom Moulton

OJ Cricket Fixtures 2003
(outside of cricket week)

Brewers Cup Dates

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

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Sadly we lost in the first round

Shooting

Ian Cummings would be pleased if anyone who is shooting regularly or who is interested would contact him (e-mail – cumballistics@aol.com) or John Munn - johnmunn@btinternet.com

Hockey

Results of hockey matches v. Ojs

1st XI lost 5 – 3

2nd XI won 6 – 5

Robert Playford (1997) played for Kent when they reached the final stages of the county championships on May 11th. Kent beat Essex and Hampshire, but lost to Sussex in the last match when they had already qualified to go through

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Old Hurst Johnian Golfing Society

Halford Hewitt 2003

Our team put in a marvellous effort but ultimately succumbed to the might of a very solid Merchant Taylor's side whose average handicap across 10 players was 3!

A fine win was recorded by Richard Kelly and Tony Hildrow, with matches narrowly lost on the last hole by Jeremy Waud and Dan Burstow, as well as Russell Ogden and Mark Baldock. We were delighted to 'blood' our new young star in the form of Paul Turrell in his first year with the OHJGS having recently left university to start work.

Match against Eastbourne

Our annual social game against the Old Eastbournians resulted in the opposition removing the Sussex 1 Iron for the third time in the event's eleven year history (we have won it four times and the remainder have been drawn) – clearly they are taking it far too seriously and we will have to be out at Walton Heath next May with the big guns! Our Captain Richard Kelly is to be congratulated in a round of golf playing alongside the secretary (Dudley Stratford) at Walton Heath's New Course, where he carded a 68, just one shot off the course record!

Grafton Morish Tournament

Under the captaincy of Richard Kelly our team qualified for this year's finals, in spite of a team depleted in strength on

account of injury and holiday commitments. The finals will be held at Hunstanton and Brancaster golf clubs in Norfolk between 2nd and 5th October. Well done Tony Hildrow, Russell Ogden, Mark Baldock, Rick Holgate and Derrick Fulcher who made up the remainder of the qualifying team.

Spring Meeting – West Sussex GC

This event on May 8th was won by David Staples, closely followed by Richard Kelly. We were also pleased to welcome Jonathan Potter to his first event with the society.

1st August Members Summer Meeting - Royal Ashdown
Forest GC

AROPS
(Association of Representatives of Old Pupils' Societies)

The 36th Annual AROPS Conference took place at the School of St Mary and St Anne, Abbots Bromley on Saturday 17th May.

The Chairman, Roger Moulton (Old Pauline), welcomed participants from all parts of the country.

The Headmistress, Mrs Mary Steel, welcomed Representatives to the School and gave the opening address. She gave a brief outline of the history and development of the School. It was founded as two schools St. Anne's in 1872 and St Mary's in 1880. The two schools were amalgamated in 1880. She also spoke about the foundation, development and work of the Guild of St.Mary and St.Anne.

Vanessa Connor (Guild of St.Mary and St.Anne) introduced Canon John Hall, Chief Education Officer of the Church of England who gave a most interesting talk about the Church of England's developing and expanding role in education in this country.

The second session was chaired by John Edwards (Old Wellingtonian). Chris Charter who is the Development Director of the Repton Foundation spoke on the topic of Working With The Development Director. Judging by the questions asked and the fact that the session had to be stopped in order for the Representatives to have lunch this talk raised many interesting points.

After lunch Margaret Carter-Pegg introduced a session entitled The Running of an Old Pupils' Association. There were three speakers, each of whom came from a different type of society and was therefore able to give a different perspective about the running of a society.

The final session of Question and Answers was chaired by Michael Freegard (Old Haileyburian) and was as popular as ever. Once again the session could have lasted for a great deal longer.

The Chairman closed the Conference saying that he hoped to see many Representatives at the AGM at the City of London School for Girls on Tuesday 18 November.

The 2004 Conference will take place on 15 May at St.Swithun's School, Winchester.

Tea and tours of the School followed.

The Annual Dinner took place in the evening at the School when 25 representatives were entertained by guest speaker Lorna Sheldon about her experiences in life as well as her time as a pupil at the School of St.Mary and St Anne, Abbots Bromley.

**Do we have your current address, telephone number and e-mail details? Please help keep our records up-to-date.
Please send any change of address to:**

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The Roll of Honour Part 5

The vast majority of O Js who served in the First World War did so in the Army and most of those fought on the Western Front. There were, however a number who served in the Royal Navy. Four lost their lives in the course of the conflict.

Ralph Twysdon Butler was in Shield from 1910 to 1913. He became a Clerk in the Paymaster's Department and served on *HMS Hampshire*. This was the ship which left Scapa Flow in June 1916 for Russia carrying Field Marshall Lord Kitchener who was Secretary of State for War. Shortly after leaving it was torpedoed. Kitchener himself was drowned. Butler died and his body is buried at Lyness Royal Naval Cemetery, Orkney.

Herbert Alfred Potter came to Hurst in 1906 and left in 1912 having been one of Scott's pupils in Chevron. He was a Surgeon Probationer and was killed in action on the 19th September 1917. As yet it has not been possible to track down where he is commemorated other than on the College War Memorial.

Sidney Gower Poole, who was in Star from 1890 to 1894, was a Sub-Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Division. He was killed in action at Beaumont Hamel on 13th November 1916 and is buried at Bouzincourt Ridge Cemetery near Albert. In peacetime he had been in business in London.

Thomas Frederick Le Mesurier was a member of Fleur de Lys from 1912 to 1913. He joined the RNVR and then transferred to the Royal Naval Air Service. He became a Flight Commander. He was awarded the DSC and two bars as well as being Mentioned in Dispatches. He was well known for painting the machines of his flight in OJ colours. He was shot down in action on the 26th May 1918 and is buried in the Dunkirk Town Cemetery.

Finally John William Vivian Eccles (Shield 1894 to 1896), a Lieutenant in the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, lost his life at sea when the transport *HMS Transylvania* was sunk on 4th May 1917. His name is to be found on the Savona Memorial in Italy.

News and Views

Nick Leathers once at school at Hurst before going to teach at Caldicott, and now in situ at Wellington teaching Biology, has had a great season coaching Rugby. In the boiling cauldron that is schoolboy Rugby at Wellington, his team (the Colts 3rds) was the only unbeaten XV of the school's representative sides.... This in a tumultuous season where the Wellington 1st XV had a two year unbeaten run brought to an end in a 5-6 loss to Harrow, and indeed when their four year winning streak of the Rossllyn Park 7s was also interrupted by their loss to Cheltenham in this season's final. Nick's XV enjoyed a draw at Marlborough, a 50 point away win at Radley and victories over Harrow, Whitgift, Eton, Cranleigh and Dulwich, all culminating in a final victory over Tonbridge's Colts 2nd XV.

Nick's encouragement and leadership provided a great helping hand throughout. Among others under his stewardship was Jerome Butcher, a sturdy prop and son of Stephen Butcher from Hurst's 1975 first XV and the unbeaten XV of 1976. Well done, Nick!

That photograph of a match between the School XV and the OHJs caused a stir! Tony Gaité (Shield 57) wrote as follows:

Dear George

Thank you for the most recent Newsletter. In some haste, as I'm away over the next few days attached are a few names from the Ojs v School match which was played in the Michaelmas Term of 1956. You have probably received a number of letters already and, as you were playing, you will know most of the Ojs. I was playing for the School that day.

In case there are any gaps in the information you have, I'll fill in the names I know and, if possible, the School team with their playing positions...

School XV

(12)	<i>Full Back</i>	<i>Alec Bradford (Chevron) Captain</i>
(10)	<i>Wing</i>	<i>Brian Lee (Chevron)</i>
(13)	<i>Centre</i>	<i>? Courtney (Chevron)</i>
(11)	<i>Centre</i>	<i>Adrian Snow (Red Cross)</i>
(4)	<i>Wing</i>	<i>John Grant (Fleur de Lys)</i>
-	<i>Fly Half</i>	<i>(David Hughes (Chevron))</i>
(24)	<i>Scrum Half</i>	<i>Anthony Chilvers (Red Cross)</i>
(1)	<i>Prop</i>	<i>Jonathan Allison (Chevron)</i>
(25)	<i>Hooker</i>	<i>Tony Gaité (Shield)</i>
(15)	<i>Prop</i>	<i>Nick Thomas (Star)</i>
(21)	<i>2nd Row (Lock)</i>	<i>Guy Pettit (Chevron)</i>
(22)	<i>2nd Row (Lock)</i>	<i>*Peter Thomas (Fleur de Lys)</i>
(28)	<i>Wing Forward</i>	<i>Simon Stewart (Shield)</i>
(3)	<i>Wing Forward</i>	<i>Graham Worrall (Fleur de Lys)</i>
-	<i>No 8</i>	<i>(Mike James (Shield))</i>

To my recollection, the Ojs included...

(2)	<i>? Wright (ex Star) ??</i>
(5)	<i>Dudley Stratford (ex Red Cross)</i>
(7)	<i>Brian Renn (ex Shield)</i>
(8)	<i>John (?) Hughes (ex Star)</i>
(9)	<i>? Russell (ex Star)</i>
(14)	<i>John (Jimmy) James (ex Shield)</i>
(17)	<i>Roger Bartlett (ex Chevron)</i>
(18)	<i>? Gordon (ex Shield)</i>
(19)	<i>? (Gerald?) Brigg (ex Red Cross)</i>
(26)	<i>*Robin Thomas (ex Fleur de Lys)</i>
(17)	<i>(17)</i>
	<i>George Hill</i>

And 2 players missing. Out of interest Peter and Robin Thomas are brothers and , for some reason, David Hughes and Mike James were not in the photograph.

But there is some mystery as David Hughes insists he was not in the side. (The numbers refer to the photo which we published).

Nigel Gauntlett (Shield 59) also wrote, most of which is reproduced below. He also sent an "unofficial photograph" of dubious quality. If I am able to see the original, maybe we can have another "guessing game".

Dear George,

I have not been a very good OJ and can number my return trips to Hurst as , maybe, only a couple and none recent since leaving in 1959. Strange really because I recall much of the school holidays as being a time when I could not wait to get back to the camaraderie of a fully occupied routine in company of a wide circle of friends. The academic side was sadly not my forte but the involvement in team sports and being lucky enough to partake in both House and School representative sides throughout my time at Hurst was a privileged education indeed. A bit of a cliché I know but they were, in hindsight, some of the happiest days of my life.

Now retired and supposedly having more time, I have just read my copy of Hurst News Michaelmas Term 2002. As with the earlier editions I think this is an excellent snapshot of the College and I hope this lively publication will continue for many years.

I have also ready through the Newsletter which must be a labour of love for you as Editor. Thank you for all those editions since you inherited this onerous task from my late Housemaster. I'm ashamed that I cannot score very well with the identification parade on page 14. My guess is that this was about 1956 and I recall ten names. No need to specify as I don't think this will be enough to win the prize!

Having survived (just about) a business career without needing to become computer literate, I am trying to learn the art through my local Adult Education facility but am not yet sufficiently skilled to be able to send this to you by E-mail. I assume you still get snail mail delivered.

Neil Page (Director of Music 1971-1976) has written as follows:

I have now taken early retirement from Uppingham School where I was Director of Music for 16 years and taken up my new post as Organist and Director of Music at Nottingham R.C. Cathedral (St Barnabas). I continue as Conductor of the Nottingham Harmonic Society Chorus and as an examiner for the Royal Schools of Music. Last year I was appointed Hon. Artistic Director of the Hong Kong Children's Choir. Earlier this year I conducted the BBC Concert Orchestra in a programme of music to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

He later informed me that a CD which he produced about seven years ago (Wings of a Dove with the Uppingham Choir and Anthony Way) "reappeared" and was no 208 in the Easter Classic FM "Hall of Fame. Neil's address is:

Fairham House, 4 Main Street, Bradmore, Nottingham, NG11 6PB

Philip Clarke (Martlet 77) was in the news (locally and nationally) recently when he succeeded in his attempt to catch a trout in each of the four home countries within 24 hours. In fact he managed to catch the four fish in about seventeen hours, zooming about Britain on his motorcycle. He was sponsored to fight cancer. Anyone admiring this feat and wishing to donate to the cause may send money to P S Clarke at 2 South Avenue, Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex. Cheques should be made payable to Fishing to Fight Cancer.

Congratulations to David Wakefield (Fleur de Lys 1950) who will be Mayor of Tunbridge Wells 2003/04. In his letter he adds: "I fear I have nothing else to tell you, since the other important things in my life, such as the day I was married, the day my first child was born and the day that I retired are of importance to me, but of little interest to others."

Nay, David, I wish that Ojs would feed through this sort of information as it occurred!

Your editor bumped in to Nigel King (Martlet 78) at the College recently. He was visiting with his wife and three sons, preparing for his eldest son to enter the school.

I have received some very kind letters with donations towards the appeal for funds for the memorials for George Lambert and Bill Alban. It is the intention to unveil plaques in Chapel at St Etheldreda's this year (qv). Let no-one feel he has missed the boat for donations are still welcome and can be sent to:

Memorial Appeal (OHJ)
C/O Mrs Elizabeth Watson
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Obituaries

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

Andrew Briger (Star 37) who was living in Australia.

A T Cocke (Star 40)

John Perkins (Red Cross 1928-33)

Lionel Phillips (Shield July 43) He was a prominent member of the OJ Golfing Society.

Matthew Ralph (Red Cross 92) Matthew will be remembered by many of the younger OHJs. He was the son of Ken and Anne Ralph.

Leo Ricketts. Leo was a former captain of the OHJ cricket week.

D M Forster (Star 38)

Charles Bricknell – Bursar 1978-88

Sister F B H Roots – Nursing Sister 1983 – 93

Annette Luke – wife of Keith Luke, former catering manager

Max Morris – who taught Music

More detailed obituaries of these OHJs will appear in the next Newsletter. We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of all these people.

Honorary Life Membership

The Club has granted honorary life membership to the following former members of the academic staff who were at Hurst for twenty years or longer:

R.T.Ruddock
H.Maxwell
J.H.Peters
C.J.Guise
C.J. Dean
D.J.Hughes
R.T.H.Jackson
H.R.Thomas
R.H.L.Moulton
J.M.Grime
M.J.Mance
G.V.A.Buss
Mrs.J.M.Peters
I.K.Berrill
R.J.Perry
Mrs.T.M.Stephens
D.J.Evans
N.E.Heath

It has also been granted to three former Masters of the Junior School:

D.R.Paul
G.P.Newbery
A.G.Gobat

In addition it has been given to:

Mrs M.E.Gregory
Mrs R.G.Lambert
Mrs S.Holloway

For the record life membership has already been given to:

K.Mason
R.N.P.Griffiths
S.A.Watson

The OJ Club Website

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

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

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

Forthcoming Events

Cricket Week 2nd - 9th August

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

OJ Weekend 18th – 19th October 2003

Saturday 18th October

- 11.00am OJ Choir meet in Common Room
- 11.30 – 12.30pm OJ Choir sectional rehearsals in Music School
- 2.30pm Rugby v. Opponent to be confirmed
- 3.00 – 4.00pm Full OJ Choir practice in Chapel
- 4.00pm Tea in Common Room
- 5.00pm OJ Choral Evensong and dedication of memorials
G E Lambert and W M Alban

For those wishing to change before the Dinner, facilities will be available in the College

- 7.00 for 7.45pm 115th Annual Dinner of the Hurst Johnian Club
Guest Speaker: Reg Ruddock Esq

Sunday 19th October

- 10.00am Annual General Meeting of the Hurst Johnian
in the Lecture Theatre
- 11.00am Sung Eucharist and Etheldreda Thanksgiving.
Preacher: Canon John Hall,
Chief Education Officer of the Church of England
- 12.15pm Drinks in Common Room as guests of the Headmaster
- 1.00pm Luncheon in the Dining Hall
- 1.45pm onwards Rugby and mixed Hockey matches against the College
- 4.15pm Tea in the Dining Hall

Spouses, partners and families are warmly welcomed at all events (except for the Annual General Meeting which is for Club members only).

Please note the time of the AGM and that drinks are available in the Common Room immediately after the Etheldreda Service.

LOCAL ACCOMMODATION LIST

**(These establishments have been taken from a list provided by the
Tourist Information Centre – no recommendation is intended)**

Hotels

Hickstead Hotel
Jobs Lane, Hickstead
01444 248023

Wickwoods Country Club
Shaveswood Lane, Albourne
01273 857567 Fax 857602

Hilton Park Hotel
Tylers Green, Cuckfield
01444 454555 Fax 457222

Ockenden Manor
Ockenden Lane, Cuckfield
01444 416111 Fax 415549

The Birch Hotel
Lewes Road, Haywards Heath
01444 451565 Fax 440109

The Vinyard Lodge
42 High Street, Hurstpierpoint
01273 835000 Fax 835041

Travel Lodge
Forte Travel Lodge
Jobs Lane, Hickstead
01444 881377

Pubs

The Wheatsheaf Inn
Broad Street, Cuckfield
01444 454078 Fax 449282

The Bent Arms Hotel
98 High Street, Lindfield
01444 483146 Fax 483455

The Jack and Jill Inn
Brighton Road, Clayton
01273 843595 Fax 846978

The Bull Hotel
2 High Street, Ditchling
01273 843147

Guest Houses

New Close Farm
London Road, Hassocks
01273 843144

Wickham Place
Wickham Drive, Hurstpierpoint
01273 832172

The Pilstyes
106 - 108 High Street, Lindfield
01444 484101

The Last Word

We owe the following little gems to countless students suffering under examination conditions. The teachers of a school in Surrey put them together and we hope they will forgive us for stealing the fruits of their labours!

1. 1. The inhabitants of Egypt were called mummies. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and traveled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants live elsewhere. So certain areas of the dessert are cultivated by irrigation.

The Egyptians built pyramids in the shape of a huge triangular cube.

The Pyramids are a range of mountains between France and Spain.

2. 2. Then came the Middle Ages. King Alfred conquered the Dames. King Arthur lived in the Age of Shivery. King Harlod mustarded his troops before the Battle of Hastings. Joan of Arc was cannonised by George Bernard Shaw. Finally the Magna Carta provided that no free man should be hanged twice for the same offence.

3. 3. The government of England was a limited mockery. Henry VIII found walking difficult because he had an abness on his knee. Queen Elizabeth was the "Virgin Queen"; as a queen she was a success. When Elizabeth exposed herself before her troops they all shouted "Hurrah!" Then her navy went out and defeated the Spanish Armadillo!

Sir Walter Raleigh was an important figure because he invented the cigarette. Another important invention was the circulation of the blood. Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a hundred foot clipper!