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Cricket
Cricket Week – G L Hill
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Editorial

So the tenure of the fourth Headmaster of Hurst since the war has come to an end. I am sure that all OJs will wish to join me in congratulating Stephen Meek on his appointment as Principal of Geelong in Australia. All Headmasters are remembered for some achievement or other whilst in office; what will be said in the future of Mr Meek's time? I venture to suggest that from the school's point of view, the introduction of girls and the conversion of the Upper Cloister will rank high; maybe the Hurst Johnian Club will remember him for the reorganization of payments to the Club, his warm welcome to former pupils especially in the reunions which he introduced and those splendid speeches at the annual dinners when he entertained us so well with never a note!

He and his wife and family will no doubt be full of excitement as they face the future; we wish them every happiness and much success, while thanking them for leaving Hurst in such good fettle.

The Headmaster's successor, Mr Tim Manly, does not take up office until January but we congratulate him on his appointment and look forward to meeting him in due course. See Press Release in News and Views.

Finally we wish Mr Tim Firth, Hurst's deputy Headmaster, a happy and successful term while he holds the reins in September.

George Hill

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Sport

Old Hurst Johnian Golfing Society

THE HALFORD HEWITT CUP 2004

In recent years we have had a succession of first round draws against top quartile sides, but for 2004 we were given a fair chance as we were drawn against The Leys, rated in the third quartile, compared with our fourth quartile rating. Following a successful practice day at Deal in February, our team was in good heart and approached the match very positively. We were nearly at full strength, only regulars Peter Day and Nick Budge being unable to attend. However Peter Masters was available for the first time and old stager Dudley Stratford was recalled to fill the final place. The match was played at Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club, Deal on 1st April with an early start time of 8.35 am.

Our first pair, Tony Hildrow and Richard Kelly, are a match for virtually anyone, and were soon in control of their game, eventually winning comfortably by 4 and 3. The next three games were all close ones. Paul Turrell and Peter Masters battled gamely but came to the 18th tee one down. Under considerable pressure their drive was not good and they lost the hole and the match 2 down. Mark Baldock and Russell Ogden had a close match against the Leys' strongest pairing but were overcome in the later holes by 2 and 1. Our fourth pair, Jeremy Waud and Dan Burstow had an extraordinary match. They were one up after 11 holes, but lost each of the next three holes to be 2 down after 14. They then won each of the next three holes to be 1 up with one to play. This time it was The Leys pair who drove poorly from the 18th tee, leaving our pair the winners by 2 holes. Our fifth pair Rick Holgate and Dudley Stratford had started poorly and then had putting problems, to be 5 down after 8 holes. A remarkable recovery then began and by the 17th tee they were only one down. Unfortunately the pressure proved too much for Dudley and his poor drive led to a 2 and 1 defeat. Consequently The Leys were the winners by 3 games to 2.

Six of the team played the next day in the Prince's Plate at Prince's Golf Club, Sandwich. This competition is for first round losers and so only has 32 sides, each with three foursomes pairs. In the first round we met Bedford and beat them by 2 games to 1. Our winning pairs were Richard Kelly and Dan Burstow, and Mark Baldock and Russell Ogden; Paul Turrell and Peter Masters were our losing pair. In the second round we met a very strong Fettes team, and another great scrap ensued. Playing arguably our finest golf in memory, all three pairs reached the final green. Dan Burstow and Jeremy Waud won their game there whereas our

second pair, Richard Kelly and Paul Masters, and third pair Mark Baldock and Russell Ogden sadly ended with the wrong result.

Dan Burstow was our man of the Hewitt with three wins in his three matches. Jeremy Waud organised the event for us so that all ran smoothly, and the team much appreciated the support given by our indefatigable spectators (Rob McCowen, Derick Fulcher, Roger Goodacre and Colin Brown). Whilst we still have not won a first round match in the main event since 1991, our confidence is growing and with a little more strengthening our team will soon end that unhappy record - especially if the draw helps by keeping us away from the stronger sides!

Main 2004 dates and venues

1st April - Halford Hewitt v The Leys at Deal, 8.35 am.
6th May - Match v Old Eastbournians at Walton Heath
15th May - Grafton Morrish Qualifying at Knole Park
20th May - Match v The College at Singing Hills
27th May - Spring Meeting at West Sussex
30th July - Summer Meeting at Royal Ashdown Forest
21st Aug - Match v Old Canfordians at Blackmoor
28th /30th Aug - Small group outing to Paris area
7th Sept - Autumn Meeting at North Hants GC, Fleet
4th Nov - Match v Old Aldenhamians at Porters Park
19th Nov - AGM and Dinner at Basil Street Hotel

Contact details

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

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Hockey

March 2004

The Match was yet another excellent game of hockey which has become a tradition of the fixture with the OJs fielding another very strong side and winning 4 – 1. The School played with much spirit and no little skill and gave an extremely good account of themselves, especially Keiron Norris in goal. The umpires as usual were the dependable Ian Buckeridge and Hugh Thomas.

The OJs included: S Pockett, S Warrender, J Riddy, D Harrison, M Harrison, T Harrison, P Thomas, J Waugh, D Rodbourne, J Taylor, J Hall, S Hall, T Larman and N Creed. Apologies to any who have been omitted.

School: K Norris, E Parker, M Parker, T Jarvis, I Waugh, O Knight (Capt), T Shearn, C Toureau-Tonkin, J Ardagh, J Lovelace, A Bruton, C Lloyd.

The next hockey match will be the mixed hockey fixture on Etheldreda Sunday. Please contact Jack Riddy on 0208 6750346 if you wish to play.

Vince Thomas

Cricket

**The OHJ Cricket Week 2004 is taking place as we go to press.
Results and report will be in the next edition.**

The Duck Club Dinner

Thirty cricketers of various vintages dined in London on 20th February to consume duck (of course!) and green peas. Our thanks to Tom Moulton for organizing a most pleasant evening.

Cricket Fixtures for 2004

Sunday 16th May v Free Foresters at Hurst
Sunday 23rd May v School at Hurst
Sunday 30th May v HAC at Hurst

Brewers Cup

Sunday 20th June or Sunday 27th June Round One v Aldenham WON
Sunday 18th July Round Two v Bloxham WON
Sunday 8th August Semi Final (home)

Sunday 5th September Final (Campbell Park, Milton Keynes)

FIRST CLASS CRICKETERS FROM HURST

In 1997 I published a list of OJs who had played first class cricket. At the time I was far from certain that the list was complete. Recent research has revealed another first class cricketer from Hurst.

Charles Travers Stuart, who was born in 1871, was a member of Star from 1882 to 1887. He was in the 1st XI in 1886 and 1887. Going to South Africa he played for Natal in eight matches between 1889/90 and 1894/95. His highest score was 47 and he had a career average of 22.35. In 1904/05 he made one appearance for Rhodesia. He died on 4th June 1937.

The full list of Hurst's first class cricketers is as follows:

J.P.Anscombe	Sussex	1862-1866
J.J.Bates	Sussex	1997-2001
F.F.J.Greenfield	Cambridge University and Sussex	1873-1883
W.G.Heasman	Sussex	1885-1895
H.W.Keeling	Kent	1893
W.L.Knowles	Kent and Sussex	1892-1905
A.R.Layman	Kent	1893
J.H.Neal	Sussex	1951
A.J.Sharood	Sussex	1879
M.P.Speight	Sussex, Durham and Wellington	1986-2001
C.T.Stuart	Natal and Rhodesia	1889-1905
R.Turner	Gloucestershire	1906
G. de W.Waller	Oxford University	1973-1974

Roger Moulton

Shooting

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

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

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

Rugby

OLD HURST JOHNIAN RFC FIXTURES 2004 / 2005

September

4th	CLOB Tournament	TBA
5th	Cunis U21 Tournament	Richmond Athletic Ground
11th	NO FIXTURE ARRANGED	
18th	Old Alleynians	A
25th	Old Cranleighans	H

October

2nd	NO FIXTURE ARRANGED	
9th	Black BaaBaa's	
16th	Stags RFC	Etheldreda / College
17th	College 1st XV	Etheldreda / College
23rd	Old Blues RFC	A
30th	TBA	

November

6th	Old Walcountians	H
13th	NO FIXTURE ARRANGED	
20th	Old Freemans (early KO)	H
27th	TBA	

December

4th	TBA	H
11th	NO FIXTURE ARRANGED	H
18th	Chiswick	H

For any details on fixtures please contact Jeremy Carswell (Fixtures Secretary) on 07768 267994.

News and Views

Nicholas Searls writes:

To all OJs and ex-members of staff who contributed to my leaving present.

Penny and I were very touched by the generosity of those who came to the party earlier in June in the Inner Quad. It was wonderful to see so many of you there and I do hope that I managed to make that clear on the evening. Having you there was a present in itself and I did not honestly expect anything more. However, thanks to your kindness, we have already bought ourselves a Sony Handycam state of the art video recorder. It is brilliant, very small and so handy and already the grandchildren are becoming natural actors as we film them. I am also hoping that I might use it on the golf course to video my swing! I am not sure that that will be such a good idea.

Thank you though from the bottom of our hearts for your kindness not just recently, but over the years. Hurst has been a great experience for me. There have been some marvelous moments and I consider myself very fortunate to have lived the life I have. There is a lot more of it ahead and Penny and I will live it to the full. As I write this, we are off in an hour to have tea with the Queen. Honest! We will see you in the future and look forward to that, but in the meantime, take great care of yourselves and once again, *thank you*.

Yours
Nick

David Savage writes with news of :

John Mason (Star 1953 – 58) worked for many years in the motor industry and is now retired and living in Devon. Tennis and cricket were his sporting interests at Hurst and his retirement is spent in part maintaining cricket pitches.

David Burt (Star 1956 – 61) is living in Ringwood. He retired as a Lt Colonel from the RAPC and works as company secretary to his family's firm. He is Chairman of the Treasurer's Committee of the NSPCC.

Canon John Turpin (Star) is this year's President of Rotary in

E F Wright (Star 1952) is retired and now lives in Cape Town, South Africa.

Christopher Heap (Star 1953 – 58) has been living in Canada since 1964 with his wife of 32 years. He is an automation engineer and spent most of his career with Alcan, automating different fabricating processes for making aluminium. He is now semi-retired. He has 2 children living in the USA. For many years his main sports have been sailing and cross-country skiing. In 1999 he did a 2000 mile six month hike on the Appalachian Trail and last year he walked 1000 miles in 2 months on the Camino de Santiago from Le Puy in France through Santiago de Compostela to Finisterre in Spain.

John Wood (Star 1951 – 55) has retired but having learnt the organ at Hurst puts his time to good use by playing for St Luke's Church, Charlton, London.

Tony Trump (Star 1953 – 58) has retired as a Chartered Surveyor and is living in France.

Chris Dudley (1993-1998, Shield House, back when it was Boys only), left Hurst in 1998 and gained a BA in Music from the University of East Anglia. After graduating, Chris moved to the USA and is currently singing professionally. Chris Sings at the Washington National Cathedral, where he recently sang at the funeral of President Reagan, attended by many world leaders. Chris also performs as a soloist in Washington DC and New York. On the side, Chris teaches singing and volunteers as a Medic/Fire-fighter at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad. September 2004, he starts a PG Degree in Vocal performance at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore. If anyone wants to get in touch, my email address is: maestrokristoqhr@yahoo.com and my mobile (1)202-297-3047.

Mrs Elizabeth Briger wrote:

How very, very kind and thoughtful of you to send your newsletter and more particularly to have published Andrew's excellent obituary in full. We are all very touched by it and Andrew would be so delighted if he knows!! He was always so proud of his 'old school'. Several of them, who found themselves living in Sydney, used to go to 'the Club' for get-togethers. Andrew certainly achieved a lot here. He always said Australia had been very good to him and he must put something back. We all miss him dreadfully.

Andrew Penfold (FdL 1975-80) had been lost to the OJ Club for a while and recently sent us the following update from Tonbridge School where he is the School Marshall.

In November 2002 I was appointed Chief National Coach (Target Rifle) for the National Rifle Association. It is quite exciting trying to mould coaches for the future in order to keep the sport on a firm footing, though it is also a great responsibility.

I am very grateful to Hurst for encouraging me through, especially to Tom Bullock who took the initial chance on me by inviting me to join the shooting team.

Last September I was appointed Commandant of the Great Britain Cadet Rifle Team for 12 months and also promoted to Major within the cadet force. I travel to Canada for 4 weeks in August to defend the Michael Faraday with my team of 18. We are sponsored by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh who is our Patron.

Then in October this year I have been finally "pinned down" when I marry Sharon Squires!

The Hurst Johnian Magazine

The most recent edition of the Hurst Johnian Magazine will soon be available. If you would like a copy please send a cheque made payable to Hurstpierpoint College for £9 or £12 (overseas) to Elizabeth Watson at the College

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Address.....

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The following report was received from :
P.R.B. Salter

Red Cross House 1935-1941

First a brief history:

In the summer of 1941 the army brought two Valentine tanks to the School and they were displayed on the Rugby field as part of a recruiting scheme. I was impressed and joined up that year for training at Bovingdon in Dorset. I then joined a number of regiments and was finally posted to the 2nd Derbyshire Yeomanry in 1943 on their return from the desert campaign. We were the reconnaissance regiment for the crack 51st Highland Division, commonly known as the 'Highway Decorators'.

Our main complement were Daimler armoured cars and we were the eyes of the Division. C Squadron landed on D+1 [7th June 1944] on Sword Beach, and after reaching dry land we removed the waterproofing from our vehicles. Our objective was to take over from the paratroopers of the 6th Airborne Division, at the furthest point on the western flank in the village of Escoville. We took a number of prisoners at the front at Escoville and some time later captured a German Sergeant Major on his BMW motorcycle and sidecar. He was extremely upset, as he had not been told the village had been captured and he was bringing rations for his men. On examining his motorcycle we were amazed to see it had no chain – in fact it had a shaft drive – a German first!

We saw bitter fighting around Escoville and the village was virtually destroyed in 24 hours by the German rocket 'Nebelwerfers'. When the German infantry attacked, in addition to our machineguns, as we had no HE (high explosive) we were told to bounce AP (armour piercing) off the ground!!

In front of us were the tanks of the crack 21st Panzer Division. We held our ground and during the first month we were employed largely as infantry in holding this important bridgehead.

We captured a Koenig Tiger tank, which had to be shipped back to the UK for examination, as it was the first of its type to be seen by the Allies. It was taken across the Ouistreham canal on a Bailey bridge, which unfortunately collapsed under the excessive weight and it was pulled out of the water. I assume it got back to the UK eventually.

After the fall of Caen in July 1944 the Regiment became employed again in its true role and led much of the advance through France, Belgium (Ardennes – Battle of the Bulge), Holland into Germany finishing at Cuxhaven.

My visit to Normandy in June 2004:

I visited Normandy on both the 40th & 50th Anniversaries and just had to attend on the 60th as this would be the last time such an event would take place.

When the ferry landed at Ouistreham this year near Sword Beach, it looked very different from when we landed there on D+1. We drove to Bayeux along the coast road stopping at Sword, Juno and Gold Beaches to pay our respects at the various monuments and enjoy a glass of calvados. This reminded me of June 1944 when we entered a farmhouse in Escoville and found some barrels which we thought to be wine; actually they were full of bottles of calvados that had been concealed from the Germans, so we 'liberated' the bottles and took them with us in the armoured cars. Needless to say, we had a good time for many weeks later. A visit to Pegasus Bridge, the scene of the glider landings on the early morning of 6th June, brought back memories as I did volunteer as a glider pilot but was grateful that I failed because of my poor eyesight, as casualties were very high.

A number of my colleagues were killed in June 1944 and I visited their graves at Ranville Cemetery, which was very moving. I stood by the grave of my closest friend, Peter Brown, age 20 – one year younger than me – who died on 16th June 1944 and thought 'there but for the Grace of God'.

At Ranville where there was a parachute drop on 6th June, I met a colleague from the 6th Airborne Division who showed me the exact spot where he landed 60 years ago – what a memory!

I met other members of the 51st Highland Division at Le Mesnil, near Ranville, where the Prince of Wales unveiled a newly commissioned statue of a Highlander in full dress playing the bagpipes. The standard bearer carrying the 51st Highland Division flag was from the 2nd Derbyshire Yeomanry. Prince Charles also unveiled a new statute of Viscount Montgomery at Colville near Sword Beach.

Other memories came flooding back at a most moving ceremony at the British Cemetery at Bayeux attended by the Queen, Duke of Edinburgh, President Chirac, PM Tony Blair and other notables. I marched with the rest of the Normandy veterans and this will be the last time such a march will take place. The men marching in their late 70's and 80's were just as smart as they were when they were young men going to War.

(At the 50th I marched down the beach at Arromanches and the 40th was the first time I had seen the Mulberry Harbour or what was left of it.)

At the Church service at Bayeux a number of veterans were in tears as they remembered fallen comrades. The War Memorial in Bayeux is inscribed with the names of 16 members of the 2nd Derbyshire Yeomanry who have no known graves. The whole event was exceptionally moving and something I shall always remember.

The major event took place at Arromanches, the site of the Mulberry Harbour. The fly past in front of the Queen, President Bush, Chirac and Blair also brought back memories. In June 1944 I recall on the RT (radio telephone) reporting back to my Squadron Commander that I had seen an aeroplane at low altitude, which had no propellers. Nobody believed me. I can still see clearly in my mind to this day the pilot in his cockpit. This was obviously a German jet being used on reconnaissance – the Germans were well ahead of us (once again!)

The French authorities issued a chest badge to honour all veterans of the Normandy Campaign. On the 7th June there was a ceremony in Bayeux when the Mayor presented me with my badge. There were over 150 veterans at this ceremony and we all had a glass of Calvados afterwards. This was just one of many such ceremonies taking place all over the region on different dates.

The whole of Normandy was full of different types of vehicles of the 2nd World War mainly American such as ducks, jeeps, trucks, etc. driven by enthusiasts. They also wore contemporary American and British uniforms. Some we spoke to who were driving American vehicles dressed in US uniforms happen to be Germans. I asked one German if his father had been in the War and he replied “no my grandfather” Talk about feeling old!!

There were massive traffic jams throughout the whole area due to security for President Bush. Many American veterans returned for the Anniversary. We met Tom Hanks and Stephen Spielberg at our Hotel, the Lion d’Or in Bayeux – they were in Normandy by special invitation of the American organisers, having made the film ‘Saving Private Ryan’.

It is always very moving to visit the many British war cemeteries in the region, especially when you see a gravestone marked ‘A Soldier of the War’ as no identification could be made of the body. Also the ages of some of the fallen in their 19s and 20s. At some cemeteries there are also German war graves alongside the Allies and some of them were only 16 and 17 years old.

It was a subdued ferry trip back to the UK with lots of veterans sitting quietly obviously thinking about their friends and comrades who did not make it.

The June Reunion

On June 12th, about 120 former pupils and 20 former members of staff gathered at Hurst for the second of the splendid reunions organized by Hurst. Another lovely day greeted everyone and Hurst looked absolutely stunning.

The Headmaster opened the proceedings with his usual warmth and wit and the President of the Hurst Johnian Club added his welcome. The opportunity was also taken to wish Mr Meek well on his leaving Hurst for Australia, and to present him with a token of the Club’s thanks for his nine years successful reign at Hurst.

There followed tours of the school.... “My goodness, what a change!” was a frequent comment from those who had not been back to the College for some years. Drinks, group photographs, an excellent lunch and much chatter followed as OJs re-introduced themselves to contemporaries of long ago. “Do you remember...?” replaced “My goodness, what a change!”

We were all treated to a splendid brochure and an excellent day. We extend our thanks to Hurst for its hospitality, with especial thanks to the Headmaster, Derick Bostridge and Caroline Bates.

The Governors of Hurstpierpoint College are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr. Tim Manly, currently Deputy Head of Oakham School, as Headmaster from January 2005, following the appointment of Mr. Stephen Meek as Principal of Geelong Grammar School.

Tim Manly, who is married with four young children, was educated at St. Edward's School, Oxford and read Classics at Oriel College, Oxford University, graduating in 1987. After gaining an MSc at the London School of Economics and working for a number of years in Consultancy, he took up his first teaching post at Sevenoaks School in 1995.

After six years at Sevenoaks, the last four as Head of the Classics Department and Housemaster of School House, he was appointed Deputy Head of Oakham School which, like Sevenoaks and Hurstpierpoint College, is a fully co- educational boarding and day school.

“Stephen Meek’s legacy” said Rear-Admiral Simon Moore, Chairman of the Governors of Hurstpierpoint College, “is a focused, thriving school with a culture of excellence. The Governors knew that his successor would need to have the exceptional qualities necessary to build on these great strengths. In Mr. Tim Manly, we have appointed a leader with experience and the expertise necessary to make that significant and sustained contribution to the further development of the school.”

The 37th Annual AROPS Conference took place at St. Swithun's School, Winchester on Saturday 15th May.

The Chairman, Roger Moulton (Old Pauline representing the Hurst Johnian Club), welcomed 123 representatives from 78 societies.

The Headmistress, Dr. H.L. Harvey, welcomed the Representatives to the School and gave the opening address. She outlined the history and development of the school and explained how the story of St. Swithun's fitted into the history of women's education.

Tim Cunis (Old Pauline) introduced Benjamin Beabey of Farrer & Co who gave a presentation on Data Protection Legislation. This was most informative and provided Representatives with a full picture of how the current Data Protection Act affects the running of societies.

The second session was chaired by John Edwards (Old Wellingtonian). Michael Freegard (Old Haileyburian) presented the results of the recent AROPS survey about Registers of Former Pupils. This was most informative and led to a useful exchange of information about Registers.

After lunch John Kidd (Old Portmuthian) introduced the AROPS Chairman, Roger Moulton (Old Pauline), who spoke on the subject of Society/School Relations. There had been a number of problems in the past few years and AROPS was most anxious to promote good relations between schools and societies.

The final session of Questions and Answers was chaired by Margaret Carter-Pegg (Old Crohamian). As usual this was very wide-ranging and generated a great deal of interest.

The Chairman closed the Conference saying that he hoped to see many Representatives at the AGM at St. Paul's School on Tuesday 9th November.

The 2005 Conference will take place on 14th May at Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby.

Tea and tours of the School followed.

The Annual Dinner was held in the evening at the School when 39 Representatives were entertained by guest speaker, Lady Appleyard, about her experiences as a Headmistress.

Obituaries

John Millar (Chevron 1934-37)

John Wellwood Millar was born in 1920 and came to Hurst in May 1934. He left in July 1937 having been a Prefect.

He joined the Royal Navy in 1937 as an officer cadet. His twenty-two year naval career included being mined in Home Fleet Flagship in 1939, two years in destroyer in the Battle of the Atlantic, one year as First Allied Liaison Officer in ex-Vichy French cruiser and battleship seeing service in West Africa, United States, North Africa, UK. He was involved in the Normandy invasion in landing ship headquarters. He then spent five years at sea in Mediterranean, two years as war studies instructor in RAF College Cranwell and two years in the Persian Gulf, Ceylon. His appointments included Captain of landing ship headquarters in 1944, of frigates in 1952 and 1953 and of a destroyer in 1955. Retired from Royal Navy in 1959.

He emigrated to the US in 1959. He obtained JD in College of Law, Wyoming in 1964 and became Assistant to the Attorney General in Cheyenne. In 1965 he took out US citizenship and moved to San Francisco. For 14 years he was law writer/editor at Bancroft –Whitney Law Publishers, mostly as Senior Headnoter of California Supreme Court and Appellate Court Opinions. In 1979 he retired, and bought a 48 foot Sparkman-Stevens yawl in Antigua, intending to sail around the world eastwards. After work-up cruise to most of the Caribbean Islands, he headed north to St Thomas and Bermuda. On the unexpected death of his wife he sailed from Bermuda via Panama back to San Francisco in 1980. He joined the Staff of the California Supreme Court as Reporter of Decisions for 7 years and finally retired in 1988. He died in February 2004.

Brian Manning (Shield 1943 – 46)

John Leffman wrote “I read last week, in the Times, an obituary of Brian Manning, a History Sixth contemporary of mine. He won the Brackenbury Scholarship to Balliol. Brian studied under Christopher Hill at Balliol and, it seems, became a Marxist orientated but highly respected historian of the 17th Century. He held a professorship prior to his retirement, having held a chair at (inter alia), Manchester University”. While at Hurst, he was a House Prefect, School Prefect and House Captain of Shield.

David Hughes attended the funeral of **Robin Courtenay** (Chevron 1954 – 58) House Prefect; the service was conducted by The Rev. David Jenkins, a former chaplain at Hurst. Robin was employed in the publishing business in this country and in Sweden. Sadly he leaves behind his wife and two daughters to whom we extend our deep sympathy.

D T M Birks Your editor attended the memorial service for “Duggie” Birks, who with David Goldsmith, taught at Hurst from 1948 to 1950. They were not here long, but both made an impact and both remained firm friends of the College. They both went on to teach at Radley, where they had distinguished careers.

Michael A James (Shield 1953 – 56)

Mike James died on June 10th, aged 64. He was formerly an officer in The Royal Sussex Regiment.

T F Chambers (Red Cross 1969 – 74)

Timothy Chambers died in February 2004. After leaving school he studied English, Drama and Geography at Nene College, Northampton and was later on the staff at Sunningdale School.

Tom Walters (Star 1949 – 54)

Major John Edward (Ted) Plant Philp (Red Cross 1943 – 49)

The following was received from Mrs Philp:

Edward was born in Portsmouth on November 6th, 1930. His family later moved to St Ives, Cornwall where they lived until the outbreak of war in 1939, when his father joined the RAF. The children and their mother returned to Portsmouth and then were evacuated to Chichester until the end of the war. Sadly, Edward’s father, a Pilot Officer, died in 1942.

Edward always spoke very fondly of his years at Hurst. Following school, he joined the Army and obtained a commission in the Royal Corps of Signals . He was posted to Singapore and spent a demanding couple of years there, a lot of the time in Malaya, during the communist uprising of the early 1950s. After postings to Devonshire, Germany, Catterick and Singapore again, he arrived in Blandford Forum in 1965 and attained his majority while serving in the Royal Signals Trials Squadron. After retiring from the Army he worked for Redifon, a company specializing in communications equipment, which entailed travelling to the Middle East and Africa. From 1981 - 1985 he took over the office in Singapore.

Edward played hockey for the Regiment during the earlier part of his career. He had long had a great interest in Amateur Radio, obtaining his licence in the late 1950s. After his retirement in 1995, coarse fishing became a great pleasure. With

a close and loving family, a greyhound, Bertie and reasonably good health in recent years, he was content with life on the whole. He was delighted to be able to attend the School Reunion last September. His sudden death on March 1st from coronary artery thrombosis was a tremendous shock and sadness to his wife, family and many friends and relations.

He is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, three children; Jane, Robin and Elizabeth and four granddaughters.

John Robins (Chevron 1940 – 45) Died on 19th July 2004.

House and School Captain. Editor of Hurst Johnian. An obituary will follow in the next newsletter.

Euan Horniman (Star 1940 – 41 and 1944 – 45)

Former general practitioner Portland, Oregon, United States (b. 1926; q Westminster Hospital, London 1956) died on 3rd May 2003.

Euan Horniman emigrated from Great Britain and originally set up practice in a suburb of Vancouver in British Columbia. In the late 1970s he recognized that Medicare in Canada was becoming increasingly underfunded and he successfully relocated his practice to Portland, Oregon. Predeceased by a daughter, he leaves a wife, Angela and three children.

Sir Stanley Simmons kindly supplied the above obituary and a photograph of the semi-finalists of the seven-a-side rugger from 1945 which includes Euan Horniman. If you recognize any of the other players please let George Hill know.

LOST OJS

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

Insert Seven a side rugger photograph here sideways

OJ Travel Fund

The following report was received from Ceri-Jo Edwards:

“Rickshaw! Rickshaw! You want Rickshaw? Very good price! How much you give? Very good price!”

Welcome to Delhi and the madness that is India. Nothing can prepare you for India. From the heart wrenching poverty to the endless curries. I spent four months travelling around India and Nepal with an organised group through Venture Co. There were thirteen of us in total, including two leaders; and nobody knew each other.

After the obligatory sightseeing we travelled to Jodhpur where we embarked on a three week programme to help a local village improve their school. As we cycled to school on our first morning the entire village came out to greet us in their best clothes. There were so many happy smiling faces I had to bite my lip in an attempt to hold back the tears. One little girl rubbed my hand, trying to “get the white dirt off my skin”!

“You missed a bit!”

“I haven’t got there yet!”

“But you must do it all, otherwise it goes rusty!”

“You don’t say.”

Our Indian friends from the village weren’t always convinced of our ability to paint a desk or sweep the floor. But once the school started to look like a school and not the local ‘long drop’ (!) they were happy to work with us. We whitewashed hundreds of metres of wall, built so many desks and benches and drank gallons of chai. And yes, everything was worth it for the....smiles on their faces?singing from the classrooms?.....BISCUITS!

Looking back at our time in the school it’s nice to think that in some corner of India there will be a little person squatting behind my pink-washed wall!

In Jaisalmer I was introduced to Jonny- my camel! If anyone ever offers to take you camel trekking say no! At least not if you want to sit down for the rest of your life. Yes, they really are as uncomfortable as they look and unless I can strap an armchair to the camel it’s one experience I feel I have well and truly done and needs not be repeated!

Back in Delhi it was not the camels causing the problem but the cows in the middle of the road. But don’t worry I was assured that if you accelerated fast

enough at the cow and the cars surrounding it they would move out of your way. Closing my eyes and praying seemed to work damn well too!

From camels to cows and onto tigers. In Bandhavgarh National Tiger Reserve we spent three days tiger spotting. The tigers obviously knew our game and waited until the last minute of the last day to show themselves. Just one word: Awesome.

Our next stop was Varanasi. The most sacred city in India on the most sacred river in India; the Ganges. This is the place where people happily wash in the Ganges when only a few metres upstream the dead are being cremated and their remains thrown in the river. It might interest you to know that the Ganges at this point is officially described as septic!

After all the hustle and bustle of the busy cities we were glad to escape to the hills in Darjeeling. Clean air has never smelt so good! It was here that we did a week long trek in the Indian Himalayans. I think Kate's comment sums up the weather best, "It's worse than England on a bad day!" Oh dear! Losing our tents in the middle of the night to strong winds didn't help either. However, we were rewarded with our first sight of Everest, very small though!

Our travels then took an unexpected turn when we were unable to cross into Nepal due to political troubles. So instead we headed south to Goa for a 'beach holiday', via Calcutta and Mumbai, which included a horrendous 12 hour coach journey, two 32 hour trains and two internal flights. All in the space of two weeks- with just enough time for one member of the group to fly home with Typhoid!

Finally we made it into Nepal. Surrounded by mountains and the wonderful Nepalese. But there wasn't time to stand and stare, there were mountains to climb- and they were very high ones too! Our aim was to reach Everest Base Camp, 5325m above sea level. I just don't know where to begin in describing the trek. Exhausting, breathtaking, disgusting, magnificent. And I'm happy to say that everyone made it to Base Camp, albeit a little dizzy from the altitude. Unfortunately not everyone made it down in one piece. Our leader Ros badly broke her ankle on one of the last days and had to be airlifted out. Thankfully she's recovering well.

As you can imagine there were big celebrations when we got back to Kathmandu, and a lot of washing!

I guess this is the part where I say my trip had a life changing impact on me and it did, just not in the way I'd imagined. I'm now completely at ease with anyone's toilet problems!

In the Easter holiday, the Prep School (JH or JS to older members) toured South Africa. The Hurst Johnian Club was very pleased to be able to support the tour and is very grateful to John Bettridge for the account which follows.

Dear Roger

On behalf of all who were part of the Prep School tour to South Africa, I would like to record in writing our thanks to the Club once again. Now we have returned, I can report the venture was a great success and the help that the Club gave to us was greatly appreciated. For your records, I enclose a report of the Tour.

Yours

John Bettridge

The Prep School embarked on its first overseas sports tour at the start of the Easter holidays. A party of 18 boys, captained by Alex Pearce with three members of staff, John Bettridge, Tim Cattaneo and Rob O'Grady left Hurst on Friday 26th March for a real adventure. Twenty four hours and two flights later found us all in Cape Town at the end of a South African Summer looking for the transport to take us to our hotel. The tour was an intensive affair for we played the first of our 12 matches the following morning against Parklands College in Tableview to the north of Cape Town itself. This is a relatively new school in a rapidly expanding residential area. Here we received the first of many warm and friendly welcomes. In many ways, the cricket was hard work for the boys as we came in on the back of the six month South African season. It is rather different if you haven't played outdoors since July or maybe August.

Against Parklands the bowlers restricted the home side to 111 runs but after a flying start Hurst suffered an England-like collapse and failed to reach the total by 15 runs. Following the game and the first of too many Bettridge speeches, we all had our first experience of South African hospitality. They were kind; they were generous and wherever we went we met the same warmth. It is quite an "ask" for prep school age boys to move from family to family after each game but the strangers didn't remain strangers for long and the Hurst boys rapidly realized the fortunate position they were in being able, albeit for a short time, to share local family life. That, really, apart from the sport is to my mind the main point of touring. Sport is a wonderful vehicle to bring people together.

The first of many early starts saw us collecting the squad from Parklands and then driving in to Cape Town to Wynberg Boys Junior School. Here we had two appointments for the day. Firstly a hockey match on their astro turf and this was to be followed by cricket in the afternoon. Like most South African prep schools, Wynberg is huge compared to Hurst with between two and three hundred boys in

the top two years. Somewhat different from our 65! Despite this we came away from the hockey triumphant, winning by 6 goals to 1 after a purple patch in the second half when Dominic Dann put in 4 goals. The cricket was perhaps a different matter but by no means a disgrace with the bowlers managing to restrict a very strong Wynberg side. It was interesting to see how the Cape Town sides, in particular, found it difficult to cope with spin and it was in this department that Omkar Khot, playing his first games at 1st XI level, came into his own.

Having failed to get up the mountain in the morning but after exploring Signal Hill and the Waterfront, we moved the following afternoon into the northern suburbs to play a strong Belville Cricket Club side. As we arrived we found Lancashire playing a pre-season game on the club's main ground. I am not sure they would have signed up many of the Hurst team and a weaker side lost by about 100 runs.

Success on the mountain came on the Wednesday, our one complete day off. It was warm and windless and all were stunned by the amazing views from the top even those who were concerned about the height and the drop. The revolving cable car too was all part of the Table Mountain experience. The tourist day continued led by our native guide, Mr O'Grady, to Llandudno beach where the brace of insane sampled the Atlantic Ocean. The geography master didn't: he knew that the cold Benguela Current that scours that shore surges up from the Antarctic and wasn't prepared to do the fieldwork to prove it! We then followed the re-opened and amazing Chapman's Peak Drive across the peninsula to find the penguins at Boulder's Beach... Ollie Turner's highlight of the tour! Returning along the scenic route the boys met up with their hosts from the Blue Leopards Cricket School in Hout Bay.

We played the Blue Leopards on the Wynberg School main ground, yet another pitch with an outstanding Table Mountain backdrop. As we arrived, the ground staff were blow-drying the wicket after an early morning thunderstorm. The game was played as a two innings match, which was an interesting experience for all. Some never did work out the maths involved! Hurst made a solid start but runs came slowly. Maybe the batsmen were un-nerved by the ducks that patrolled the boundary! After some manufactured declarations the Blue Leopards ended with their noses in front.

The boys returned to their Blue Leopards hosts for a second night while the staff retreated to our overseas sponsor, The Fat Cactus Café. They had kindly produced a sweatshirt for us. This had something to do with the use our native guide had made of the place for many years!

Touring is hard work. The staff on the Friday had a 6am start to drive to Hout Bay to collect the team in order to bring them back to Bishops School astro for an

8.30am start for the hockey match against a development side from the Langa township. We made it! Here was another ground with a superb Table Mountain vista. A skilled and big Langa side stepped over some of our players but it was an end to end game where we lost the advantage after scoring first. There was then time for a trip to the beach, this time to the warmer side, before moving on to the Western Province Club to play their Under 13 side. The club with all its outstanding facilities made us most welcome. The spinners put a brake on their batsmen and they left us a target of 108. A fine opening partnership between Matthew Machan and Dominic Dann led the way to an 8 wicket victory. Matthew scored a fine 81. So ended the Cape Town leg of the tour. Well almost ... there was some excitement about flight times to Johannesburg the next morning but we found ourselves on the plane safely, where Sam Ventham kept the native guide engaged in deep and meaningful conversation!

We were greeted at St Stithians in Johannesburg by Trevor Vonberg, who Rob O'Grady and I had met with a group of St Stithians boys on the boundary during the Edgbaston Test while South Africa were mauling the English bowling last Summer. I have to say nothing much had changed! A very strong side did rather maul us on a very hot day. The compliment was returned later in the afternoon on the hockey pitch, where despite having had our goalkeeping gear cunningly locked away (!), we put together a 10-1 win. Every member of the tour party played in this game which was also by way of a celebration of Adam Gleaves birthday ... he managed a birthday hat-trick.

The Ridge School had visited Hurst in 1999 and it was good to see friends again. They have a wonderful arrangement of grounds that literally descend in steps from the ridge on which the school is built. We had a rather loose morning on the bowling front with too many balls being fetched from the wrong side of the fence. Nick Scott fielded with the crowd at his back offering encouragement! A huge total of 256 was set and although we found this hard to chase the batsmen made more of a fist of this. Matthew Machan set off with an impressive start but the special performance came in the shape of a stylish innings of 67 from Alex Pearce; a fine piece of real concentration at the end of a hard tour. The end of the game saw us back in school buses retracing the route to St Stithians to play hockey against the Ridge on the astro under lights. It was a cracking final game of hockey which we managed to win one goal to nil.

And so to the final game against Pridwin. They were the one school we played, who although still larger than us, compared better with the size of school we meet at home. It was really Pridwin and their former Head, Simon Weaver, who sowed the seed of the idea for the tour. It was suggested after their second visit in three years last Summer. The bowling, particularly the long, economic spells by Robin Cattaneo and Omkar Khot, held the home side to 134 for 9. Fast scoring by

Machan and Pearce brought us to the target with time to spare. Matthew batted powerfully and ended with an excellent 98 not out.

Our final two days brought a change of emphasis for we moved to the wild-side and the environs of the Pilansburg National Park. Here we swam, climbed a gorge, slept, read, did no revision, even shopped and were ourselves for a while. The highlights were probably the gorge walk, the night game drive and the visit to the Valley of the Waves on the final day.

What do you say to sum up such an experience? It is easy really. Our cricket has certainly benefited and we will start the home season with a great deal of learning already done. Our hockey was a great success and I think we impressed a lot of people. Finally and perhaps more important than anything else the boys were great company and represented themselves and the school both on and off the field outstandingly. They are a group of whom Hurst should be very proud.

Calendar

September 2	Michaelmas Term begins
September 5	CLOB under 21 rugby tournament
September 10	OJ Reunion 1960 – 70
September 11	Rugby 1 st XV 14.30 Chichester High School (Home)
September 23	Rugby 1 st XV 14.30 Southdown (Home) Hockey girls 1 st XI 15.30 St Bede's (Home)
October 2	Rugby 1 st XV 14.30 Bloxham (Home) Hockey girls 1 st XI 15.15 Christ's Hospital (Home)
October 9	Hockey girls 1 st XI 9.30 Roedean (Home)
October 14	Rugby 1 st XV 14.30 Sutton Valence (Home)
October 16/17	Etheldreda Weekend
October 17	OJ AGM
October 21	Half Term
November 6	Hockey girls 1 st XI 14.45 Sevenoaks (Home)
November 14	CCF Remembrance Parade in Hurstpierpoint
December 15	End of Term
January 6	Lent Term Starts

HURST JOHNIAN CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held in the Music School at Hurstpierpoint College
on Sunday 17th October 2004 at 10.00 am

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. President's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Elections
6. Reports
7. Any other Business

Nominations for membership of the Committee must reach the Hon. Secretary by
Friday 15th October 2004 at the very latest.

R.H.L.Moulton
Hon. Secretary

*Minutes of the Hurst Johnian Club AGM held at Hurstpierpoint College on
Sunday 19th October 2003*

1. Apologies for absence

These had been received from D.E.H.Buckingham, R.N.P.Griffiths, P.N.Guy, J.E.V.Hall, R.W.J.Hall, A.R.MacDonald, S.Moulton, G.J.Negus, R.A.Parvin, M.R.M.Porter B.D.Renn, P.P.M.Riddy, J.E.Robins, D.N.Stratford, J.T.Sutcliffe, P.A.H.Tee, E.W.Welch.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

These had been distributed before the meeting. It was proposed by J.R.M.Hall and seconded by J.P.Ruddlesdin that they should be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting of the 20th October 2002. This was agreed and the minutes were signed by the President.

3. President's Report

The President thanked the members of the Committee for all their hard work during the last year. The age of the Committee was getting younger and he pointed out that between them the members of the Committee covered all the years between 1945 and the present day. He was pleased to note that a number of events such as the Dinner had been close to being oversubscribed. There had been a large number of players available for selection during Cricket Week and the Rugby Club had been able to field two teams the previous day. Nevertheless new initiatives were always being looked for and would always be looked on with enthusiasm by the Committee. The Club's financial basis was sound. The website was developing well and he thanked Graham Tottle for all his hard work over the last year.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Hon. Treasurer presented his report. He announced that there was a surplus on the Income and Expenditure Account of £6,680. There was a surplus of £5,118 on the sale of investments which gave a total surplus of £11,798. The Club's investments, managed by Close Brothers Private Asset Management, as at 31st July 2003 had a book value of £65,985 and a market value of £66,514.

The termly handing over of subscription income by the College had continued to benefit the Club and it had been possible to increase grants and donations for both Club and College activities.

The President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary had met with Close Brothers and it had been decided to invest some money in gilts.

On the proposal of J.R.M.Hall seconded by J.P.Ruddlesin the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

The President proposed that money should be invested in Premium Bonds. This was agreed.

5.Elections

President

P.H.McGahan

Proposer J.P.Ruddlesdin Seconded J.R.Bettridge

Vice President

T.Moulton

Proposer P.H.McGahan Seconded G.L.Hill

Hon.Treasurer

R.H.D.Ayton

Proposer N.G.C.Searls Seconded J.R.M.Hall

Hon.Secretary

R.H.L.Moulton

Proposer Miss L.May Seconded D.J.Hughes

Hon.Asst.Secretary

J.R.Bettridge

Proposer R.H.L.Moulton Seconded P.H.McGahan

There being no further nominations the foregoing gentlemen were elected.

It was announced that N.C.Haigh and D.J.Hughes had resigned from the Committee.

The following election was made:-

M.J.L.Bailey

Proposer D.J.Hughes Seconded J.R.M.Hall

M.J.L.Bailey was elected unanimously.

6.Reports

Rugby

A.L.Buttifant reported that the Club had about 40 players and that 20 fixtures had been arranged for 2003/04. Home games were being played at the Old Reigatian ground. It was now an open club but 80% of the players were OJs. It was hoped that the Club would join one of the Surrey Leagues in the next two years. Socially the Club was flourishing. There had been a Rugby Club table at the Dinner and there would be a Club Dinner in December. The President congratulated the Club and its members on all that had been achieved.

Cricket

G.L.Hill reported on another highly successful Week. The weather had been extremely hot. Nine games had been played in eight days. Of these 6 had been won (the Eton Ramblers had been beaten twice in one day) and the remainder had been drawn. There had been a huge amount of support during the Week and 30 players had been available for selection for the Sussex Martlets game.

T.Moulton reported on the other matches which had taken place. Unfortunately the Brewers Cup side had been defeated in the 1st round.

The President reported that a third OJ tour to India was proposed for November 2004. This would be managed by D.J.Semmence and H.R.Thomas.

Golf

No report had been received but it was understood that standards were improving and it was hoped the Club would be more successful in the Halford-Hewitt and Grafton-Morrish competitions. The Golf Club was in good health and had been grateful for the financial support received during its 75th year.

No other reports had been received.

7.Any other business

The Hon.Secretary said that he wished to record his thanks and that of the Club to the Club Administrator, Mrs Elizabeth Watson, for all her hard work on behalf of the Club during the last year.

D.J.Savage asked if more information could be provided about Committee members in the Newsletter. He suggested that the Dinner should be reported in The Times and The Daily Telegraph.

D.J.Hughes was thanked for his many years of service on the Committee and a presentation was made to him.

The President read out a letter from Mrs Ruth Lambert thanking the Club for all that it had done to provide a memorial to her late husband G.E.Lambert.

Etheldreda Choir 2003

Etheldreda Weekend in 2004 is the weekend of
16th/17th October

The programme for the Etheldreda Weekend is enclosed and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Please note that the AGM will take place in the Music School

July, 2004

19, Wisden Avenue
Burgess Hill
Sussex
RH15 8TL

Dear OJ

**OJ CHOIR & CHORAL EVENSONG AT HURST
16th OCTOBER, 2004**

Following on from five years of highly successful OJ Choral Evensongs on the Saturday of the OJ Etheldreda weekend, we are now preparing details for this year's service. I do hope that you will wish to come along and sing at the service and also to enjoy taking part in the week-end's activities.

Music for the service is presently being finalised but it will certainly include some old favourites from the Hurst choral tradition!

The format for the Saturday will be identical to last year :

11.00 meet in the Common Room for coffee
11.30 – 12.10 Sectional rehearsals in Music School
12.10 – 12.30 Full rehearsal in Music School
12.30 – 13.00 Drinks in Common Room
13.00 Lunch in Dining Hall
15.00 – 16.00 Full Rehearsal in Chapel
16.00 Tea in Dining Hall
16.45 Robe in Vestry
17.00 Service

Do come along and re-live your choral training at Hurst! Nick Searls, who retired this summer after 37 years at Hurst, has kindly agreed to lead us through the rehearsals and to become our Choir Master Emeritus. We also hope to welcome Hurst's new Director of Music, Mr Neil Matthews.

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 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 attached reply form to indicate that you will wish to take part. I very much hope to see you on 16th October.

Yours sincerely,
Robert Ebdon (Martlet 1979 – 1984)

To : **Robert Ebdon**
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19, Wisden Avenue
Burgess Hill
Sussex

RH15 8TL
Telephone : 01444 232420 or mobile 07968 421305

NAME :(BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

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YEAR LEFT HURST.....

HOUSE.....

I wish to / am unable to take part in the O.J. choral evensong at Hurst on Saturday, 16th October, 2004.

I can attend the morning rehearsal at 11.30 amplease tick

I can attend the full rehearsal at 3.00 pmplease tick

I can attend the Choral Evensong at 5.00 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.....

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

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

Mrs Norris
21 Hassocks Road
Hurstpierpoint
01273 833217

Pubs

The Wheatsheaf Inn
Broad Street, Cuckfield
01444 454078 Fax 449282

The Last Word

When things seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar ... and beer!

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items before him. When the class began, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed it was. So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf ball. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes". The professor then produced two cans of beer and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now", said the professor, "I want you to recognise that this jar represents life. The golf balls are the important things ... your family, your children, your health, your friends, your favourite passions... things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else... the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have time for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. There will always be time to clean the house, etc. Take care of the golf balls first... the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and asked what the beer represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked" he said. "It just goes to show that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers!"