

Hurst Johnian Club

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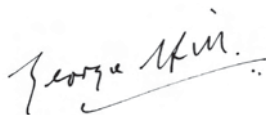
EDITORIAL

There are times when it is very difficult to understand life and death. Recently we have remembered the Battle of the Somme, ninety years after it took place. The waste of young life for a just cause has raised once again the wisdom of the military tactics at that time. What is certain is that it decimated a generation of brave young men.

Just as recently and much nearer to home, we have had the devastating news of the death of Nick Searls less than two years after he retired. Such a death by an accident is relatively easy to understand, but it is very hard to come to terms with such a loss (and at such a young age) from a heart attack. "It's not fair" is the oft heard cry of the young child. I find myself echoing this for Nick.

Isaac Rosenberg is one of the less well known English poets. He was killed in action in France in 1918 having returned from South Africa to enlist in the army. Maybe this quote from his "Returning, We hear the Larks" is appropriate for Nick

"Death could drop from the dark as easily as song".



George Hill
Editor



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Sport

Cricket Club

REPORT

OJs v College 1st XI - Sunday 14th May

On an overcast day, the College batted first and, helped by some indifferent bowling and fielding, got off to a flying start, the total reaching 100 within the first hour. Despite economical bowling from Mike Harrison and Gareth Dexter, the College was able to declare at 294 for 6 at half past three, with excellent contributions by Will Sexton (87) and Tom Gogarty (88).

The OJs lost two early wickets in reply but Lee Atkins registered a quick 50 with some effective lofted drives. Unfortunately the loss of Atkins and Mike Harrison immediately after tea, to the impressive Chris Toureau-Tonkin, meant that the already demanding run chase was likely to prove impossible. Further wickets at regular intervals meant that the OJs had to shut up shop with around 15 overs remaining. James Barnes ensured the draw with a solid 37 not out, with able assistance from Dan Burstow and Roger Hickman.

Match details:

College 294 - 6

Sexton 87, Gogarty 88,
Harrison 2-52, Riddy 3-43
OJs 181 - 8 Atkins 53,
Barnes 37*, Brown 4-39,
Toureau-Tonkin 3-33

OJ Team: G Dexter (Capt), J Pilgrim, S Warrender, L Atkins, M Harrison, S Hall, D Burstow, M Ellis, J Barnes (wkt), P Riddy, R Hickman

THE BREWERS CUP DATES FOR 2006

Round 1

Sunday 25th June
Home
v St. John's Leatherhead

Round 2

Sunday 16th July
Home

Semi-Final

Sunday 6th August
Away

Final

Sunday 3rd September
Campbell Park, Milton Keynes

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Cricket Club

Brewers Cup Round 1 OJs v St John's, Leatherhead – Sunday 25th June

The Old Boys fielded a very strong side led by Lee Atkins against St John's, Leatherhead old boys. After losing the toss, Hurst were put into bat. Tim Jarvis and Simon Warrender opened the innings and got off to a great start. Unfortunately Tim was caught just shy of his half century scoring a great 48. The runs continued to flow and Krishna Singh batting at number four struck a magnificent 132, the rest of the team gave support, Lee Atkins 34. The Old Boys after 50 overs managed a fantastic 350 all out.

In reply St John's, Leatherhead made 129 all out after 30 overs, David Gibson bowled tightly, taking 3 for 31, and Justin Bates 2 for 56. The strength of the Old Boys' side was too much for the opposition! With an early finish the Old Boys watched the England Ecuador world cup match in the pavilion which rounded off the day nicely.

Team from:

Lee Atkins, Justin Bates, Christian Bates, Krishna Singh, Nick Creed, James Barnes, Daniel Burstow, Tim Jarvis, Simon Warrender, David Gibson, John Goodacre

Round 2 16th July

Old Aldenhamians were unable to raise

a side, therefore the OJs have moved on to the semi-final.

OHJ CRICKET WEEK

DATES FOR 2006

Saturday 5th August v Eton Ramblers

Sunday 6th August v Romany

Monday 7th August v South Wales Hunts

Tuesday 8th August v Old Rossallians

Wednesday 9th August v Cryptics

Thursday 10th August v Stoics

Friday 11th August v Sussex Martlets

Saturday 12th August v Buccaneers

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John Goodacre would like to collect Cricket Week photos from anyone who has them so that he can create a collection for people to see. If you have any such photos, please send them to John at:
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Golfing Society

Halford Hewitt

5th – 9th April

Royal St Georges Golf Club, Sandwich

Founded in 1924, it is competed for today by the old boys of 64 English and Scottish public schools which each field five foursomes pairs, making 640 competitors in all. The sheer size of the “field” - plus the hundreds of supporters which routinely turn up - is part of what makes the “Hewitt” a unique sporting event. The tournament has a rich history, frequently pits average golfers against famous internationals, and produces moments of golfing pressure simply not experienced by amateur players elsewhere.



Halford Hewitt Supporters, and OHJGC stalwarts Dudley Stratford, Ian Pilcher, Derick Fulcher, Rick Holgate and Rob McCowen

The Hurst team has been very unlucky in recent years with the first round draw pitting us against some of the top schools. Having drawn Watsons (ranked 3rd on the Anderson Scale out of 64 schools) in 2005 we felt we were

well overdue a lower ranked school in the first round, and a more realistic chance of progressing further in the event. At the draw on the 11th January at The Royal East India Club in St James, and after enjoying some fine wines generously bought by Richard Kelly we were in high spirits. However as we were drawn against Charterhouse (ranked No 2 in the competition) a loud expletive left the mouth of our Captain Jeremy Waud!



Halford Hewitt captain - and fashion guru - Jeremy Waud

Come April and the annual gathering of OJ golfers to Romney Hard we were a lot more optimistic, and even talk of a giant killing was in the air.

On the day we performed well, and around the turn we were well up in 2 games and the rest were all very close. Word was starting to spread, and the Charterhouse team and supporters were clearly worried. Our top pairing of Simon ‘teddy boy’ Tedder and returning OJ Simon Clapham after a

Golfing Society *continued*

ten year absence in the Halford Hewitt ultimately succumbed 4&3 to the Charterhouse top pairing.



Top row L to R - Russel Ogden, Simon Tedder, Paul Turrell, Dan Burstow, Simon Clapham and Jeremy Waud
Bottom Row - Richard Kelly, Alex Taylor, Peter Masters

Our second pairing of Russell Ogden and Peter Masters turned in the star performance of the week, taking an early lead in their match and despite a few counter attacks from a strong second Charterhouse pairing always held onto their lead, running out convincing 4&3 winners. Meanwhile at the back of the field Nick Budge and Richard Kelly had started in scintillating fashion (Budgie fuelled with a couple of sharpeners from the bar) and reached the turn 3 up helped by back-to-back birdies at the 6th and 7th.

Our third pair of Alex Taylor and Paul

Turrell played good golf tee to green, but nothing went in for them on the greens (ironically as Paul had holed everything from 5 to 50ft during the practice rounds!) and they went down 5&4.

The now regular pairing of Captain Jeremy Waud and Dan Burstow in the fourth group had a fairly rollercoaster match, going 2 up early on before being pegged back to level at the turn. Some very classy golf from the oppo around the difficult 12th, 13th and 14th saw a decisive swing that despite a glimmer of a comeback faded with a plugged ball in 'Bjorn's bunker' at 16 and a 3&2 loss.

Our final pair Budge and Kelly 3 up at the turn, were slowly overcome by some miracle chipping and putting from one Charterhouse player in particular and ended up losing 3&2!

So a 4-1 final scoreline that does us little justice as another year slipped by. For the record we lost 2-1 in the plate on Saturday to Felstead having drowned our sorrows and enjoyed a fun packed evening at Romney Hard!

Four of the team headed to Rye on Friday night, and sampled the 'Seven Pubs of Rye' before visiting the local disco, where snake hips, Jeremy Waud

Golfing Society *continued*



Society Captain Nick Budge about to tee off with the Sussex Two Iron (OHJGS v Old Eastbournians)

turned in his best performance of the week. The friendly match between Waud/Kelly and Burstow/Ogden the following morning was of remarkably good quality considering the previous night's pickling and a halved match on the 18th was probably a fair result. Many thanks again to Rick Holgate for organising the accommodation, and his excellent support and tutorage. It was great to see Ian Pilcher, one of the stalwarts of the Hurst Halford Hewitt team over the past decades supporting the team, and telling many a good story around the dinner table! As usual we had fantastic support and a lot of social golf was enjoyed by Dudley

Stratford, Rob McCowen, Derrick 'Austin Powers' Fulcher amongst others.

Our team on paper is now the strongest it has ever been, and we hope the draw in 2007 brings us a more favourable opponent and a chance of progressing further in the competition. For the record the tournament was won by Malvern who beat Sherborne in the final.

OHJGS v Old Eastbournians Thursday 4th May Walton Heath Golf Club

2006 saw the 14th anniversary of 'The Sussex Two Iron' where five foursomes pairings were pitted against each other around the magnificent Walton Heath Old Course. Hurst have won the 'Two Iron' seven times to Eastbourne's four and were after a hat-trick of wins having been victorious in 2004 and 2005.

On a glorious May afternoon and after a few pints of Pimms on the patio we were ready for the off. A whole array of shots was witnessed at the challenging 220 yard par 3 opener, one of the best from Jeremy Waud that appeared to be right down the flag was never to be seen again - he obviously hit his 2 iron a bit too well for a change! The games ebbed and flowed, and were all close. Our opening pair of Richard Kelly and Derrick Fulcher succumbed 2 down at

Golfing Society *continued*; Hockey Club



OHJGS v Old Eastbournians dinner in Walton Heath's Fowler Room

the last. Simon Clapham and John Waterfall were edged out 3/2 and Jeremy Waud and Dudley Stratford also lost 2 down despite, by all accounts, playing very tidy golf. Jeremy and Dudley were playing against Mark Winstanley, the Eastbourne captain and snazzy dresser, and also Ken Olhson, who at the age of 80 played fantastically well. In fact Jeremy and Dudley believe the gross score from the Eastbourne pair was probably lower than Ken's age! A remarkable feat. Our heroes of the day were Society Captain Nick Budge and Graham 'come here' Negus who enjoyed a 1 up victory at the last. Our final pairing of Dan Burstow and Steve Waud had a great match against the one pro on show - Marcus Urbye - and were pleased to walk off the 18th with a half. So Eastbourne were victorious by 3 ½ points to 1 ½.

The evening was rounded off by a fantastic meal in the club's private Fowler Room where many a good tale was told

and the handing over of the Two Iron to Mark Winstanley. Of note were the high quality menus that had been printed for the occasion with the title OHJGS v The Old Eastbournians worthy of a mention!

Thanks to Jeremy Waud for the organisation of what was, for all involved, a great event.

Hockey Club

OJs v College 1st XI - Sunday 19th March

Team: Simon Pockett (GK), Mike Harrison (c), David Harrison, Tom Harrison, Simon Warrender, Toby Larman, Dominic Rodbourne, Oliver Rodbourne, Nick Creed, Lee Atkins, Dan Burstow.

The OJ Hockey fixture against the school this year was the toughest for a long time with the 1st XI winning 7-4. The game did not start too well for the OJs, mainly because the captain decided to play sweeper which was a huge mistake, and the School went into half-time 5-1 up. The 1st XI was very organised and skilful and certainly had most of the OJs struggling for

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breath halfway through the second half. A late surge from the OJs gave a little respectability to the score line. The most memorable moments had to be Simon Pockett back in goal after a long absence, the 1st XI goalkeeper not turning up and the replacement, who had never done it before, pulling off some magnificent saves, Oliver Rodbourne being the most cut person on the pitch having lost the skin on his elbows, knees and hands. He then got a cut shin with a stick going through his shin pad!

All in all it was a good, well mannered game and the 1st XI were deserved winners. We hope next year that the Old Boys will put up a better show of hockey and be victorious once again.

Rifle Club

The OJ Rifle club is a group of target rifle shooters who compete mainly at the Imperial meeting at Bisley. The main team event is the PS veterans' match which occurs at Bisley in July between the Ashburton and Imperial Target Rifle competitions.

Some members shoot full-bore Target Rifle (TR), and some F-class. We do not currently have any team small-bore competitions but used to field a team against the School on Etheldreda

Sunday. Members cover OJs of all ages, from those recently left, to those who left the school decades ago.

We are keen to make contact with OJs who are already shooters and those interested in taking up the sport. For those who do not know many people at Bisley or want to get involved in a new discipline (e.g. F-class) we are happy to mentor and advise. We can be contacted at Bisley through the North London Rifle Club where most of us are members, or by email to OHJRC@btinternet.com.

Tennis Club

With just a few days to go before the end of the Summer Term it was decided to postpone the proposed annual OJ Tennis match against the College until the coming St Etheldreda weekend and arrange a round robin match with school staff in its place.

Appeals

Girls' Hockey or Netball

If you are interested in playing girls' hockey at Etheldreda or netball in the Lent term, please get in touch with Claire Tibbott via OJ@hppc.co.uk

Rugby

Anyone interested in playing rugby or assisting with the management of the OHJRFC, please contact: Mark Porter (07870 555764) or Jeremy Carswell (07768 267994) or email via oj@hppc.co.uk

The London Dinner

The first "London Dinner" was held at The Naval Club in Mayfair on Wednesday 24th May 2006. 23 OJs sat down to Dinner. Many more OJs were unable to attend owing to prior commitments. The Naval Club was an ideal venue for the Dinner, located conveniently for everyone travelling in and out of Central London.

Drinks were held in the Club's Bar ahead of the Dinner which started at around 8pm. There were no speeches, as the Dinner is not intended to be an overly formal affair - rather a gathering of OJs who live and/or work in or around London, to give them another opportunity to get together during the year. "The London Dinner" is not intended therefore to become a rival to the Etheldreda Dinner held annually at the College in October during the Etheldreda Weekend.

Malcolm Fortune (Martlet 1963-1968) and Alan Buttifant (OJ Committee Member (Fleur de Lys, 1968-1973)) welcomed the Diners.

The OJ Committee would like to thank both of them for the considerable time and effort spent by them in organising a very successful Dinner and in setting the benchmark for what is now hoped by the OJ Committee to become an Annual Fixture.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and many reminiscences were shared!

The Naval Club has been booked already for next year's "London Dinner" - to be held on Wednesday 23rd May

Eagle

2007.

Please therefore put this date now in your diaries. More details will appear in the OJ Newsletter due to be published at the beginning of 2007.

The OJs who attended: Rupert Ayton (OJ Club Hon Treasurer), David Brown, Adam Burr, Alan Buttifant, Andrew Crawford, Simon Cross, Nigel Crump, John Cruttenden, Graham Fortune, Malcolm Fortune, Alexander Hunt, Donald McDuff, Phil Medlicott, Kit Millington-Hore, Roger Moulton (OJ Club Hon Secretary), David Paul, Jack Riddy, Peter Riddy, Philip Sherwin, Tom Watters, Jeremy Waud, Adrian Wimbleton and Jonathan Woolley.

The Start of Eagle House

Notes by David Philips, Bob Cranmore and David van Weel

In September 1955, six 13 year old boys arrived at Hurst, to start the new Eagle House. They were Mike McKee, David van Weel, Nick Morrell, John Toogood, Keith Phillips and Robert Cranmore. The Reverend David Jenkins, the school chaplain, became house tutor. We were housed on the top floor of the 'San' above Star and the then headmaster's house. There was a day room just with desks, a shower room and two small dormitories.

Eagle *continued*

This was the first expansion of Hurst almost since its founding, but amazingly it all happened with what, and with hind sight, appeared to be few problems and little fuss, typically of the 1950s. Keith and Nick had been at JH, but the rest of us were new to Hurst and even to England in David's case. Somehow we got to classes and joined in games with no problem. We even got to 'sunstroke' where we had to stand around the UV lamp once a week, supervised by Sister Berry. Classes were held in "the huts" but at least we had the modern if rather utilitarian science labs. On Saturdays it was compulsory to cheer on the school teams, when we were dressed in our 'uniform' of duffle coats and gum boots. In theory, we still had to keep our spare pair of black shoes in the boot room under hall.

For the first term, at least, we were a little wild and unsupervised, playing games, which I remember involved hanging on the stairs 3 floors up and sliding down in a laundry basket. For entertainment we had John's 78 rpm gramophone, playing "The Man from Laramie" and rushing out from the showers to wind it up, and Mike's battery radio, which we used to listen to "Journey into Space." John also had a rather superior model steam engine, but we didn't have fuel so we used paper with balsa glue, which left rather a smell. However, I still remember our daily shoe cleaning and polishing

ritual.

Perhaps Sister Berry complained about the noise, but things got a bit more formal during the next two terms. Ian Brownlee and George Cottrell were drafted in as house captain and deputy respectively and more young boys also arrived: Chris Ackroyd, Stephen Alexander, Michael Cater, Jonathan Cheeseman, John Healey, Jeremy Hill, Timothy Towel, Michael Webb and David West. By the end of the year we numbered 17, who were recorded for posterity in the first house photo. We all looked extremely smart in our blue Sunday suits, which couldn't really have been that clean because we wore them on our Sunday rambles up Danny, including rolling down in a hurry to get back for house tea with David Jenkins.

In fact some higher level planning must have been going on as our Eagle House ties and socks were ready when we arrived, and within a few weeks construction started on the new (now Bury) theatre and the new Eagle House building and housemaster's quarters. David remembers that the mason doing the flint work unfortunately died and it was possible to see the change in style where his replacement took over. He also remembers that the wind changed and snow came in through the compulsorily open windows onto our beds. The house, which was modelled on the existing houses with day rooms and 'horse boxes,' and one radiator

Eagle continued

in each dormitory, was ready for our second year, and with other drafted-in older boys, we soon had a conventionally operating house, taking part in all school activities, the house song contest, (athletic) standards and house sports. Gari (short for Garibaldi) aka Bill Alban became house master, and Peter Broadbridge, unfortunately no longer with us, became house captain. His claim to fame was that he had a copy of Tom Lehrer's satirical LP record which had been smuggled from America in a trunk on the QE I. We ate in hall at the beginning, at one and then two tables at the end by the servery. For the second year we moved to eat in the gallery, separate from but looking down on the rest of the school. Eagle was one of the main planks of Canon Howard's master development plan for Hurst, if it is possible to image such an Edwardian gentleman ever using such an expression, and it has been undoubtedly successful. Like most headmasters then, he drove a pre-war Rolls Royce and one day he could not get it started, so most of Eagle were invited to push – as a 14 year old, how do you tell your headmaster to switch the ignition on, after which it naturally started perfectly?

Eagle 50 year reunion

Bob Cranmore

Some of us looked old and some rather

young and this did not seem to correlate with the actual time when we were at Hurst. Our wives, of course, all looked young. Saturday 10th June was a lovely day, and it did not get too hot. Some 30 old Eagles, and wives where applicable, arrived to celebrate the 50 years of Eagle house at Hurst. We started with coffee at the back of the house, entertained by the current Eagle housemaster, Martyn May. We were shown the pile of house records. Must say that I did not even remember the existence of these, but they were obviously an opportunity for the house captain to record sporting and other successes in an interesting or even amusing way. Eventually we were all marshalled onto the theatre steps where 'official' photos were taken.

We then wandered round the school, to see what had changed and what was the same. The biggest difference was the lack of pupils – the school now only works a five day week, so only boarders who were not going home were present, and they seemed to be going out on expeditions. Had they not gone home, we would have also noticed the presence of girls – the only girls we knew, masters' daughters, are now grandmothers.

The library has become a learning centre and is located right across the first floor of the main quad, while the old library is full of computers. There is

Eagle continued



Above - Eagle 1956 - first house photo, taken before the building of Eagle House was completed

(left to right)

Back Row: Phillips, Morrell, McKee, Chiesman, Wheeley, Ackroyd

Middle Row: Hill, Cater, Toogood, Van Weel, Cranmore, Towle, Webb

Front Row: Brownlee, Rev Jenkins, Cottrell
Seated: West, Alexander

Above right - Many of the first Eagles today
(left to right)

Bob Cranmore, Ian Brownlee, Keith Phillips, Revd David Jenkins, David van Weel, Mike Webb, Jerry Hill



Eagle *continued*



also Martlet house, newer than Eagle, some even newer houses for girls and day pupils, a great sports hall and a roof over the swimming pool, a drama and dance studio (which we were told was very popular) and right in front of Eagle, an all weather pitch. We remembered this was once a piece of rough ground where those who did biology flung wooden squares over their shoulders and counted the weeds inside the area where they fell. This was what was once called ecology! I think it was also the place we had November 5th bonfires.

The main buildings did not seem to have changed very much. The quads and cloisters, Hall and Chapel were still the same, even to the extent of the wear and tear on the stairs, although there was now a connection between the Head's old house/Star and the main buildings, so that today's Star pupils do not get wet going to breakfast. Eagles are still tough and have to race through the outer quad to get fed!

We were given a programme with a map of Hurst, old photos of 'Eagles' and of the school. The grounds seem to have expanded northwards, and with football and rounders pitches. The trouble is that if you are in a school team playing on a Saturday, you have to come back to a pretty empty school to take part.

Eagle *continued*

Exhausted from our trips around, we met to recuperate with bucks fizz in the inner quad, after which we went up to the Eagle gallery for lunch – typical school food, ham, a good choice buffet, strawberries and cheese. Some were disappointed that there was no ‘stodge.’ Davis Jenkins said grace and later Ian Brownlee thanked the school, the Eagle housemaster, Martyn May, for entertaining us and particularly Keith Phillips for remembering and suggesting the reunion and Caroline Bates for getting everything organised.

After lunch we were free to wander round, watch the cricket and to meet the staff and headmaster. There was tea with the cricketers, after which we made our way homewards full of nostalgia.





**Please remove these centre pages of your magazine
and use the forms printed overleaf
to provide the OJ Club with:**

▶ Notice that you wish to join the choir for the Special OJ Choral Evensong (14th October 2006) which will, this year take the form of a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Nick Searls (for further details see Robert Ebdon's letter on page 20)

▶ details of any recent or forthcoming change of address

▶ details of your up-to-date e-mail address

and

▶ to order this year's edition of the Hurstjohnian Magazine

Many thanks

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OJ Choral Evensong

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Year left Hurst:

House:.....

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I wish to/am unable to take part in the OJ choral evensong at Hurst on
Saturday, 14th October, 2006

I can attend the morning sectional rehearsal at 11.30 am please tick

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

I can attend the full rehearsal at 3.00 pm please tick

I can attend the Choral Evensong at 6.00 pm please 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 Table please tick

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

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The Committee is always anxious to improve the levels of communication with the membership. At its last meeting, the Committee 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 email 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 email address to a third party. Therefore if you would like to receive emails from the Club would you please complete the attached proforma and return it to:

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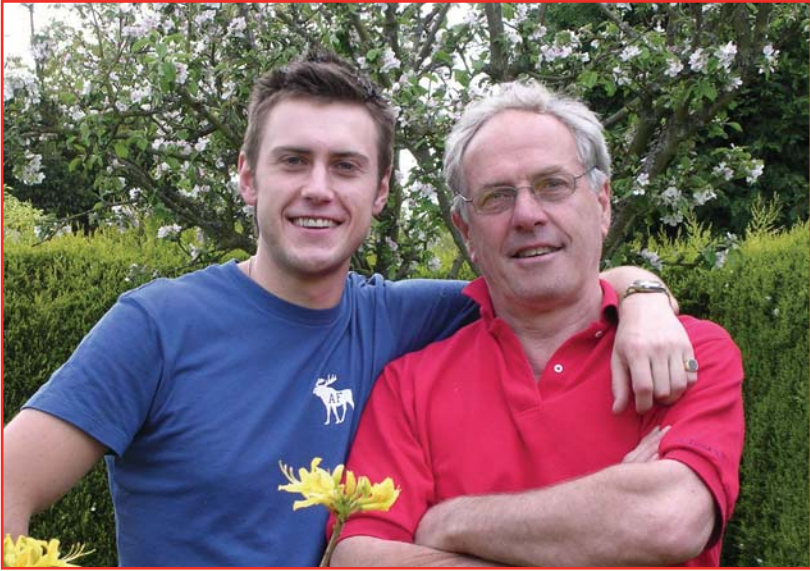
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Nick, with his son Ben

A Celebration of Nick's Life

At five o'clock on Tuesday 20th June a very remarkable event took place at Hurst. Well over four hundred people packed into the chapel to give thanks for the life of Nick Searls. At Penny's request, there was no mourning or black; it was a joyous occasion to mark the passing of a splendid man.

Robert Ebdon had, at short notice, gathered a choir of some fifty voices, and a grand sound they made in singing John Ireland's "Greater Love hath no Man" and Benjamin Britten's "New Year Carol".

Gerald Buss (former Chaplain) took the service and also spoke along with six others who were described in the service sheet as:

Mary Searls (Sister)

Hugh Thomas (Friend)
Sue Smith (Step-Daughter)
Gavin Payne (Step-Son)
Neil Morris (Pupil/Tormentor)
George Hill (Golfer/Erstwhile Colleague)

There were emotional and amusing stories of episodes in Nick's life, but the celebration outweighed the inevitable sadness. Maybe the photograph on the front of the service sheet summed up the whole atmosphere, for there we saw a can of lager, a log, a pair of gardening shoes and a golf ball!

After the singing of Jerusalem brought lumps to many throats, everyone adjourned to the inner quad for refreshments and reminiscences galore.

Any donations in memory of Nick towards a musical bursary will be gladly accepted by the Bursar at the College.

Choral Evensong

July, 2006

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Dear OJ

OJ Choral Evensong, Hurst, 14th October, 2006 Thanksgiving Service for the life of Nick Searls

Following on from seven 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.


This year, the OJ Choral Evensong will be, by overwhelming request, a thanksgiving service for the life of Nick Searls who died a few weeks ago. Nick was one of Hurst's most successful Directors of Music and led the Chapel Choir to win the National School Choir Competition in 1983. He was also the OJ Choir Master Emeritus. Although an OJ Choir of 60 singers sang on the day of the funeral, so many more were unable to attend and have asked to sing in a tribute evensong on 14th October. We will be singing – amongst other motets - Ireland's anthem "Greater Love Hath No Man", which was the work which brought the choir success in 1983.

The format for the Saturday will be different from previous years because this year, it is proposed that pupil members of College Chapel Choir join with OJ choristers in a choral workshop during the day. This is a new initiative wholeheartedly supported by the Headmaster. The new format for the day will be:

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

Do come along and re-live your choral training at Hurst under the baton of our new 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 on the centre pages of this magazine to indicate that you will wish to take part. I very much hope to see you on 14th October.

Yours sincerely



Robert Ebdon
(Martlet 1979 – 1984)

AROPS

Association of Representatives of Old Pupils' Societies

www.arops.org.uk

The 39th AROPS Conference took place at Malvern Girls' College on Saturday 6th May. The Hurst Johnian Club was represented by Roger Moulton.

The Chairman, Roger Moulton (Old Pauline), welcomed 73 representatives from 48 societies.

The Headmistress, Mrs P M C Leggate, welcomed the Representatives to the College and gave the opening address. She outlined the history and development of the College since its foundation in 1893. Mrs Patricia Birchley, Chairman of Malvern Girls' College OGA, talked about the history and activities of the old girls' association.

For the first session Tim Neale (Old Radleian) introduced Simon Weil, a partner in Bircham Dyson Bell, who gave a presentation on Charities Legislation and Old Pupils' Societies.

Bill Gillen (Old Arnoldian) chaired the second session in which Tim Neale (Old Radleian) and Roger Moulton (Old Pauline) talked about the Duties and Responsibilities of Officers and Committee Members.

After lunch the Representatives broke

up into discussion groups. The following topics were covered: Girls Only Societies chaired by Maggy Douglas (St Albans OGA), Publications and Publicity chaired by John Millican (Old Barnardian), Financial Assistance from Societies chaired by Michael Freegard (Old Haileyburian), Hypothetical Ethical Dilemmas chaired by Bill Gillen (Old Arnoldian) and Software chaired by Tim Cunis (Old Pauline). Once again this was a highly successful session.

The final session of Questions and Answers was chaired by Guy Cliff (Old Silcoatian). As in 2005 there was no panel and questions were answered from the floor.

The Chairman closed the Conference by saying that he hoped to see many representatives at the AGM at Eltham College on Tuesday 14th November.

The 2007 Conference will take place on 12th May at Lord Wandsworth College.

Tea and tours of the school followed.

The Annual dinner was held in the evening at the College. The guest speaker was Sarah Staniforth, Historic Properties Director of the National Trust whose subject was "9 to 5 or 24/7: women at work".

Hurst Johnian Club Annual General Meeting

Hurst Johnian Club
Annual General Meeting
To be held in the Music School at
Hurstpierpoint College On Sunday
15th October 2006 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 Honorary Secretary by Friday 6th October 2006 at the very latest



RHL Moulton
Hon Secretary

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Hurst Johnian Club held at Hurstpierpoint College at 10.00 am on Sunday 16th October 2005

1 Apologies for absence

These had been received from J R Allison, A G Cheston, J E V Hall, R W J Hall, A J M Hunt, J W I Jenkin, M J Lowndes, P H McGahan, S Moulton, P R B Salter and V M Thomas.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

These had been circulated before the meeting. It was proposed by J R M Hall and seconded by G L Hill that they should be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting of the 17th October 2004. This was agreed and the Minutes were signed by the President.

3 President's Report

The President reported that the Club was in good health. He was pleased that there was a good range of age and experience amongst the committee members. There were two ladies on the Committee and two more would be joining. He said that the Club was enjoying a good relationship with the Headmaster. It had been possible to assist with a number of ventures undertaken by the College. He was particularly pleased that the Club had been able to pay for the regilding of the weathervane and the clock faces on the chapel tower. Progress had been made on the merchandise front. In a joint venture with the College cuff links would soon be on sale. The Club itself was proceeding with an order for OJ socks. The Committee was always looking for other merchandise ideas especially from the female membership. He was very grateful to Graham Tottle and Christopher Robinson for their help with the website and he urged all present to look at it. He was pleased to be able to announce that the Golf Club

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subsidy had been doubled in order to provide help for young OJ golfers.

4 Treasurer's Report

The Hon. Treasurer presented his report. He announced that as at 31st July 2005 there was a surplus on the Income and Expenditure Account of £8,592. There was a surplus of £2,560 on the sale of investments which gave a total surplus of £11,152. The Club's investments, managed by Close Private Asset Management, as at 31st July 2005, had a book value of £80,714 and a market value of £94,724. He then explained various matters in connection with the accounts. On the proposal of J R Bettridge and seconded by H D Steer, the Treasurer's Report was accepted and the Accounts were signed by the President.

5 Elections

On the proposal of R W Smart, seconded by A L Buttifant the following officers were elected to serve for 2005 – 06:

President T Moulton
Hon Treasurer R H D Ayton
Hon. Secretary R H L Moulton
Asst Hon Secretary J R Bettridge

On the proposal of G L Hill, seconded by B D Renn, J R M Hall was elected as Vice President.

Messrs M R M Porter and J P Riddy

were due to retire from the Committee by rotation but were available for re-election. On the proposal of J R M Hall, seconded by A L Buttifant, they were re-elected.

On the proposal of Miss C E Tibbott, seconded by G L Hill, Miss A DJ Hanson and Mrs D Treyer-Evans were elected to the Committee.

6 Reports

Cricket

The President reported that the Cricket Week had been successful. The Club had remained undefeated until the Thursday and one complete day had been lost to rain. Unfortunately there had been considerable difficulty in raising a side for the Brewers' Cup; as a result the Club had been unable to proceed into the semi-final. The problem of player recruitment was being examined. The game against the College had been a good one which the OJs had won.

Golf

In the absence of a representative from the Golf Society, G L Hill conveyed the thanks of the Golf Club for the increased subsidy. There had been a good weekend at Sandwich and the future looked promising. A full report would appear in the Newsletter.

Rugby

A L Buttifant reported that all was going well despite two recent cancella-

HJC AGM *continued*

tions. All was going well but there was always a need for new players.

Tennis

In the absence of R D Vernon, the President reported that there had been a successful inaugural tennis match against the College the previous June. There would be a similar fixture in 2006. It was hoped that this could be linked with the cricket match.

Hockey

The President stated that it had been agreed with the College that the boys' match would take place in March and the girls' match at the Etheldreda Weekend.

Netball

The President announced that the netball match would take place in March at the same time as the boys' hockey.

Any other business

The Hon Secretary drew attention to the publication of **Schools At War** by David Stranack. Hurstpierpoint College features in the book.

Etheldreda Weekend, 14th – 15th October, 2006

The programme for the Etheldreda Weekend is enclosed in this mailing.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Accommodation

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

Hotels

Hickstead Hotel

Jobs Lane, Hickstead
www.classiclodges.co.uk
01444 248023

Wickwoods Country Club

Shaveswood Lane, Albourne
01273 857567 Fax 857602

Hilton Park Hotel

Tylers Green, Cuckfield
www.hiltonparkhotel.co.uk
01444 454555 Fax 457222

Ockenden Manor

Ockenden Lane, Cuckfield
www.hshotels.co.uk
01444 416111 Fax 415549

The Birch Hotel

Lewes Road, Haywards Heath
www.bwbirchhotel.co.uk
01444 451565 Fax 440109

The Vinyard Lodge

42 High Street, Hurstpierpoint
01273 835000 Fax 835041

Travel Lodge

Forte Travel Lodge
Jobs Lane, Hickstead
www.travelodge.co.uk
01444 881377

Pubs

The Wheatsheaf Inn

Broad Street, Cuckfield
www.thewheatsheafpub.com

Accommodation *continued*

01444 454078 Fax 449282

The Bent Arms Hotel

98 High Street, Lindfield

www.thebentarms.info

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

Obituaries

John William Ira Jenkin

Fleur de Lys 1940 – 1944

A few months ago your editor received a message from John Jenkin “complaining” that his brother Keith was receiving more attention than himself in the newsletter! Sadly he died before we could answer this in print.

Keith has sent us the following resume of his life. A fair number of OJs were at John’s funeral, where Keith spoke movingly of his brother. Amongst those present was Richard Lewis (Fleur de Lys 1956 – 59), current president of Hove RFC. We extend our sympathy to Keith and his family on their loss. In the words with which Keith finished his eulogy, “John was a good man”.

John died suddenly on 24th May after a few years’ ill health. He was 78. John came to the College in 1940 from the Brighton Grammar School when the family left Hove after Dunkirk. His father and uncles farmed all the land between the village and the Downs as had the family since 1907. It was reputed that his father had a deal with the bursar for milk and potatoes in lieu of fees. His main sporting interest was rugger and he became a founder member of the Hove RFC of which he was an active supporter for the rest of his life.

After matriculation he went on to Wye

Obituaries *continued*

Agricultural College in 1945 where he continued with his rugger and took up long distance running. His captaincy of this earned him the chance to carry the Olympic Torch flame into Canterbury



in 1948 (see photo). His father's death in 1946 had left Wash-brooks Farm without a regular tenant and he was able

to take up the tenancy on leaving Wye. In 1956 he gave up the tenancy and took over the running of the family dairy business in Brighton when his brother Keith (Fleur de Lys 1943 – 50) left to go to Nigeria. The business was eventually taken over by Unigate for whom he worked for a while. Eventually he was able to return to his farming roots working for the UNFAO in promoting farming methods in Central Africa. From there to Saudi Arabia to help set up a vast dairy milk production unit. His final overseas job was as Agricultural Adviser to the Sultanate of Muscat. Returning to the UK, his wife's increasing bad health limited his travelling to short-term consultancies in Chad, Egypt and India. Working with Bryan Renn (Shield 1943 - 50) he was involved in the development of

computerised bidding systems in various agricultural fields.

Nothing gave him greater pleasure than visiting his "farm" at Battle, a field of about 10 acres where he had a hut with all mod cons where he and Margaret could relax and paint. He grazed sheep for a local farmer. Despite his increasing infirmity he shot regularly and wrote many articles for the Dairy press. Margaret died in 2003, but he kept up an active social life, and few if any of his friends were even aware of his infirmities, as he rarely, if ever, complained. He was hopeful of regaining his driving licence, although personally I would not have risked driving with him!!

Ian Loft Cummings **Chevron 1945 – 1950** died in 2006

We have been informed that Ian Cummings died earlier this year. An obituary will follow in the next newsletter.

T P C Ward **Red Cross 1959 – 1963**

We are informed that Timothy Paul Chisholm Ward died in June.

Nicholas George Charlwood **Searls** died 6th June 2006

Nick Searls died suddenly and unexpectedly on June 6th while on holiday

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in the Scilly Isles. He was educated at Lancing and The Royal Academy of Music and came to Hurst as the assistant director of music in 1967. When Neil Page moved to Malvern, Nick became the Director of Music, which post he held until he became house-master of Fleur de Lys. He retired in 2004 after 37 years devoted to Hurst.

Nick was no narrow-minded musician, and had many interests. He was a fine cricketer and a distinctly useful squash player. For the last ten years of his life he became addicted to golf and was still improving at the time of his death, which came as a great shock to everyone.

He was a fine organiser and was primarily responsible for the success of the College's 150th year celebrations in 1999.

He was devoted to his wife Penny, their son Ben



(Eagle 1994-99) and to his step children and grandchildren ... as well as to his sister and his niece. We send our deepest sympathy to them all. A celebration of his life was held in the college chapel on June 20th (see page 19).

P L Style **Star 1947-50**

We are informed that Peter Louis Style died earlier in the year.

Peggy Mason

Ken Mason's wife Peggy died in the spring. She will be remembered with affection by many former Fleur de Lys and Martlet pupils. A goodly number of former members of staff attended her funeral in Burgess Hill, when her son James (Red Cross 1959 - 64) gave a moving and at times amusing address. Ken, just a little frail but with the twinkle in his eye undiminished, was there to greet those who came to pay their respects to a lovely lady.

A Bryan (Bunny) Henwood **Chevron 1932 - 35**

(There is some mystery about the origin of the nickname "Bunny", but it seems likely that he inherited this from a favourite uncle.)

After leaving Hurst he studied General Engineering at the Imperial College in London and on being called up after the outbreak of World War 2, he served in the Royal Engineers, in both Egypt and Italy and attained the rank of Major. After the war, he joined the engineering department of the railways at Kings Cross and rose to Divisional

Obituaries *continued*

Chief Engineer across the various regions of the eastern system. Each promotion necessitated a move to another area, so he was forced to move several times up and down the eastern region. On retirement he furthered his interest in heraldry and used his knowledge to give lantern lectures throughout East Anglia from his home near Ipswich. He was an accomplished DIY exponent and one aspect of this was to build display stands for his wife, Lorna, who was a first class floral artist.

Their marriage had lasted 63 years when she died in 2004 and he leaves his two married sons, Peter and Anthony, who both served in the Merchant Fleets as Chief Engineer and Captain respectively.

Calendar

1st August

Michaelmas Term begins

9th September

Girls' Hockey 1st XI v Cranleigh 2 pm

7th October

Girls' Hockey 1st XI v Lancing 2 pm

14th October

Girls' Hockey 1st XI v Seaford 2pm

OJ Evensong 6pm

OJ Dinner 7pm for 7.45 pm

15th October

OJ Club AGM 10 am

Eucharist 11am

Girls' Hockey 1st XI v OJs 1.30 pm

Rugby 1st XV v OJs 2.30 pm

11th November

Rugby 1st XV v Reeds School 2.30pm

18th November

Rugby 1st XV v Chichester High

School 10.30 am

9th December

Rugby 1st XV v Churchers 11 am

15th December

End of Michaelmas Term

Opera Brava & the Hurst Festival

Following the wonderfully successful Opera Brava performances in the College's Inner Quad earlier this Summer, OJ's may be interested to learn that The College was closely involved in the programming and organisation of the first Hurst Festival which took place in September 2005. The festival was an enormous success and will now take place annually.

The 2006 Festival will run from 15th September - 1st October and a number of events will take place at the College and/or involve pupils from the College.

These events are detailed below.

OJ's who would like the full Festival Programme are invited to write to the College's Festival Committee Member: Derick Bostridge, Director of Marketing, Hurstpierpoint College, College Lane, West Sussex BN6 9JS (or e-mail derick.bostridge@hppc.co.uk) with their full name and address and he will send a programme.

An edited version of the programme can be found at www.hurstfestival.org and Festival tickets can be ordered by:

- ▶ using the printed order form in the back of the printed Festival Programme
- ▶ printing off the ticket order form that can be found at the festival website www.hurstfestival.org
- ▶ ordering tickets on-line at www.ticketsource.co.uk

Through the offices of Hurst Old Boy Philip Robinson, the Purcell Singers will be performing in the Festival this year (in the College Chapel) and their programme includes a piece specially written for the College by Charles-Marie Widor (OHJ's may be familiar with his *Toccata*, still played at many weddings).

Hurst Festival events taking place at College and/or involving students from the College are:

TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Dramatised reading from Marchant's and Weeks' Diaries

with members of Hurstpierpoint Players and village historian Ian Nelson

Hurstpierpoint College Bury Theatre
- 8 p.m.
Tickets £3.00

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Purcell Singers in Concert

Hurstpierpoint College Chapel
- 8 p.m.
Tickets £10 (privilege seats) & £7.50

The Purcell Singers enjoy an international reputation as one of London's leading chamber choirs. Always performing to packed audiences, the choir has also gained an outstanding reputation for its recordings.

Hurst Festival

Of particular interest to OJs is the inclusion in this concert of the *Ave Verum* for voice and organ written in the 1930's by C.M. Widor and dedicated to Horace Hawkins (then Hurstpierpoint College's Head of Music) and the boys of the College. The Purcell Singers will be singing from copies of the original music manuscript (held by the College) written in Widor's own hand and it is hoped that Horace Hawkins' daughter, Ann, will attend the performance.

If that is not reason enough to attend (and tickets are selling fast) the opportunity to hear two mighty pieces rarely performed, not least because they are scored for two organs (a second organ is being specially shipped into the Chapel for the concert), – the Vierge Messe Solennelle and Widor Messe (which itself requires a second choir of baritones) – is alone worth the price of a ticket.

Combine music of this power with works such as Durufflé's *Quatre Motets*, the Poulenc *Quatre Petite Prières de St François d'Assise*, and the Dupré *Quatre Motets* and you have an evening that will thrill all who enjoy their music.

The Festival Committee would like to thank Hurst Old Boy, Philip Robinson - a member of the Purcell Singers - for suggesting this concert and for his help in its organisation.

TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Shakers

by John Godber and Jane Thornton

Hurstpierpoint College Studio Theatre
- 8 p.m.

Tickets £5.00

The performance - by the girls and boys of Hurstpierpoint College - of a play described by the Edinburgh Festival Times as "Another excellent piece of theatre which leaves the audience well entertained and also thinking. Highly entertaining".

Shakers lasts approximately one hour. A free glass of wine or soft drink is provided within the price of the ticket.

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

What a Song and Dance!

Hurstpierpoint College Bury Theatre
8 p.m.

Tickets £5.00

A scorching evening's entertainment with the Burgess Hill Operatic Society and the Hurstpierpoint College Dance Troupe (with occasional support from the Hurst's Prep School Choir) bringing some of the most exciting show stoppers of all time to full blooded life on stage.

Hurst Festival; The Last Word

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Heavens Above!

Poetry and Song at St George's Church, Hurstpierpoint

Holy Trinity Church Choir and Hurst College Students - 8 p.m.
Tickets £5.00

The Last Word

The following interesting “anagrams” have been brought to your Editor’s attention. Any similar efforts will be gratefully received!

Dormitory – *Dirty room*
Presbyterian – *Best in prayer*
Astronomer – *Moon starrer*
Desperation – *A rope ends it*
The eyes – *They see*
George Bush – *He bugs Gore*
The Morse Code – *Here come dots*
Slot machines – *Cash lost in me*
Animosity – *Is no amity*
Election results – *Lies! ... Let's recount*
Snooze alarms – *Alas! No more z's*
A decimal point – *I'm a dot in place*
The earthquakes – *That queer shake*
And the two I love:
Eleven plus two – *Twelve plus one*
Mother-in-law – *Woman Hitler*

Well, it's only a bit of fun!

OHJ & College gift items

Hurst Cuff Links



***The exclusive gift
for you ...
for others ...***

***order now,
available late September***

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These photographs are of a trial version. The finished cuff links are being produced to the identical specification but may differ fine detail. Price guaranteed whilst existing stocks last.

Cheques payable to Hurstpierpoint College should be sent to Derick Bostridge, Hurstpierpoint College, College Lane, West Sussex BN6 9JS with details of the quantity required and the delivery address.

Any profits will be shared between the OHJs and the College.



17 days of extraordinary entertainment
15th September - 1st October

- Purcell Singers • Fred's Flying Circus • Shine • Moondance Jazz
- Messiah from Scratch • Greta Scacchi & her favourite film
- Barn Dance
- Fashion Flair
- Fallen Angels
- Shakers
- Sussex on Film
- Village Party
- Cow Parade
- Richard Durrant, virtuoso guitarist and the Cirrus Ensemble
- Norman Clark's paintings • Tom Young concert • Made in Heaven • Joy of Singing workshop • ... and much, much more

Hurst Festival 2006

- Play in a day
- Noel Coward
- Marchant's Diaries
- Grumpy Old Men
- Festival Disco
- Morris Dancing
- Poetry and Song

Postal booking & Festival Programme

www.hurstfestival.org

Online booking

www.ticketsource.co.uk/hurstfestival

Programme & Booking Office

Pierpoint Pet Supplies, 94 High St



Hurstpierpoint College actively supports the Hurst Festival