

# Hurst Johnian Club

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## Summer 2007

### EDITORIAL

The heart of a Woodard School is its chapel; I refer not to its dominant presence, but to its spiritual importance. Over the years a great influence on many pupils has been the school chaplain.

Hurst's beautiful chapel cannot have failed to make an impact on countless young people; some of course have grumbled at having to attend a service (or congregational practice!) every day, but the influence for good has far outweighed any antagonism or indifference. Of course, times have changed, especially with the introduction of many more day pupils, and no doubt this has made the job of the chaplain that much more difficult.

Looking back, Hurst has been lucky to have so many influential priests at the helm ... some sublime, some eccentric and some of great tact and wisdom. Names trip off the tongue ... Roy Bowyer Yin (brother of Leslie Charteris, creator of *The Saint*), Jack Mills, David Jenkins, Michael McAdam, Timothy Ganz, Gerald Buss, Simon Everson and Paul Hess. Many of us will have grateful memories of one or more of these men.

Hurst will have a new chaplain in September when The Rev. Matthew Lawson arrives from St John's, Leatherhead. He comes with a high recommendation from Christopher Hill, the Bishop of Guildford, and we wish him well in his new ministry.



George Hill, Editor



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# Sport

## Hockey

### OJs v College 1st XI Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> 2007

Hurst 1st XI 4            OJ XI 8

A young and much stronger OJ side than in previous years took to the field on a glorious spring day (after a couple of energy pints at the Sportsman!) to try and avenge the defeat of last year. There was, however, a lot of talk beforehand of a lack of match fitness and without any subs we weren't sure whether we would finish the game with all 11 intact. The match also took on an extra significance with the OJs all wearing one black sock in memory of Rob Porter who played in the fixture last year.

There was the usual rigorous warm up with positions decided minutes before the push back. Still the OJs were straight into their stride stringing a wide range of passes together - well until Jez Taylor took a tumble with his legs struggling to keep up with his stick work! The goals started to come with a fair amount of ease, the OJs building a comfortable lead that the School would always struggle to turn around. The OJs were enjoying the return of Rob Playford to the side. He proved a tricky customer for the School to handle and was responsible



Back row left to right: M Imber, R Cundy, D Harrison, J Taylor, L Atkins, J Cation, S Pockett  
Front row left to right: R Playford, S Warrender, T Harrison, J March

for much of the OJs' dominance. The second half saw a couple of tactical changes to the formation, much needed with legs starting to tire but the pattern of the game carried on the same. Still the School slowly came back into the game with Si Pockett (in goal) getting called upon in more regular fashion. A terrific moment in the game saw Si back to his best by upending the oncoming attacker when the ball wasn't exactly near him!!

A thoroughly enjoyable game ended with a good win for the OJs and the chance for a couple more drinks at the Sportsman.  
(report submitted by Simon Warrender)

Please contact M T Harrison at [harmi78@hotmail.com](mailto:harmi78@hotmail.com) if you would like to play in future matches.

## Golf

**Keith Jenkin** sent us the following report:

In January the society undertook its first intercontinental tour (France doesn't count).

Eight of us, with wives and partners, travelled to New Zealand to stay at the palatial estate of Martin Dancy who emigrated there a few years ago. This was on the east coast of the North Island about 50 miles north of Auckland.

Two days' golf at Warkworth and Omaha Bay golf clubs were supplemented by various expeditions including deep sea fishing, the local nature conservancy park and a splendid lunch time barbeque.

During the week we were able to celebrate the 60th birthday of Rick Holgate when we sat down to a superb meal. Much wine flowed, loosening inhibitions and more elderly OJ golfers will remember with awe the Pilcher rendering of his Zulu warrior war dance, coupled with the Snow White and Seven Dwarves joke, both suitably sanitised for female ears and eyes. The hospitality provided by Martin and Jo was unending and we are all very grateful to them. Martin has made

a real impact on the local community, establishing a local olive oil combine and running a very big charity event in the natural arena there. Jo is also well established in her business of providing



The photo shows, from left to right: Dancy, Travers, Jenkin, Stratford, Pilcher, Negus, Clark, Welsh and Holgate in front. The ladies: Jo Dancy, Sue Pilcher, Pauline Welsh, Judy Jenkin, Helen Holgate (busted wing), Suzanne Stratford and Hazel Yearley.

fitted saddles (the imagination boggles!)

After the dinner we all went our various ways, thankful that we had been able to take part in a marvellous holiday.

The following reports have been received from **Jeremy Waud**:

### **Halford Hewitt Cup**

We have just returned from a very exciting (if a little tiring!) Halford Hewitt Cup, having recorded a very fine victory against Bishops Stortford – our first win for 16 years and our

## Golf *continued*

18<sup>th</sup> win in the 71 years Hurstpierpoint have been playing in the event.

Results from our match against Bishops Stortford on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 07 at Royal St Georges Golf Club – Sandwich; (Won 3.5-1.5)

- Nick Budge & Rick Holgate  
– Lost 5/3
- Paul Turrell & Mark Baldock  
– Won 6/5
- Jeremy Waud & Dan Burstow  
– Won 5/3
- Richard Kelly & Alex Taylor  
– Won 6/5
- Russell Ogden & Peter Masters  
– Match Halved

Results from Round 2 against Epsom on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March at Royal St Georges Golf Club – Sandwich: (Lost 4-1)

- 1 Nick Budge & Rick Holgate  
– Lost 4/3
- 2 Paul Turrell & Mark Baldock  
– Won 2 up
- 3 Jeremy Waud & Dan Burstow  
– Lost 5/4
- 4 Richard Kelly & Alex Taylor  
– Lost 1 down
- 5 Russell Ogden & Peter Masters  
– Lost 1 down

These tremendous results speak for themselves, but particular mention for Paul Turrell and Mark Baldock

as double winners, neither of whom has won a game previously. Also of considerable note are the two matches against Epsom that were narrowly lost down the 18<sup>th</sup> and in most unpleasant wet and cold conditions.

Of interest is that Epsom are ranked 5<sup>th</sup> on the 10 year form Anderson Scale out of the 64 competing schools in the event and went on after beating us this year to reach the final, knocking out Tonbridge (ranked 1) and Charterhouse (ranked 3) before meeting Watsons (ranked 2) and eventual winners in the final!

Many thanks to our team of hardy supporters, Dudley Stratford, Rob McCowen, Derick Fulcher, Keith Jenkin and Kit Millington Hore.

All in all a great and successful year and I hope this gives us something to build on for next year when we need some new players to join or re-join the squad for selection – at this stage we know that Alex Taylor is unlikely to be in the UK next time, indeed this year he flew in from USA for this event. Next year's event is between 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April. The Draw and OHJGS Committee meeting is at the East India Club on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

## Golf *continued*

### The Sussex Two Iron Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2007 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary OHJGS-v-OLD EASTBOURNIANS

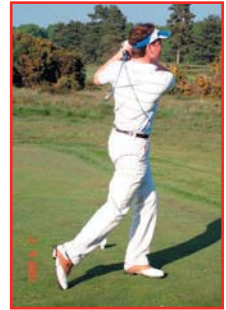
Ken Ohlson is an Old Eastbournian life long friend of our immediate past president, Laurie Henwood, seen here together.



Ken Ohlson & Laurie Henwood

All results are summarised below, the match was drawn 2.5 points each and Eastbourne retained the trophy under Ryder Cup rules!

- 1) Derick Fulcher & John Waterfall v David Dunn & Martin Reynolds 2/1
- 2) Rick Holgate & Roger Goodacre 1/2 v Peter Robinson & Nigel Toeg 1/2
- 3) Simon Clapham & Dudley Stratford 4/3 v Hugh Price & Brian Meaby
- 4) Nick Budge & Graham Negus v Carl Spencer & Patrick Hole 5/3
- 5) Dan Burstow & Steve Waud 2 up v Charles Meaby & Peter Meanley



OHJGS captain  
Dan Burstow



Waud, Hole, Winstanley, Budge,  
Stratford & Clapham

Another great evening was had by all, even Jeremy Waud who stood down and acted as non playing Captain and



Dinner 2007

official photographer for what was a fantastic evening of golf followed by a gourmet dinner in the Fowler room at Walton Heath.

## Golf *continued*

Winners to date:

Eastbourne OEs - Hurst OHJGS

2007 - Draw

2006 - OEs 3.5/1.5

2005 - OHJGS 4/1

2004 - OHJGS 4/1

2003 - OEs 3/2

2002 - OEs 3/2

2001 - OHJGS 3/2

2000 - OHJGS 3/2

1999 - Draw

1998 - OHJGS 3/2

1997 - OEs 3/2

1996 - OHJGS 5/0

1995 - Draw

1994 - OHJGS

1993 - OEs 4/1

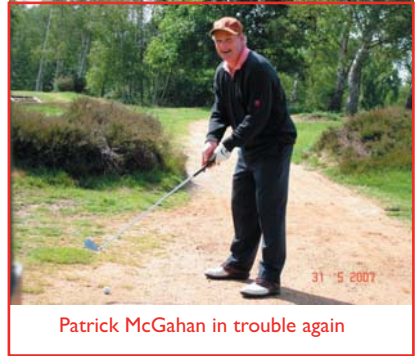
### **Spring meeting Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> May West Sussex Golf Club, Pulborough**

We enjoyed good weather and a turn out of 22 golfers including Graham Bentham as a guest of Robert Scull. It was also good to see Peter Riddey, Mark Semmence, Simon Henkel, Tim Baldwin and Tony Travers.

In his first outing in the society, Simon Warrender scored over 40 points (never a good idea) and was a convincing winner of the Gibbs Trophy.

In the afternoon honours went to Nick Budge and David Staples who took the one remaining Petherbridge Bowl - the

other was sadly stolen a decade ago or so.



Patrick McGahan in trouble again

The veterans' tankard was awarded to Keith Jenkin and later claimed by Ian Pilcher on a technicality - how competitive are they?.....

Our Captain, Dan Burstow, in his first full society outing was awarded a caricature of Halford Hewitt great and good from the current era by our Honorary Secretary and Treasurer - Dudley Stratford. Dudley appears in



Dan Burstow with HH Caricature

one version of the caricature with Nick Budge whilst another features Rick Holgate and Jeremy Waud, in each case intermingled with numerous other Public Schools' players from the other teams.

## Golf *continued* Spring Prizegiving



Simon "Wobbly" Warrender wins the singles



Nick Budge & David Staples pm winners



Keith Jenkins receiving Veterans' Cup



Spring Prizegiving

## Old Hurst Johnian Golfing Society Fixtures for Autumn 2007:

### Sun. 9th Sept. Sussex Schools

Foursomes Competition at Walton Heath GC.

(O. Jeremy Waud)

Foursomes Scratch strokeplay. Team of 6.

### Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Sept to Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept

Autumn Residential Meeting (O. Hon Sec) based at the Fleur de Lis Hotel, Sandwich.

Golf at Littlestone GC (Friday pm – Lowe Cup) and Royal Cinque Ports GC, Deal (Sat. -36 holes) for the Etheldreda Cup & Veterans Tankard (am) & Piggott Boxes (pm). Stay on Friday and Saturday nights.

### Thur 25<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Friendly match v Old Aldenhamians, 10 a side, at Porters Park GC, Herts. (O. Keith Jenkin) Start at noon, and early evening meal.

### Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Nov

Club Dinner and AGM at Fino's Restaurant, 123 Mount Street, London. (O. Hon. Sec).

(Date and venue to be confirmed)

## **Cricket**

### **OJs v College XI**

**13<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

Cancelled due to bad weather.

## **OHJ CRICKET WEEK**

### **2007 DATES**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August v Eton Ramblers

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August v Romany

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August v South Wales

Hunt

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August v Old Rossallians

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August v Cryptics

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August v Stoics

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August v Sussex Martlets

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August v Buccaneers

A report will appear in the Winter edition of the magazine.

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#### **Tom Moulton**

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## **Tennis**

The OJ Tennis Club is hoping to have another St Etheldreda Match against the College. OHJs who would like to participate in Men's, Ladies' and Mixed Teams should contact Roger Vernon at [rvernon@freeuk.com](mailto:rvernon@freeuk.com) or Peach Trees, 49 Chaddesley Glen, Canford Cliffs, Poole, Dorset. BH13 7PB.

Tel: 01202-709527

Mob: 07961-550511

## **Girls' Hockey or Netball**

If interested in playing girls' hockey in the Michaelmas Term or netball in the Lent Term, please get in touch with Claire Tibbott via [oj@hppc.co.uk](mailto:oj@hppc.co.uk)

## **Rugby**

Anyone interested in playing rugby or assisting with the management of the OHJRFC, please contact Mark Porter or Jeremy Carswell via [oj@hppc.co.uk](mailto:oj@hppc.co.uk)

## **Land Society**

The Land Society held its first meeting at Hurst in 1983. Its objectives are to foster and encourage contact and links between OJs who are involved with land and property and to assist pupils at Hurst interested in pursuing a career in property.

We hold social events on a regular basis in Central London and periodically mount Career presentations at Hurst to sixth formers and parents. Those interested please contact David Chapman

Tel: 020 7518 9400

Email: [dchapman@chapman-petrie.co.uk](mailto:dchapman@chapman-petrie.co.uk)

Other members of the committee are:

Peter Watts

Jeremy Campling

Robert Dales

Robert Ebdon

Jonathan Gardiner

Alexander Hunt

James Leach

Chris Pryke

Dominic Rodbourne



## OJ Travel Fund

The following travel report was received from **Jennifer Ayres** (Martlet 2005)

The decision between going straight to university and having a year out always seemed straightforward to me. With the influence of my parents, who lived for periods in Hong Kong and the US, I have always had an interest in travelling and saw this as my golden opportunity. There was no hesitation when ticking the deferred entry box for UCAS. The universities would still be there next year and I had to grab this opportunity whilst I could.

I started making arrangements fairly early in my A level year to ensure that I didn't miss out on anything. I arranged an office job starting from July 4<sup>th</sup>, started conversations with STA travel about desired destinations and contacted Teaching and Projects Abroad for volunteer work. I felt that, as well as three months of doing things for myself and enjoying the freedom to do exactly what I wanted, I should also use my gap year to give something back, broaden my experience and spend some time doing volunteer work. I have always been interested in working with children and was passionate to help some that had been less fortunate than me. It was for this aspect of my travels that I applied for

the OJ Travel Fund, as volunteering for 3 months is fairly costly due to accommodation and board, administration fees and a charitable donation to the institute I would be working at. After a successful interview, the OJ Fund kindly offered to pay for half of the fee, a very much appreciated and helpful contribution.

In order to earn enough for the rest of my travels, I started a customer service role a week after the end of my A levels. This saw the start of 6 months of complaints, enquiries and amendments within the world of magazine subscription services. I was determined to pay for my travels by myself, with the aim of developing my own independence and value for working and saving. After six months of hard work and organising I was in a position to set off on my travels on January 24<sup>th</sup>. With the knowledge that I had earned every penny for my travels I was extremely proud and was eager to experience the reward. I would certainly recommend to anyone thinking of travelling to try to do as much for yourself as possible, it makes it that bit more rewarding in the end.

In addition to money for my own upkeep, my family and I felt that I should raise some extra money for the care home I was going to be working at. We arranged raffles at work, at a Dinner Dance and amongst family

## OJ Travel Fund *continued*

and friends for a Christmas Hamper. Through their generosity we managed to raise over £1,000. I bought some basic medical supplies that the home needed and some swimming suits for the children as we had an organised trip to the beach. I gave the rest of the money as a cash donation so that the school could spend it where they felt it was most needed. Hopefully, this money will help the children who gave me so much through their warmth and amazing characters.



Pacific Sunset

I travelled to all the usual backpacker destinations on my way to Thailand; California, Fiji, New Zealand and Australia, and had a fantastic time climbing glaciers, white water rafting, jumping out of aeroplanes and learning to surf. I then went onto Asia where I did a package tour from Singapore up through Malaysia to Thailand. This was slightly different to the previous destinations, with more interesting and different cultures to experience and admire. Even though I was travelling on my own, I was never alone as the

organised trips meant that I constantly met and travelled with new people.

After my trip I arrived in Bangkok to work in a care capacity at a home for blind children with multiple disabilities. I worked there for ten weeks and, after a few moments of panic over the challenge that I had taken on, fell in love with all the children! The staff were extremely friendly and made my work very easy to get used to with their welcoming and helpful approach to me. My daily responsibilities included feeding the children, doing basic physiotherapy exercises with them, helping with bath times and generally giving them some



Helping a blind Thai child

love. The children were so open and appreciative of love, making these ten weeks some of the most rewarding and worthwhile I have ever experienced.

While in Bangkok I was able to spend time at weekends seeing other

parts of Thailand and at the end of my placement went for a week to Cambodia. I finished off my gap year with a trip to some of the islands in Thailand and then a journey to Chiang Mai, where I went on a Thai cooking course, visited the hill tribes and went on an elephant ride. I then finished off with a trip to Hong Kong before returning home.



**Chiang Mai Elephant Ride**

I had a fantastic trip, met several people who were starting at Nottingham University at the same time as me and have stayed in touch with several more. I am already planning a return to Thailand to see the children again and am definitely going to arrange another gap year at the end of my university course.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the OJs for their generous donation; it certainly helped me reach my final target and made it easier for me to do everything I wanted to do.

## ***OJ Socks***

***OJ long socks in OJ country colours***  
***Order now, available from stock. Price, per pair (inc p & p) £10.99***



Cheques payable to Hurst Johnian Club please. Please send your order to The Club Administrator, Hurstpierpoint College College Lane, West Sussex BN6 9JS and include details of the number of pairs you require and the delivery address(es).

## ***Hurst Cuff***

***Links***  
***Order now, available from stock. Price, per boxed pair, (inc p & p): £15.00***



Price guaranteed only 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 from the sale of the cuff links will be shared between the OJs and Hurst.

## London Dinner

The second London Dinner was held once again at The Naval Club in Mayfair on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2007. 24 OJs sat down to Dinner.

The Headmaster was a most welcome guest. 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 8 pm. 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 another very successful Dinner and in setting the benchmark for what is now hoped by the OJ Committee to become an

The Naval Club has been booked already for next year's London Dinner - to be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008.

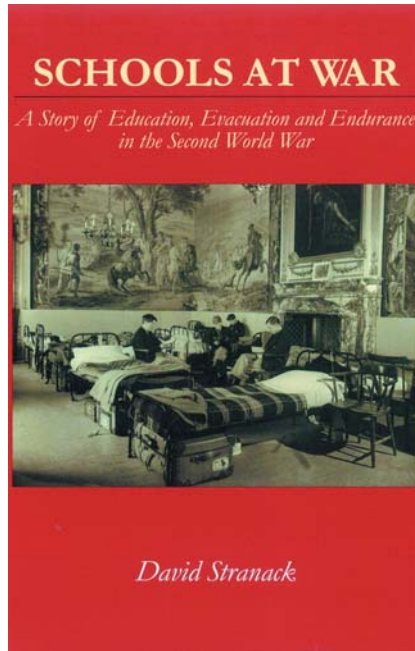
Please therefore put this date now in your diaries. More details will appear in the OJ Newsletter due to be published at the beginning of 2008.

The OJs who attended: Rupert Ayton (OJ Club Hon Treasurer), David Boyle, David Brown, Nick Budge, Daniel Burstow, Alan Buttifant, Nigel Crump, Ian Dudley, Graham Fortune, Malcolm Fortune, Martin Greensted, John Hall (OJ Club President), Keith Jenkin, Kit Millington-Hore, Roger Moulton (OJ Club Hon Secretary), David Paul, Robert Perry, Paul Ruddlesdin, Paul Rutherford, John Taysom Tony Travers, Simon Warrender, James Wilkinson and Jonathan Woolley.

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## Schools at War

A Story of Education, Evacuation and Endurance in the Second World War  
by David Stranack



The extraordinary tales of evacuation, improvisation, drama and trauma that many English schools experienced during the Second World War have now been drawn together in one single book.

Based on an AROPS survey of what actually happened to schools during the years 1939 to 1945 David Stranack has chronicled the stories that emerged from the survey. It contains an amazing range of experiences – from schools in the depths of the countryside which were virtually untouched by the war to the schools in England's towns and cities which suffered the agony of knowing that, after a previous night's air raids, they would not be seeing some of their pupils again.

It is a story of hard work, commitment, bravery, doggedness and determination that they would not be beaten.

The book is priced at £14.99

ISBN 1 86077 338 9 It may be ordered from any bookshop.

## Arops

Association of Representatives of Old Pupils' Societies [www.arops.org.uk](http://www.arops.org.uk)

The 40th AROPS Conference took place at Lord Wandsworth College on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

The Chairman, Roger Moulton (Old Pauline and representative of the Hurst Johnian Club), welcomed 78 representatives from 61 societies

In the absence of the Headmaster, the Deputy Headmaster, Alan Dyson, welcomed the representatives to the College and gave the opening address. He outlined the history and development of the College since its foundation by Lord Wandsworth in 1912. Simon Clements, President of the Sternians' Association, talked about the aims and objectives of the former pupils' society.

For the first session Bill Gillen (Old Arnoldian) introduced Kate Chernyshov, Development Director at Lord Wandsworth College, and Ian McLean, Development Director at Lancing College, who both talked about **The Development Director at Work**.

Margaret Carter-Pegg (Old Crohamian) chaired the second session **Two Into One Will Go** in which Michael Freegard (Old Haileyburian)

reported on the recent AROPS survey of merged societies.

After lunch the time was spent in discussion groups. The following topics were covered: **Life Subscriptions** chaired by Guy Cliff (Old Silcoatian), **Magazines and Newsletters** chaired by Maggy Douglas (St Albans OGA), **Attracting the Younger Member** chaired by John Millican (Old Barnardian), **Software** chaired by Tim Cunis (Old Pauline) and **Hypothetical Ethical Dilemmas** chaired by Bill Gillen (Old Arnoldian).

After a plenary session the Chairman closed the Conference and said that he hoped to see many Representatives at the AGM at Westminster School on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

The 2008 Conference will take place at Kimbolton School on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Tea and a tour of the school followed.

The Annual Dinner was held at Lord Wandsworth College. The guest speaker was His Honour Judge Peter Coulson QC.

Roger Moulton  
Hurst Johnian Club AROPS  
Representative



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**Many thanks**

**The OJ Club**

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

Name: (Block Capitals please).....

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**Your current e-mail address:**

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 pro-forma and return it to Elizabeth Watson c/o the College:

Name: (Block Capitals please).....

House .....Years at Hurst.....

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**The Hurst Johnian Magazine**

The new edition of the Hurst Johnian Magazine will be available in the autumn. If you would like a copy please complete the form below and send it with a cheque made payable to Hurstpierpoint College for £16 (UK), £18 (Europe), £22 (overseas) to Elizabeth Watson at the College.

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## Memorial to Nick Searls



As everyone knows, Nick died only months after he retired from a long spell of teaching music at the College. His expertise and friendship will have affected/touched many OHJs and your Committee thought it appropriate to recognise his very special contribution to Hurst and decided that an engraving on the Chapel organ case was appropriate.

I can report that the Headmaster has given his approval, the Chapel Architect has been appointed and prepared a drawing of the proposed inscription and that approval has been received from the Diocesan Authority.

The total cost is expected to be between £3,000 and £4,000. Many of you who read this will, I am sure, like to be linked with and contribute to this special memorial. If so, please send your cheque, made payable to 'The Hurst Johnian Club', to Rupert Ayton and complete the form below.

Given that Nick came into contact with in excess of 3,000 pupils in his time at Hurst, I suggest a ceiling on each donation of £50. If more funds are received than required, any surplus will be given by the Club to the Music Scholarship Fund in Nick's name operated by the College.

J R M Hall  
President

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To: Rupert Ayton, Treasurer, The Hurst Johnian Club, 22 Dukes Drive, Lindfield,  
Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 2JQ

Please find enclosed my cheque for £     as a contribution to the Nick Searls Memorial

Name: (Block Capitals please).....

House : ..... Years at Hurst .....

# An Evening with Dominic Ferris and friends



A  
Hurst  
Festival  
Event

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
Music School, Hurstpierpoint College 8.00 pm  
Doors open 7.30 pm Tickets £8

**Dominic Ferris was a Music Scholar at Hurst where his studies were guided by that inspirational teacher, the late Nick Searls. In his last year at Hurst, Dominic won a scholarship to the Royal College of Music, where he is still studying and somehow finding the time to write his own music, record and perform.**



**Dominic's skill and versatility have enabled him to create an entertaining and inspirational evening's programme in which he performs an eclectic range of great music from JS Bach to Elton John.**

**Dominic has dedicated this entertainment to the memory of Nick Searls.**

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Online booking [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hurstfestival](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hurstfestival)

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Please telephone 01273 832368 to ensure that tickets are available prior to posting  
your order. Cheques/postal orders should be made out to  
Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common Arts Festival

## Hurst Johnian Club Annual General Meeting

Hurst Johnian Club  
Annual General Meeting  
To be held in the Music School at  
Hurstpierpoint College on Sunday  
14<sup>th</sup> October 2007 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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2007 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 15<sup>th</sup> October 2006

### 1 Apologies for absence

These had been received from J R Allison, D E H Buckingham, I M Dadley, J E V Hall, R W J Hall, L R Hands, J R Leffman P H McGahan, A R Marshall, S Moulton, Sir Stanley

Simmons and D N Stratford.

### 2 Minutes of the previous meeting

These had been circulated before the meeting. It was proposed by H L Steer and seconded by J R M Hall that they should be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2005. This was agreed and the Minutes were signed by the President.

### 3 President's Report

The President reported that the Club was in a sound state and that it was enjoying a continuing good relationship with the College and the Headmaster. The College, and in particular the Director of Marketing, Derick Bostridge, had been very helpful in assisting the Club with the production of the new-style colour, glossy newsletter of which there had now been two issues. Feedback from recipients had been very positive. During the last year the Club had produced some merchandise: OJ socks were now available along with college cufflinks, the latter being part of a joint venture with the College. For many years the Club has presented silver salvers to members of the teaching staff who had reached 25 years at Hurst. He was pleased to report that the Committee had taken the decision to extend this to all members of the College staff and accordingly

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presentations had been made in August to four members of the maintenance staff (two of whom had been at the College for over 30 years).

The Committee continued to represent a good cross-section of the membership and he was pleased to report that there were now four female members of the Committee. He concluded by thanking most sincerely all members of the Committee who had helped him over the previous two years.

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

The Hon. Treasurer presented his report. He announced that as at the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006 there was a surplus on the Income and Expenditure Account of £8,991. There was a surplus on the sale of investments of £4,142 which gave a total surplus of £13,133. The Club's investments, managed by Close Brothers Private Asset Management, as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2005 had a book value of £97, 834 and a market value of £116,092.

He then went on to say that the Committee had decided that 50% of the income received by way of life subscriptions should be invested separately. £12,000 had already been placed with Close Brothers. In view of this the following note would be added to the Accounts: "subject to any adjustment necessary to reflect the deferred income resulting from the up front payment by the school of Life

Membership". This was duly done. On the proposal of A L Buttifant and seconded by J R M Hall the Accounts were accepted and were signed by the President.

### **5 Elections**

The following officers were elected to serve for 2006-07:

President:

J R M Hall

Proposed: B D Renn

Seconded: J R Bettridge

Hon. Secretary:

R H L Moulton

Proposed: J R M Hall

Seconded: J L Cruttenden

Hon. Treasurer:

R H D Ayton

Proposed: R H L Moulton

Seconded: J R M Hall

Asst Hon. Secretary:

J R Bettridge

Proposed: G L Hill

Seconded: R H D Ayton

Messrs A L Buttifant and G L Hill were due to retire from the Committee by rotation, but were available for re-election. On the proposal of R H L Moulton, seconded by T Moulton, A L Buttifant was re-elected. On the proposal of J R Bettridge and seconded

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by B D Renn, G L Hill was re-elected.

On the proposal of R H L Moulton seconded by J R M Hall, P H McGahan was elected to the Committee.

J R M Hall thanked T Moulton for all that he had done during his time as President of the Club.

### **6 Reports:**

#### **Cricket**

The President reported that the match against the College had been drawn. The Brewers' Cup team had lost to the Old Cranleighans in the semi-final. The organisation had been better this year and a full team had been raised for each round. Cricket Week had been very successful. Five matches had been won, two had been lost and one had been drawn. More young players had been available this year and altogether 30 players had been available. It had also been possible for two OJ teams to be in action on the same day against Romany and the Old Cranleighans.

#### **Golf**

In the absence of D N Stratford, G L Hill reported the thanks of the Golf Society for the increased subsidy, the Society was flourishing, there were more younger players and standards were improving.

#### **Rugby**

A L Buttifant reported that the Club was in a state of hiatus. There was a need for new younger players and match managers. Financially the Club was in a sound state.

#### **Hockey**

The Hon. Secretary reported that M T Harrison was in charge. The annual match had been played against the College in March.

#### **Tennis**

R D B Vernon reported that the match against the College had not taken place but that there had been a match against the staff. There would be a match later in the day.

#### **Netball**

There was nothing to report.

#### **Girls' Hockey**

A match had been arranged for the afternoon.

#### **Shooting**

No report had been received.

### **7 Any other business**

B D Renn expressed concern that those awarded Travel Scholarships had not always sent in reports for publication in the Newsletter. The Editor of the Newsletter and the Assistant Secretary agreed to deal with this.

## **Hurst Johnian Club AGM *continued*    Hurst Arts Festival 2007**

G L Hill reported that the Shakespeare Society was approaching its 150th anniversary and asked for suggestions about how the event might best be celebrated. He also stated that the Archives were being moved too frequently and suggested that the Club might ask the College to see what could be done. He also asked if it was possible to publish lists of OJs living overseas.

The Headmaster's Representative said that the Cricket Pavilion was in need of renovation and asked if the Club would discuss the matter.

Miss C E Lloyd said that ways of involving younger OJs in Club events and activities should be examined and that there was still a need for younger committee members.

R D B Vernon asked if it would be possible for OJs to stay in school over the Etheldreda Weekend. The President said that he felt that this was very unlikely but that it would be investigated.

The Hon. Secretary said that he wished to place on record the Club's appreciation of the services of Mrs Elizabeth Watson, the Club Administrator whose help and support over the year had been invaluable.

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### **Arts Festival Events at Hurst**

The 2007 Festival runs from 14<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September with a varied programme of events in and around Hurstpierpoint, including events taking place at the College:

#### **Jazz at the College**

Music School, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 7 pm  
Tickets £6

Following their recent and enormously successful concert tour of South Africa, the College Jazz Band will perform a powerful and varied repertoire of Jazz Standards and some more modern original compositions.

#### **An Evening with Dominic Ferris**

Music School, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 8 pm  
Tickets £8

A former Music Scholar at Hurst, Dominic's skill and versatility have enabled him to create an entertaining and inspirational programme of an eclectic range of music from JS Bach to Elton John.

#### **Look Back in Anger**

Drama Studio, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 8 pm  
Tickets £6

This production looks certain to challenge its first brilliant outing at Hurst in the 1970s when it starred Roger Casale (former MP) and Jeremy Dean and received superb reviews.

Tickets available from the Lodge or online at [www.hurstfestival.org](http://www.hurstfestival.org)

## A Survivor's Story

We have been sent details of this memoir written by John Read (Chevron 1934) and published posthumously. His obituary appears later in the newsletter. If you would like to buy a copy, please see overleaf for the details of Edgerton Publishing Services.

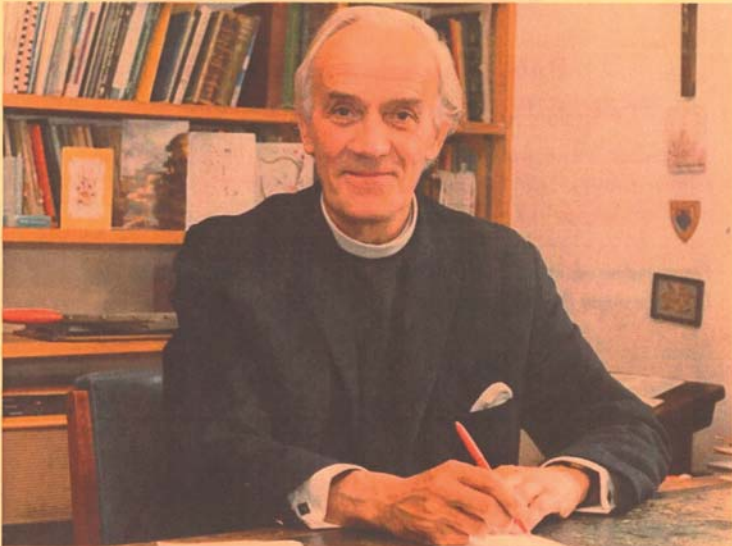
# A Survivor's Story

## Prisoner of War to Parish Priest

John Read was working in a bank when Singapore was invaded by the Japanese in late 1941. As a Sergeant in the Straits Settlement Volunteer Force, he took part in the defence of the colony and, after his capture, was sent first to work on the notorious Burma Railway and then to a zinc smelting factory in Japan.

The first part of this book gives a brief account of John's years before going to Singapore. Then follows an account of his imprisonment that is remarkable for its lack of bitterness. The third part of the book tells of his training and ordination after the war and his subsequent ministry as a parish priest.

This account has not been published previously because John thought "no one would be interested". However, even after 50 years, his quiet courage and faith come through very clearly.



**A Survivor's Story** *continued*

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## Obituaries

In the last edition we reported the death of Richard Reynolds (Star 1957). The obituary was very short and we are pleased to record a more detailed account supplied by his brother David (Star 1954).

### **Richard Reynolds Star 1952 – 1957**

Several of my brother Richard's friends from his days at Hurst have contacted the Editor to say how sad they have been to hear of his death last September. Although over the years inevitably Richard lost touch with many of them, it is very warming to learn that he is remembered with considerable affection. I have been asked if it is possible to know something more of his life than the necessarily rather brief notice which has appeared in the journal so far. I am delighted to try to enlarge a little. Through our father, who was himself 'something in the City', Richard always had an interest in the City of London and its traditions. When he left Hurst he went straight there. He studied law as an articled clerk with the distinguished firm of Linklaters and Paines, and in 1961 qualified as a fully-fledged solicitor, with an interest particularly in commercial law. Typical of Richard, he did not discover until very many years later that in his qualification he had achieved some of the highest marks ever recorded by a candidate from his parent firm. This qualification, however, he regarded

only as a first step into entering commerce itself as a career. Richard's commercial ambitions then took him through a sequence of appointments with a variety of very well-known companies headquartered in the City. For a spell, to his delight, he even found himself based in Sydney, Australia, a city and country for which he never subsequently lost his enthusiasm. Back at home, he enjoyed considerable regard as one of the rising stars of the City, at one point being the subject of a full-length profile in the business section of *The Times*. Later he joined a large firm of importers based in the Middle East, his particular task being to develop the company's real estate holdings worldwide. In those years, negotiation of the purchase of a few skyscrapers in New York was for him a matter of mere daily routine! However, as time went on Richard decided he would rather work for himself than for others. He went into property development in his own interest, concentrating on projects in and around London.

It had always been Richard's intention to retire as early as possible and in his mid-fifties this is what he achieved. By then he knew exactly what in life gave him particular enjoyment and he determined to enjoy his days to the full. In his working years his interest in property had showed itself in a succession of elegant homes, all

## Obituaries *continued*

in Knightsbridge. When retired the homes were created instead in places as far afield as Cornwall (the family has strong Cornish origins), West Palm Beach in Florida and eventually in his real spiritual home, near St Tropez in the south of France. He had just completed building a home there when sadly his life ended. Other passions were for highly-sophisticated wheels (one never knew just what would arrive on the drive next), and glamorous sea and river motor-boats, of which he owned a succession. The love of water (except in his J & B Rare, always to hand) he had acquired as a student when he had joined the RNVR from its headquarters HMS President, moored immovably on the Embankment in Westminster. In his time in the Reserve, he rose through the ranks from basic Able-Seaman to full commission as Lieutenant, a substantial achievement. From his travels Richard had of course created a very wide circle of friends, and he supported also a very strong attachment to the various branches of his own family. He never married. Routine and rigid ties were not his thing. They just did not fit his idea of life lived to the full. For some reason he always had said that he did not expect to make 'old bones', and sadly this prediction came true. While in America he developed heart problems, from which he never fully recovered, despite surgery there. After his move

to France later, it is believed it was a complication of his medication which precipitated his final illness, a rare but lethal form of aggressive anaemia. He was treated with magnificent skill by the staff of a specialist hospital in Marseille, but the problem was too much for them all. After a nine-month battle, on 1st September last year, Richard finally succumbed, at the too young age of 67. He was cremated in France, and the ashes will return to Cornwall. Shortly after his death, his family and friends held a memorial service for him at St Mary's Bourne Street near his beloved Sloane Square. The service and hymns were selected deliberately to remind of the occasions he enjoyed so much during his days at Hurst. He remembered his old school always with great affection, believing that it was there that he acquired the very high standards and principles which had stood him in such good stead throughout his colourful life. Richard was a man very much loved and respected by not just his family, but by all who knew him. He will be very missed.

### **P W King** Staff 1981-1996

Peter W King died of cancer earlier this year. After attending Reading University Peter was on the staff at St. Peter's School, Seaford for a couple of years before coming to teach at the Junior School in September 1982. He was Head of English, teaching

## Obituaries *continued*

some History and French as well. A competent soccer and cricket coach he ran the 1st XI Soccer for a number of seasons as well as assisting with Colts B and Under 9 XI Cricket. He was also responsible for the production of two school plays – The Machine Gunners in 1993 and Powder Monkeys in 1994. He had the distinction of leaving Hurst twice – once at the end of 1989 when he took a job in Worthing only to return in September 1990 and finally in 1996 when he became Head of English at Durston House in Ealing. Very professional in all that he did, he was a valuable member of the Common Room.

**J D Rumball** Junior School 1979-1982

Julian Rumball died in April 2007. He and his twin brother Richard joined the Junior School in September 1979 and were members of Howard's. After taking Common Entrance both brothers attended Brighton College.

**M H D Weeden** Shield 1950-1954  
Michael Weeden died on 13th April 2007.

**R J M Porter** Red Cross 1992-1997

**John Read** 1917 – 2004

John was at the college from 1932 until 1934 in Chevron House. Brother of C H Read (Chevron 1933-1936). He joined the Mercantile Bank of India

and after working at Head Office was sent out East aged 21, to be based in Kuala Lumpur and Penang. He joined the Straits Settlements Volunteer Force and was taken prisoner at the fall of Singapore.

John worked on the Burma Railway and also in a Zinc factory in Japan before being liberated by the Americans and finally getting back home in November 1945.

In 1946, having been accepted to train for the ministry, he went up to St John's, Oxford and later to Queen's Theological College, Birmingham. He served his tithe at St Mary's, Eastbourne and went on to St Mark's, Horsham and St Wilfrid's, Brighton. Then as Rector of St Mary Beddington for 17 years and finally back to Chichester Diocese as Rector of St Lawrence Guestling and St Mary and St Peter, Pett. He served as Rural Dean of Sutton and in retirement, as Rural Dean of Rye. He also served as a Duty Clergyman, one week a year at Westminster Abbey. Having been a chorister from 1926 – 1932, he very much enjoyed this experience and ministry.

John had a long and happy marriage. He and Frances had two sons and a daughter. Sadly their younger son, Jonathan, died of Leukaemia in 1999 but Frances, Tony and Judy survive him.

An interesting snippet of information has emerged following the obituary

of **Neil Forster**. He always thought he was the only person to play both Hockey and Rugby Football at Twickenham. The former was in an international against Holland; the latter for the Public School Wanderers.

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### **News and Views**

We were pleased to hear from **Mark Luffingham** (Star 1968)

I attended the OJ reunion held for those who left in the '60's - it was a very enjoyable day. Not only did I see but also, amazingly, I recognised a lot of faces that I have not seen for nearly 40 years. Who could forget Clive Perry who I was at Hurst Prep School with from the age of 8, I think I can safely say he hasn't changed at all! Then there was David Brown, Malcolm Fortune, Chris Wigg, John Procter, Chris Hodgson – just a few amongst so many – it was a very good, albeit nostalgic day and well worth the effort to attend.

I live in the heart of the Hampshire countryside between Denmead and Hambledon (as George Hill would know, this is the birth place of cricket) and run a small distribution company specialising in supplying very expensive electronic devices to the SuperYacht market throughout Europe. I have been married to Anna for nearly 28 years and we have 2 children, one

living and working in London having read English and Drama at Queen Mary's University in the East End and the other just completing his degree in Product Design at Cardiff.

Any OJ that remembers me is more than welcome to get in touch (via the OJ office) should they feel the urge.

The account of **Ken Mason's** hundredth birthday evoked memories from several OJs. Your editor has been reprimanded for not pointing out that the "other" person on the cover of the last edition is **John Hall** (Red Cross 1963), the current president of the Hurst Johnian Club. (Of course, if you had attended the last AGM you would have known that! Ed.)

**Cecil Humphery-Smith** (Red Cross 1947) finds it difficult to imagine that when he was at school, Ken was just twenty years his senior!

**J V Burnside** (Red Cross 1935) recalls that when he was in Red Cross under Bill Wright, Ken joined the staff and played in the school orchestra. (Is this another talent of which few of us know?)

**Jack Gee** (Shield 1946) sent his thanks to Ken for "making History come alive and enabling him to win a scholarship to Brasenose College, Oxford". Jack,

## News and Views *continued*

who lives in France, also sent some news of himself and his brother Raymond.

**Noel Tuck** (Shield 1951) sent his congratulations for Mr Mason, sir. Although well into his seventies, he could not possibly refer to his former history master as “Ken”!

Your editor has been reprimanded by two correspondents. I apologise to **Mrs Chris Clarkson** for “pruning” two years off her service at Hurst. For the record she was on the staff from 1993 to 1997, not 1994 to 1996.

**Tom Sutcliffe** (Fleur de Lys 1960) has told me off for my reporting of the “Winters Tale saga”, but I think I am forgiven.

**Martin Sherwin** (Shield 1966), not only a former pupil but also sometime Bursar at Hurst, has now retired from a similar post at Wellington. He and his wife Ruth have moved to Dorset.

**John Hughes** (Star 1954) has written following comments in the last edition on St Etheldreda.

He writes: I feel qualified to comment on St Etheldreda as for the past four years I have lived in Ely and I worship in the cathedral which she founded in 673... well strictly speaking, she founded the monastery on the site of which the cathedral was later built ...

so the saint is “big” in these parts. Her proper feast day is celebrated on June 23<sup>rd</sup>; October 17<sup>th</sup> is remembered as the date of the translation of her relics to a new shrine by her sister Sexburga in 695. (I remember an assistant chaplain at Hurst being bet a bottle on gin that he could not preach a sermon on Sexburga in chapel .. he won his bet!)

John goes on to say that, as a self-confessed fuddy-duddy old man, he has not been back to Hurst since it went co-ed! (I felt I’d sooner remember Hurst as it was!”) Nevertheless he keeps in touch and will probably come down one of these days. In retirement (he was a doctor) he paints, sings and walks in Wales.

See the inside  
back cover  
for  
details of the  
**Etheldreda Weekend**  
October 2007

## News and Views *continued*

Your editor recently met **Neil Page** (a former director of music) when he played the organ at a family wedding. He is in good heart and gave me some interesting photographs. Here is one!



1. Who are they?
2. What is the date?
3. Where are they now and what do they do?

No prizes ... just a mention!

## News and Views *continued*

### Independent Schools Inspectorate visit Hurst

Every 5 years, UK independent schools are rigorously assessed by the Independent Schools Inspectorate. Hurst was assessed early in 2007. Inspection Teams visited the College and examined pupils' work, observed lessons and interviewed pupils. They held discussions with staff and governors, and observed extra-curricular activities.

'We are, of course, not perfection but the Inspection Reports are very encouraging indeed.' comments the Headmaster, Tim Manly. 'The Inspectors recognised that all pupils learned and achieved well in relation to ability and in line with an educational ethos that encourages challenging targets. All are well prepared academically, and in many other ways, for the next stage in their education. All teaching was judged good, excellent or outstanding. In the Senior School, "Pupils are very well educated considering age, ability, gender, and ethnic origin and circumstances. They achieve good levels of knowledge, skills and critical and creative understanding in subjects and activities, and they apply them effectively". 'The Inspectors' reports clearly identified core strengths. Pastoral care, extra-curricular activities (including the creative and performing arts) and sport were described as outstanding.

'I am particularly pleased that the Inspectors recognise the extraordinary friendliness that, for so many, is their lasting impression of Hurst. In the Senior School they wrote, "Relationships between staff and pupils and among pupils are outstanding. An excellent and supportive community spirit together with an appreciation of common values permeate the College; pupils are happy, courteous and relaxed in their dealings with each other. Dedicated and effective house teams do all that they can to provide individual support for pupils of all ages".'

Tim Manly and Michèle Finnegan, Head of the Pre-Prep, took up their appointments in 2005. In September 2006, Mr Manly appointed Heather Beeby as Head of the Prep School. The reports make it clear that these three 'outstanding' leaders have achieved a great deal in a remarkably short period of time.

Tim Manly concludes 'The Inspectors' findings not only serve to remind us of the school's great strengths but also confirm our own judgement about how to continue to improve the exceptional quality of the education we provide.'

## News and Views *continued*

Valete Chris Gray and Vince Thomas

During the summer term, the OHJ President, John Hall, visited Hurst to make presentations to these two gentlemen to mark their retirement from the Hurst staff.



Vince Thomas

Both have been strong supporters of the OHJs and have given great service to the school, not only in the classroom, but in many extracurricular activities including sports.



Chris Gray

Chris has also served as the Common Room representative on the OHJ Committee.

We wish them both well in their retirement, and hope we keep in touch with them. Thank you, gentlemen.

## The Last Word

### One for the Ladies

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said “You should do it, because you get up first, so if you make it you won’t have to wait so long.” The husband said “You’re in charge of cooking around here so you should do it because it’s your job. I’m happy to wait.” The wife replied “No, you should do it. Besides, it’s in the Bible that the man should make the coffee.” “I can’t believe that”, said the husband. “Show me!” So she fetched the bible, and opened the New Testament to show him that at the top of several pages, it does indeed say ..... “HEBREWS”.

God may have created man before woman, but there is always a rough draft before the masterpiece.

The Membership of any organisation is made up of four bones:

1. Wishbones who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work.
2. Jawbones who do all the talking and very little else.
3. Knucklebones who knock everything anybody tries to do, and
4. Backbones who get under the load and do all the work.

(This, of course, does not apply to the OHJ Committee!)