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EDITORIAL

During his telling and well-constructed sermon at the St Etheldreda service on June 20th, the Rev Canon Bruce Ruddock OJ made a very appropriate comment ... a warning against indifference.

We have to face the fact that the service was without the atmosphere to which regular attenders are accustomed. Who would ever have thought that Hurst's wonderful chapel would be half empty for this annual service? Reasons can be put forward: it was Fathers' Day, and a number of OJs had been at the College just three weeks earlier for the impressive celebrations for the 150th anniversary of the forming of the Cadet Force together with a sumptuous dinner.

What was missing? There was no procession of the choir, and as some were also banner-bearers, half of the choir was robed ... half not. There was no "Jerusalem"; no acknowledgement of OJs who had died during the year; a "queue" for communion rather than the opportunity to kneel with some reverence on the steps at the foot of the great altar; but above all a sad lack of former pupils.

This was the second June Etheldreda week-end. I urge members of the Hurst Johnian Club to speak out to say what they would like; even more I urge members to support the celebrations. There are some two to



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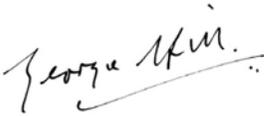
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Editorial *continued*

three thousand OJs; only a dozen at the AGM, very few at the dinner (in spite of a boost in numbers with the golfers turning out to honour Dudley Stratford's forty years as OHJGS secretary), and a disappointing few at the Sunday service.

I end where I began; you missed a memorable sermon from a distinguished OJ.



George Hill, Editor

Cover photo:
150th CCF celebrations

Insurance disclaimer –

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

Sport

HOCKEY

After a very heavy shower just prior to this year's fixture against the 1st XI an enthralling game ensued. As per the previous year the game took place on a Friday evening under floodlights. Fortunately the rain stopped just before the start of the match to allow the game to be played in excellent conditions. After an open start the OJ Captain drilled one into the bottom left hand corner to open the scoring after some excellent approach play down the left and an assist from Tom Gogarty. A little later in the half Mike Harrison repaid the earlier assist and crossed from the right for Tom to score with an innocuous deflection that crept over the line through the keeper's legs, a proper OJ goal. The College 1st XI replied almost immediately from a short corner excellently put away in the put bottom right hand corner. At half time the upper sixth players had to make their way off to parents evening, which was not good news for the OJs as the fresh legs of some U16 players then arrived. The excellent flicks from the central defender started to stretch the game and the fitness of the OJs. A few good chances were wasted by the College when Simon Warrender added to the score line with an impressive reverse stick shot to what looked like the

Hockey *continued*; Cricket

winning goal with just a few minutes left to be played. However, the College replied immediately within a minute with a well worked goal. The OJs were caught napping or more likely were thinking about the first drink down the pub after the game. The College did not hold back there either and in the dying seconds forced a short corner. Their strong drag flicker stepped up, along with the rest of the team, to try and take the match to penalty strokes. The drag flick was fired at the top right hand corner but Simon Pockett made a superb finger tip and match winning save to complete a 3-2 win for the OJs and end a competitive and highly enjoyable match played in a great spirit by both teams.

After some photos and regaling of the fine and amusing moments of the match, the OJ side made their way to the Royal Oak in Wineham owned by OJ Mike Bailey (Martlet '96). After some great food and well earned pints of Harvey's the OJs regaled some stories of old school times (none of which are printable!) but in truth were already thinking about the 2011 match!

Thanks go to all the players listed below who made the effort to come down on a Friday evening from London or as far away as Bristol!

Thanks also go to John Bettridge for

umpiring for the OJs and to Chris Wilson for organising the College XI and umpiring the game as well.

OJ Players:

Mike Harrison (c) (Eagle 96)
Simon May (Fleur de Lys 95)
Simon Warrender (Shield 96)
Dominic Rodbourne (Chevron 97)
Simon Pockett (Red Cross 97)
Matt Imber (Star 98)
Dave Gibson (Red Cross 98)
Oliver Rodbourne (Star 99)
Peter Thomas (Chevron 00)
Rob Cundey (Eagle 01)
Andrew Gordon-Stewart (Star 03)
Tom Gogarty (Star 06)

CRICKET

OJ Match v School, Sunday 20th June

The OJs were keen to make amends on a heavy defeat in last year's fixture. The now regular format of 40 overs per side meant that a result was inevitable. The toss was won by the OJs who elected to field first in the hope of chasing down the target set.

The OJs bowled and fielded tightly never letting the School get away who finished on 163 for 7 off their 40 overs. Alex Sinclair, Tudor Carr and Stuart Hall were all in the wickets with the spin twins of Stuart and Tudor operating very effectively.

Cricket continued; Golf

The OJs felt confident chasing down the target set and the foundations were laid with an excellent opening partnership between William Wild and Robert Lunn. Will ended up going on to make 40. Tudor Carr and Simon May chased down the final runs comfortably with overs to spare. Tudor completed a fine all round display with a 50.

It was a very enjoyable afternoon completed with the School generously supplying after match refreshments in the pavilion. Particular thanks go to John Goodacre for standing in at the last minute.

OHJ CRICKET WEEK DATES FOR 2010

(All matches took place at the College at 11.30 am)

Saturday 31st July v Eton Ramblers

Sunday 1st August v Romany

Monday 2nd August
v South Wales Hunts

Tuesday 3rd August
v Old Rossallians

Wednesday 4th August v Cryptics

Thursday 5th August v Stoics

Friday 6th August v Sussex Martlets

Saturday 7th August v Buccaneers

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GOLF

A selection of match reports. A full set is available online at www.theojclub.com under the Sports and societies banner.

13th April 2010 – Halford Hewitt

The Masters and the Halford Hewitt for 2010 are now over and there was plenty of excitement for those more interested in the events this side of the Atlantic...

We drew Harrow in the first round (Rated No.1 out of 64 schools over the 79 year span of this scratch ten a side foursomes tournament) – on the face of it a daunting call particularly after one of our big guns, Russell Ogden managed to injure his wrist (this time before lights out) on the golf course during last Wednesday's final practice session at Royal St Georges in Sandwich. If nothing else we read the challenge in the sunshine almost perfectly and put our form players at 3, 4 and 5 thinking this would present the best opportunity of a 3/2 win for us against such tough opponents.

I am amazed to report that at the 18th green all of the last three matches were all square and proceeded down the 19th! – in many ways this was our finest hour in the Halford and we were sadly not able to turn the screw of embarrassment on Harrow yet further as Waud and Burstow lost to a 4 down

Golf *continued*

the 19th rendering a win impossible for the other two games still doing battle – Captain Welch and Clapham picked up for a halved match whilst Taylor and Turrell battled on for pride to the 21st hole where they were fluked out of it – the official result recorded a half here also however under the competition rules.

Holgate and Budge, Kelly and Masters successfully took the heat of their top order and played a pivotal part in this great match.

2010 Round 1 v Harrow @ Sandwich (Lost 4/1)

1. Rick Holgate & Nick Budge – Lost 6/5
2. Richard Kelly & Peter Masters – Lost 4/3
3. Alex Taylor & Paul Turrell – 21st hole – halve
3. Jeremy Waud & Dan Burstow – Lost 19th hole
5. Ed Welch & Simon Clapham – 19th – halve

Congratulations to the whole team plus supporters and caddies in the form of President Dudley Stratford, G J Negus, 'Austin Powers' Fulcher, Rob McCowen and Colin Brown. The night of gourmet delights and wine tasting was enjoyed in extremely high spirits – can anyone remember being so satisfied in

defeat! – onwards to Princes GC and the Plate then.

Our first round victims were Trent – our depleted team of six left the supporters and the balance of the team to join Julian Knott for a fun round and lunch at Rye golf club (very civilised) – again we had our order and pairings well sorted and we recorded a 2/1 win in the warm sunshine.

2010 Plate Round 1 v Trent @ Princes (Won 2/1)

1. Peter Masters & Ed Welch – Lost 4/3
2. Alex Taylor & Paul Turrell – Won 4/3
3. Jeremy Waud & Dan Burstow – Won 1up

All in all a tidy result and with Taylor and Turrell due home, we called for Kelly and Budge for round 2 – Kelly arrived in good time and even managed to sort out our new accommodation at the Fleur de Lis in Sandwich (to be billeted ironically with our next opponents, Westminster) as we had by now vacated Romney Hard in Littlestone – Budge unable to hear his mobile had by now arrived home in Hampshire with Dudley! – Call for Mc Gahan, yes Patrick was available and he turned up for duty to complete our team of six at Princes on Saturday morning to partner Captain Ed. This

Golf *continued*

time we were slightly outgunned by our opponents from Westminster, who managed a 2/1 win over us and a place in Saturday afternoon's quarter final against Radley as we made the slow journey home for a rest!

2010 Plate Round 2 v Westminster @ Princes (Lost 2/1)

1. Patrick McGahan & Ed Welch Lost 4/3
2. Jeremy Waud & Dan Burstow Won 2/1
2. Richard Kelly & Peter Masters Lost 7/6

On balance this was a fantastic Hewitt – Dan Burstow was on immaculate form and carried his trusted and folically challenged partner throughout the week. Alex Taylor and Paul Turrell were also predictably good and high praise goes to relative new boys Clapham and Welch for a fantastic result in the main event against Harrow – who could forget the procession of matches going up the 19th – certainly not Harrow!

The next challenge we have is to find some new and preferably young blood to bolster our team and continue to build for the future and on our rent improved form and spirit.

The main event was finally won by Clifton who defeated our old friends

Charterhouse in Sunday's final at Royal Cinque Ports in Deal.

The Plate

The Plate was finally won at Royal Cinque Ports on Sunday (games up to Saturday are at Princes Golf Club) by Radley who beat Edinburgh.

27th April – OHJGS v OE

On a beautiful sunny April afternoon the OHJGS team took on the Old Eastbournians for our annual friendly encounter. For this, the eighteenth anniversary, we enlarged the field to 24 players and maintained the four ball better ball match play format off 3/4 handicap. Hurst fielded one new boy in the form of Harun Cordan, who partnered the Secretary and recorded an impressive 4/3 win over two of Eastbourne's three new boys. The OHJGS team recorded a very strong win with a margin of 4.5 to 1.5 overall. Strong performances were also fielded by Taylor and Burstow (predictably), but also Steve Waud and the Captain and last but not at all least Graham Negus and Paul Ruddlesdin who led us out to victory! Waterfall and Pitt battled from well down to secure a half with Jeremy Waud and Derick Fulcher suffering with both putters and losing by one hole.

The afternoon was wrapped up with a private dinner in Walton Heath's Fowler

Golf *continued*

Room – Fish Bisque, Gressingham duck with bean sprouts and Pak Choi with black bean sauce, followed by a steamed cherry pudding with chocolate sauce and washed down with 14 bottles of acceptable wines! For the 20th anniversary match in 2012, it was agreed that we should have an all day match followed by a dinner and we will try and expand the field somewhat. A fantastic and customarily jovial affair was enjoyed by all participants – this really is a fun event played in the right spirit and we should have more inter old boy team matches like it.

24th June 2010 OHJGS v College – Singing Hills Golf Club

This has become a most enjoyable and hotly contested annual encounter between the College and the Old Boys. This year the event was held at Singing Hills Golf Club, at Albourne, close

to Hurstpierpoint. The teams each comprised of 6 players, with one of the masters, Rob Kift, lending a little strength to the Old Boys. It was a 4 ball better ball contest, off handicap.

The College got off to a great start, with their captain, Sarah Cusition and playing partner Freddie Newmarch, taking control of their match against Nick Budge and Rob Kift, and comfortably coming into the clubhouse as 5/3 winners.

The second match required the guile and cunning of old stagers. The College pair of Tom Fairfax and Tom Page rushed into an early lead of 3 up, but the Old Boys pairing of Bob Carter and Derek Pitt were not to be ruffled, and gradually raised their game to eventually come home 2/1 winners.

All, therefore, rested on the result of the final match between the College



Hurst golfers, May 2010

Golf *continued*; Football, Law Society

big hitter Brandon Troak (watch out Dan Burstow) and his partner Harry Goodwin, who were drawn against Dudley Stratford and Rick Holgate. The tidy OJ pairing were 2 up at the turn, and although Brandon and Harry played some inspired shots on the inward 9, it was not enough to allow the OJs to win 3/2, and thus retain the coveted Henwood Salver.

A hearty light supper followed in the clubhouse, and the Salver was presented to Bob Carter, not only as a winner on the day, but also as a regular supporter of this event.

What was most heartening about the event was the obvious enjoyment and commitment by a young College team. There is plenty of talent here, and it is hoped that this enthusiasm can be transported in the future to them all finding time to play in the OHJGS, not only as fellow golfers, but also as members of the teams representing the old boys in inter-schools competitions.

Also very heartening is the commitment and enthusiasm of several masters who are keen golfers. Paul Goodwin is the main point of contact but was unable to play on the day, and Rob Kift played for the OJs and is keen to promote the game more at Hurst. There was even the suggestion of the Inner Quad becoming a putting green!

All in all a rosy future for the Society.

FOOTBALL

A match was played at Etheldreda arranged by Luke Tarr

LAW SOCIETY

The following was received from Barry Glazier:

“The Law Society has been somewhat inactive. I have always believed that the purpose of the OJ Law Society should be to respond to requests for help and support from the College itself, or from current pupils and former pupils. Otherwise, it is difficult to see why it should have a life of its own.

However, I would not like to see it wither and die. I wonder, therefore, whether there is someone in our readership who is geographically closer than me to the College, and ideally younger than me (not difficult!) and who would be happy, with my help and support, to examine whether our Law Society really can bring benefits to current and former pupils.

If the Law Society cannot serve a useful purpose – most lawyers today in our challenging economic times are reluctant to travel to meetings which are no more than a friendly exchange of gossip and recollections – and

Law Society *continued*; AROPS

particularly if the College cannot make use of our network, then it really is time to draw stumps.

It would be lovely to hear from the College and my fellow lawyers with your views and offers. My office telephone number is 01202 786122, my home telephone number is 01202 885128 and my email address is barry.glazier@LA-law.com”.

ASSOCIATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OLD PUPILS SOCIETIES (AROPS)

www.arops.org.uk

Roger Moulton represented the Hurst Johnian Club at the 43rd Annual AROPS Conference which took place at Dean Close School, Cheltenham, on Saturday, 8th May 2010 by kind permission of the Headmaster and the Old Decanian Society.

The Chairman, Bill Gillen (Old Instonian and Old Arnoldian) welcomed 100 representatives and guests from 71 societies to the 43rd Annual Conference.

The Deputy Headmaster, Bradley Salisbury, welcomed the representatives to Dean Close and spoke briefly

about the school’s caring ethos and its academic and sporting successes. Nick Akerman, Chairman of the Old Decanian Society, paid tribute to Lucy Smith (Alumni Secretary), Quentin Seymour-Smith and the many other Old Decanians who had assisted with the preparations for the conference before outlining the history of Dean Close and talking about the Old Decanian Society.

For the First Session, Michael Freegard (Old Haileyburian and AROPS Secretary), introduced Mr Stuart Westley, the General Secretary of AGBIS and former Master of Haileybury, who spoke about ‘Governance of Schools Today’. In a fascinating address, Stuart Westley outlined the role of AGBIS which, inter alia, organises training seminars for school governors, publishes a manual of good practice and provides an advisory service for heads and bursars.

Guy Cliff (Old Silcoatian and AROPS Vice-President) introduced the Second Session speaker, Dr David Heathcote, the Appeals Director at the Silcoates School, whose talk was entitled ‘Successful Friend-Raising’ and contained much helpful advice for the representatives.

After lunch the Third Session consisted of the following extremely useful discussion groups and workshop:

AROPS *continued*; CCF Anniversary

- A Communications
Tristan Bradley (formerly KCS)
- B Overseas Alumni
Susan Woodward (Harenc School)
- C Engaging with Younger Members
Nick Akerman (Old Decanian)
- D Subscriptions
Tim Neale (Old Radleian)
- E Parents, Friends and OP Societies
Roger Moulton (Old Pauline)
- F Facebook Workshop in IT Suite
Joff Manning (Old Lawrentian)

The final part of the day's programme was an hour of Questions and Answers, consummately chaired by Tim Cunis (Old Pauline).

The Chairman closed the 2010 Conference by reminding representatives that the next AGM would take place on Thursday, 7th October 2010 at the City of London School for Girls and the 2011 Annual Conference at Kingston Grammar School, Kingston-upon-Thames on Saturday 7th May.

Tea and tours of Dean Close followed. The Annual Dinner took place in the evening in the school dining hall when 50 representatives and guests were entertained by guest speaker, Steve Boreham who, in 2004, became the first physically disabled person to row across the Atlantic.

THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CADET FORCE

Friday 28th May was a memorable day, for the college celebrated 150 years of the cadet movement at Hurst. Martin Williams produced a booklet which explained that Hurst was one of seven schools which established a cadet force in 1860, and gave details about the first years of Hurst's Cadet Corps. It is of interest that Hurst was the only Sussex school to have a cadet corps until Eastbourne College formed theirs some thirty-six years later. It took the start of the Boer War to stir Lancing and Brighton to follow suit! A large parade gathered in the outer quad, and Admiral Lord Boyce OJ inspected the cadets. A fair number of OJs were in attendance.



Subsequently there were static stands to inspect and the Outdoor Education Centre was officially opened.

After tea in the inner quad, at which we were delighted to see Ken Mason, there was a service of dedication in the chapel. This was followed by the beating of retreat by the 1st Cinque Ports Rifle Volunteers Corps of Drum, after which there was a reception and

CCF Anniversary *continued*

the 150th Anniversary Dinner in the dining hall. Each diner was presented with a medallion to commemorate a very special day in Hurst's history.



A pictorial history of the ACF and CCF has been written by Mr Mike Ryan. There are many photographs of Hurst contingents through the ages.



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OJ Weekend

THE OJ WEEKEND 19th-20th JUNE

This was the second “Summer St Etheldreda”, and while the format remained much the same, one felt there was a need for some fine tuning. Sadly there was insufficient response to form an OJ choir for choral evensong, so that was cancelled and the time of the AGM was changed. Very few OJs were interested in a hog-roast on the Saturday evening, so that too was cancelled, but those attending the dinner were kindly invited to a reception by the College.

A very splendid meal was enjoyed by all in the evening. The president, Graham Croll, invited those present to toast OJs overseas at 9.00 pm, and slightly later proposed the traditional toast Floreat Hurst. The Headmaster replied to this and gave the diners a resumé of the year’s achievements at the College.

At the end of dinner, presentations were made to Dudley Stratford (Red Cross 1955) in recognition of his forty years’ service as secretary of the OJ Golfing Society, and to George Hill (Chevron 1951) for his services to the OJ cricket week. Both gave brief but sincere thanks.

At the invitation of the Headmaster, many then retired to the Common Room, where tales of yesteryear were aired yet again!

Sunday was gloriously sunny, and Hurst looked at its best. After the service in chapel, at which the Rector of Hurstpierpoint was the celebrant and the Rev. Canon Bruce Ruddock (Fleur de Lys 1974) preached a splendid sermon, drinks and a buffet lunch were served in the inner quad. Most visitors then relaxed to watch the cricket match between the College XI and an OJ XI (one of the College’s few losses during the season!). There was no College tennis team available, so three mature OJs and the wife of one enjoyed a couple of sets.

Most OJs had departed before there was excellent entertainment under the heading of “Music for a Summer Evening” in the inner quad. Many thanks to the staff and pupils who took part.

The Hurst Johnian Club extends its warm thanks to the Headmaster for the College’s hospitality.

OJ Annual Dinner

THE 122nd ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HURST JOHNIAN CLUB

The following attended the dinner on the Saturday evening:—

Mr and Mrs Tim Manly Headmaster
Mr and Mrs Nick Beeby
 Headmistress of Prep School
Mrs Michele Finnegan
 Headmistress of Pre-Prep
Mr and Mrs Graham Croll
 President of OJ Club Star 1957
Mr Baran Ceylan Head Boy
Miss Bethan Zeidler Head Girl
Mr and Mrs Neil Matthews Director
 and Assistant Director of Music
The Reverend Canon and
 Mrs Bruce Ruddock Fleur 1974
Mr Laurie Henwood Chevron 1942
Sir Stanley Simmons Star 1946
Mrs Ruth Lambert ex-Staff
Mr Richard Ottley Star 1949
Mr Bryan Renn Shield 1950
Mr David Coles Fleur 1951
Mr and Mrs George Hill
 Chevron 1951
Mr Tim Bastow Fleur 1954

Mr and Mrs Dudley Stratford
 Red Cross 1955
Mr Robert Hall Star 1956
Mr Rupert Ayton Shield 1958
Mr K Burleigh Star 1958
Mr and Mrs Ian Clarke Chevron 1958
Mr and Mrs Peter Scott Shield 1962
Mr Roger Vernon Chevron 1962
Mr and Mrs John Hall Red Cross 1963
Mr Bruce Hay Star 1970
Mr Alan Buttifant Fleur 1973
Mr and Mrs Jeremy Rawlins
 Shield 1974
Mr and Mrs Jeremy Waud Shield 1978
Mr Graham Negus and Mrs Hazel
Yearley Shield 1979
Mr and Mrs Andrew Penfold
 Fleur 1980
Mr Gordon Roff Martlet 1980
Mr and Mrs Robert Ebdon
 Martlet 1984
Mr Hugh Thomas Staff
Mr Rob Kift Staff

Dudley Stratford and George Hill
were presented with awards at the OJ
Etheldreda dinner at the College on
Saturday night.

OJ Annual Dinner *continued*; OJ Choir, OJ Tankard and Vase

Dudley was recognised for his sterling 40 years of service to the OJ Club and the golf society in particular. OJ Club outgoing President Graham Croll said:

‘Dudley held the position of Secretary of the OHJGS for 40 years from 1969 finishing in 2009 when he handed over to Richard Holgate.



Dudley Stratford and George Hill

Dudley has operated an extraordinarily well organised society for the OJ club over 4 decades and has now been elevated to the post of President taking over from Keith Jenkin and Laurie Henwood before him (also here tonight).

David Scrivens the long serving

secretary at Royal Ashdown Golf Club described Dudley as the most efficient old boys’ secretary that he dealt with.

Dudley juggled his life as a practice Accountant, then Finance Director to OJ and close friend Nick Budge with his busy golfing and OJ schedule that covered the treasury function as well as Honorary Secretary. He represented Hurstpierpoint in the Halford Hewitt competitively from 1959 until relatively recently.’

George Hill, OJ, golfer, teacher and secretary of The OJ Cricket Week for 32 years was also honoured by the OJ Club for his outstanding contribution to the club as well.

OJ CHOIR

Unfortunately it was necessary to cancel the Evensong at Etheldreda as there were not enough volunteers to form an OJ Choir.

OJ TANKARD AND VASE

Congratulations to UVI Pupils Georgina Brehaut and Matthew Hearn who were awarded the OJ Vase and OJ tankard respectively at the leavers’ dinner in June.

Change of address:

With the new website at www.theojclub.com, you can change your own address and email. If you don't know your User name or password, please contact Elizabeth Watson. Alternatively, you can send the forms below to Elizabeth at the college.

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS please):

New Address:

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..... From (date):

Your Current e-mail address:

The Committee is always anxious to improve the levels of communication with the membership. The Committee has decided that it would like to make use of e-mail for special announcements and for reminders about Club events. At present the Club holds a number of e-mail addresses, some of which appear to be out of date. We would like to increase and update the e-mail addresses we hold. Needless to say, all e-mails will be sent out 'blind' and under no circumstances will the Club divulge any e-mail address to a third party. Therefore if you would like to receive e-mails from the Club would you please complete the attached pro-forma and return it to Elizabeth Watson c/o The College:

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OJ Travel Fund

OJ TRAVEL FUND

2010 Travel Fund awards were made to:

UVI applicants:

Matilda Sims

Patrick Sandys-Renton

Robin Bush

Alex Esson

OJ Applicants:

Miriam Kennedy

Jenny Lenz

Hannah Mosley sent in the following report on her expedition to Nepal last year.

I would like to thank the OJ travel fund for helping me to get out to Nepal this Summer. The trip has been a brilliant experience and as a result, I have plans to travel further north to High Mustang next August.

This year I went to Nepal to volunteer in a small orphanage in Buggar for a fortnight and then out to the village of Bhalam to work in a school.

The first two weeks I spent in Pokhara (the second city of Nepal, within the foothills of the Himalayas) and took the local bus each morning to Buggar where the Asha foundation orphanage is situated. The orphanage consists of a small building with only a few rooms and a small “garden” but it was home to about twenty children – another child turned up almost every day I was

there. The orphanage was probably the harder part of volunteering – there was too much for just one person to do. The children were all ages, between a few months and 13 years old and were either orphans, from single parent families or from families simply unable to provide for them. My job there was to look after them in the day when they were there and to be a tutor when they went back to school. This was easy enough but several times, I would come back in the morning to find one with a pack of cotton wool glued to his head where he’d fallen out of a tree or been hit with a flying rock where one of the others had been playing “cricket”.

After a fortnight, I moved across the river Seti (via the obligatory narrow bridge across the high gorge) and into a small village called Bhalam where I lived with the mother and sister of the principal of the school at which I was volunteering. The facilities in the village were quite different to the town – there was no running water, no electricity for 14 hours of the day and often none at night due to the monsoon weather. The house was next to the Buffalo shed and the goats and cockerel lived under the house which, with no real doors, meant I often ended up sharing my room with the animals – not to mention the cornucopia of insects, lizards and small rodents. The first night was a bit of a shock, turning on a torch only to see

OJ Travel Fund *continued*

hundreds of tiny feelers peering through the mosquito net but it didn't take long to get used to it. The ants were probably the worst thing, as they were everywhere including in the food.

Most mornings I would be woken up by the cockerel and the sound of Mira feeding the animals around 5 am. At 6 or 7 I would go into the kitchen area for breakfast number one – usually a couple of eggs, then get ready for school and at 9.30: breakfast number two, a huge serving of Dhalbaat. At 10 I would take the children, who showed up each morning, to school which was only a short walk away (though this walk often took me much longer than it should have done as the mud paths became little fast moving streams which either sucked in my feet until they were stuck in the mud or made me slip all over the place). The walk to school was always one of my favourite parts of the day (mud aside) as it went through the jungle and out into the paddy fields which, sitting in a basin framed firstly by the steep hills covered in jungle and then by the Himalayas, look pretty spectacular (when you could see them through the cloud). At the school I was meant to be teaching English direct from the class books all the teachers follow. The Nepali school was very different to English schools. The only kind of discipline used is corporal punishment – several times the teachers

would just randomly smack the children in the side or round the head and I did see teachers throw rocks at children to get their attention. One of the class ceilings leaked so the children sat with their umbrellas up indoors and two classrooms rained poisonous caterpillars from the bamboo roof.

A few times Mira did take me to go cut grass with her (for the goats) which meant walking along the mud paths through the paddy fields and going up to the forest side. I enjoyed this a lot as it gave me the chance to see how they worked the fields and gave me an opportunity to ask Mira about some of the stranger rituals she'd been doing at the house. One week I was there, for example, for three days she would not go into the kitchen and would only sleep on the floor – she later explained this was to avoid scaring the food as it was the first few days she was working in the fields.

It was noticeable that there was a strong Maoist influence on the curriculum – when it was being taught. While I was in Nepal, there was at least one teachers strike per week and as I left riots were breaking out in Pokhara as well as Kathmandu. Nepal seems to be a case of over-bureaucracy – everything is chaos.

The mix of volunteer placements

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between the town and the village gave me an opportunity to see different sides of Nepali life.

I'd like to thank the OJs once again for their help. The trip is something I hope to be repeating and to build upon in order to build it into my academic studies.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Bruce Hay (Star 1970) stood as the UKIP candidate for Reading West in the general election in May. Sadly for him, he failed to win the seat. He also sent some photos of Hurst snowbound in the winter of 1965/66. We were pleased to see him at Hurst for the CCF 150th celebration.

An appeal. The photographs of cricket XIs in the pavilion have been refurbished but one or two are missing. If anyone can lend any of the following years to be copied, it would be much appreciated:—
1956, 1964, 1972, 1983, 1987 and 1997

In fact any unwanted photographs of Hurst would always be welcomed for the archives.

Patrick Grigsby (Red Cross 1949) had his book "A Life Apart ... the Fate of an Outsider" published in January. The

book is published by Pen Press and is available from Amazon or Waterstones. Several chapters are devoted to Patrick's time at Hurst following his arrival from Turkey in 1945.

Following my comments about overseas OJs in the last newsletter, Bob Hollins (Chevron 1964) wrote to say that he had spent most of his working life in Nigeria, Oman, Egypt, Qatar and Dubai before retiring to Switzerland. He has maintained a bolt hole in Hassocks, and likes to return to England occasionally as no one makes baked beans quite like Heinz(UK)! He wonders whether Noel Tuck's Delaware Chapter will accept part time Marylanders.

He also names the swimmers on p.31 of the last edition:—

Clockwise from the top: Hadfield, Pearce, Darnley, Hollins, Broadhurst, "Fingers" McAdam, Houghton, Ferguson, Narishkin and Backhouse.

He also wonders whether a register of masters' nick-names has ever been produced!

Duncan Craik(Star 1951) wrote to express his sorrow at the death of Tony Lee as they went up to Oxford together. Duncan keeps in touch with Geoffrey Hazzan(Chevron 1950) who lives in Virginia USA. Duncan also keeps fit by cycling about 1000 miles a year.

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Graham Croll (Star 1956) – the immediate past president of the Hurst Johnian Club – has written to say that he was proud to have presented goblets to George Hill and Dudley at the dinner, and to say that he had received letters of thanks.

Willy Welch (Red Cross 1961) visited Australia and sent a photograph of himself with Robert Channon, Tony Travers, Howard Bentley-Marchant and Geoff Robins. There is strength in the Commonwealth!

Many of you will have seen in the news that **Sir Derek Day (Fleur de Lys 1946)** received his Olympic Bronze medal fifty-eight years after competing for Great Britain in the Helsinki Olympic Games. In those days only eleven medals were awarded, and Derek was one of two of the squad to “draw the short straw”. Justice has at last been done, and we send him belated congratulations on his achievement.



From Australia – Willie Welch with Robert Channon, Tony Travers, Howard Bentley-Marchant and Geoff Robins

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Tavistock and Summerhill Prep School Reunion 1972 – 1997

We have received the following invitation from Mr Paul Holmes for a reunion of pupils and staff.

“My name is Paul Holmes. I taught at Tavistock and Summerhill Prep School from 1977-79 and again between 1982-1989. I am organising a reunion of ex-pupils and staff who attended the school between 1972 and 1997.

Date: Saturday 18th September 2010

Venue: The Bent Arms, Lindfield

Time: 11 am

Buffet lunch served 12 noon – 2 pm

Tea served later at school 4 pm

Cost of the day: £10

Please send cheque to “Paul Holmes Tavistock and Summerhill Old Pupils Association” or “Paul Holmes TSOPA”, 7 Howard House, Lyons Road, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL10 4NS

Please include address, contact numbers, dates and T & S, etc.

A ticket will be sent to confirm acceptance. Email paulrh6544@aol.com

Rotarians

Are any Old Hurst Johnians currently members of a Rotary Club, either here or overseas?

About 40 years ago, between 1961-1966, Nicholas Sanceau and Ric Toovey were at Hurst together, Nick in Martlet, Ric in Eagle.

By some strange irony, having pursued similar paths in education, they both find themselves presidents of their local Rotary Clubs – and not a million miles from each other! Nick is currently President of the Westerham and Biggin Hill Rotary Club in Kent whilst Ric holds an identical position at Uckfield in East Sussex.

The photograph shows Nick and Ric together, wearing all their finery, at a recent meeting of the Westerham Club.

The question we are both asking is whether there are any other OJ Rotarians out there? If so, we would be pleased to hear from you at Ric2V@aol.com



Nicholas Sanceau and Ric Toovey

Obituaries

OBITUARIES

In the last issue of the newsletter, your editor wrote that Gordon Cheston had asked if he was the oldest OJ following the death of Lord Plummer, and that he had to be disappointed as Ronald Neame was in his 100th year. Sadly, and by strange coincidence, both have died since that publication.

Ronald Neame was born on St George's day in 1911. He was not at Hurst for very long as his father was killed in a motor cycle accident when Ronald was only 12. Funds ran out, so he had to leave school to work as a messenger at Elstree studios. However he never lost his affection for Hurst, where he was very happy. In 1951 he gave a lecture at Hurst, revealing that he had played Juliet in Shakespeare's play. He illustrated the talk with two excerpts from his own black and white production of "Oliver Twist".

He became one of the great film producers, and his successes included "The Poseidon Adventure", "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" and "Great Expectations".

He married Beryl Yolande Heanly in 1933; we send our condolences to her and to his son Christopher. We share their sadness that he did not quite reach the age of 100 for which he yearned.

Arthur Gordon Cheston (Chevron 1934) was known as George at school, but as Gordon to later generations and his family. At school he excelled at maths and showed interest in both jazz and classical music. He volunteered for the army on 4th September 1939 and served with distinction with The Queen's Royal Regiment at Tobruk and in Syria, where he was mentioned in despatches. Towards the end of the war he was in Germany where he met his wife-to-be Catherine, who was part of the Control Commission.

They married, and Gordon had a flourishing accountancy practice in the City.

He retired to East Sussex, but was a stalwart supporter of the Hurst Johnian Club. Indeed, he served for many years as the Club's secretary. For many years he was a regular supporter at cricket weeks. He was a gentle, kind and humorous man who will be sorely missed by Catherine, his two daughters and his grandson Tom.

John Cameron McNeil Greig (Shield 1937) was one of an intake at Hurst of whom at least four were killed in the war. After school he was a student at de Havilland, but was called up in 1939. He was in the pursuit of Rommel's forces after El Alamein and was awarded an MC for his hazardous

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work laying cables to keep open communications. After the war he worked for the London Association for the Protection of Trade. He became the president of the Consumer Credit Trade Association and was appointed OBE in 1968. He married Helene Young in 1941; she and their five children survive him.

John E. V. Hall (Star 1950). John was born in Hastings in 1932, and entered Hurst towards the end of the war. He loved his time there and played in the 1st XV and the hockey XI. He won colours for swimming. After leaving school, he qualified as a chartered accountant and completed two years of national service. He was first married in 1960 and he and his wife lived in Radlett, while John worked for Heals in Tottenham Court Road, then for the Stockbreeders Meat Company and for Carlsberg. Three sons were born in the 1960s, but in 1974, looking for a life full of opportunities, he and his family emigrated to Perth in Australia, where he worked for several companies until he joined National Mutual, with whom he stayed until he retired. In 1984 he married his second wife Janice. He lived life enthusiastically, and happily visited Hurst when Reg Ruddock spoke at the OJ dinner. He and his younger brother Robert both supported Hurst to the full, and John kept in touch with many old school friends. This gentle

and kind man will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

Michael Hillard (Star 1952). Michael had a happy time at Hurst, then after national service he went to Bristol University. He qualified as a pharmacist and built up a thriving business in Sussex. He always took a great interest in Hurst, its development and activities. Proof of his devotion lies in the fact that his son Simon, his grandson Tom and his granddaughter Eleanor are all OJs. He lived in Hurst for his last years until he lost a long battle with cancer. We send our condolences to his wife Barbara and his family.

Paul D. Alderton (Fleur de Lys 1941) was born in 1924 and entered Hurst in 1938. In 1943 he was mobilized as an ordinary seaman and posted to HMS Collingwood, The Royal Naval Training Establishment. After several postings and in the rank of Temporary Sub Lieutenant, he served as Assistant Beachmaster on Sword Beach in the D-Day landings. He was awarded the DSC for "Gallantry, skill, determination and undaunted devotion to duty shown during the landings on the coast of Normandy." After the war he moved to Hong Kong with a London company and married in 1952. By 1970 he had a family of four and a wide circle of friends, but only after his death was the citation for his award

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found among his papers. He died quite suddenly of cancer following a small operation. Here indeed was a quiet hero.

John D. E. Wainwright (Shield 1947) did national service with the REME after leaving school. He worked as a forester with the Forestry Commission, a woodcarver with Kolmac Press and as a machinist with Beclawat in Newport Pagnell.

Angela Budibent was not an OJ, but her links with Hurst were considerable. She was married to Barry (Eagle 1963) and the mother of Giles (Martlet 1991) and Nick (Martlet 1993). She served as the Bursar's secretary from May 1971 until December 1972, and as the Headmaster's secretary for twelve years from the summer of 1987. Sadly she lost a long battle with cancer in May 2010. Hurst parish church was packed for her funeral, and a large number of former members of staff as well as many local friends were there. Our prayers for a lovely lady go to her family.

From time to time we miss the deaths of OJs. This is a pity, but your editor does appreciate news of any kind being sent to him.

Roland H. Pilcher (Red Cross 1939) died in September 2006. His family

report that he always spoke fondly of his time at Hurst.

James Joshua Bowman (Martlet 1994). Josh Bowman was callously gunned down by a rogue Afghan in the summer of 2010 as he was serving as a major in the 1st Battalion of the Royal Gurkha Rifles. He started his military career after Sandhurst in 1999 as a platoon commander in the 1st Bn. The Light Infantry. In a short career he served in Northern Ireland, Brunei and in Iraq.

At Hurst he had a passion for the CCF and rose to the rank of CSM. He was also captain of shooting. He attended no fewer than four CCF camps. His family said that he loved the army and was very proud of the selfless work that he and his company were doing.

He was repatriated to England on July 20th and was saluted as his coffin was driven through Wootton Bassett. As well as the family, Hurst was represented by Gerald Buss and his daughter Chloe, Toby Wood, Jeremy Carswell, Chris Rylands, Rob Lunn, Brian Stewart and James and Jon Leach. Many others would have wished to be there on this sad occasion. As one OHJ put it, our thoughts and prayers are with his family, and we can all be proud that such a distinguished and liked individual was an Old Hurst Johnian.

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Wootton Bassett

20th July 2010

Reflections written by Gerald Buss, who alongside his daughter Chloe and a number of ex Hurst boys came to pay tribute to Josh Bowman.

Lest anyone should think that this is some kind of kitsch ceremony they couldn't be more wrong. Yesterday I felt very proud and honoured to be one of hundreds of people who came from near and far to pay tribute to our war dead from Afghanistan. On this occasion three men were brought home having been flown in from RAF Lynham. The first was a good friend of ours, Josh Bowman, once a pupil of mine at Hurst College and a dear friend of our daughter Chloe and her great girlfriend Lucy. Josh had been shot as he slept while i/c of a mixed patrol of Gurkhas and Afghan soldiers. He was shot by an Afghan sergeant, one of the band that he was trying to train as an anti Taliban fighter. Josh was a Major who had deployed to Afghanistan three months ago. He was, he said, in his element and loved his job but he was killed alongside Lieutenant Neal Turkington and a Gurkha, Corporal Argun Purja Pun, in what looked like a premeditated attack.

It was especially moving to find that alongside Josh's family and special girlfriend, Lucy, we were joined by a

number of his friends from Hurst who had taken the day off work to greet a fallen comrade. It was lovely to see them again, some of whom had been in my history set, as well as to witness the solidarity with which these boys now become men come together in such times. In the crowd too were a large number of Gurkha wives and girlfriends, as well as many veterans from past conflicts. Behind us were a large number of "hairy bikers", who are indeed responsible for keeping this occasion so special. If you look closely you could see that amongst their many medallions they too had medals awarded for service in places like Malaya, Borneo, Suez and even Iraq. Some were ex National Service men, others ex Regulars, but all arrived on their Harleys parading in some kind of hairy biker uniform.

The plane bearing the bodies was due to arrive at 1 pm and its arrival was followed by a short ceremony at the airbase. There was some delay and suddenly under the hot sun the hitherto chatty crowd fell silent as the great bell of the church began its solemn toll. The atmosphere became of one mutual respect tinged with huge loss and sadness.

There followed a procession of four cars, led by a police car, all travelling at walking pace. As the first car

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approached the War Memorial in the centre of the High Street it stopped. This was the moment when the crowd of family and mourners stepped forward and placed flowers on the cars. By the time the car bearing Josh moved forward again it was strewn with flowers. Each of the Gurkha women had a flower and they placed them on the Gurkha coffin and I noticed that some also touchingly put flowers on Josh's car as a respected commander. Meanwhile, at the same time, there was a large turnout by the Royal British Legion together with their banners. At the moment the car

stopped they stood to attention with their banners lowered in salute. In a sense they represented the thoughts and prayers of the whole country as they strove to lend some national dignity to the occasion. Otherwise one fears that these sad losses would go unmarked until their individual funerals. As an ex serviceman myself I was proud to be there, and to pay tribute to a fine man and a good friend. Hurst can be very proud of him. We are told that Josh's funeral will take place at a later date in Salisbury Cathedral with full military honours.

THE LAST WORD

The Times – Letter of the year

A senior moment – I pray to God that I have them like this...

An elderly lady actually wrote this letter to her bank.

The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in *The Times*.

Dear Sir

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my cheque with which I endeavoured to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, three 'nanoseconds' must have elapsed between his presenting the cheque and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honour it. I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my Pension, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years. You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account £30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank.

My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways. I noticed that whereas I personally attend to your telephone calls and letters, when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging,

re-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become. From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person. My mortgage and loan payments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank by cheque, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate. Be aware that it is an offence under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope. Please find attached an Application Contact Status which I require your chosen employee to complete. I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative. Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Solicitor, and the mandatory details of his / her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof. In due course, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he / she must quote in dealings with me. I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modelled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service. As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Let me level the playing field even further. When you call me, press buttons as follows:

The Last Word *continued*

- 1-- To make an appointment to see me.
- 2-- To query a missing payment.
- 3-- To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.
- 4-- To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping.
- 5-- To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.
- 6-- To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home.
- 7-- To leave a message on my computer (a password to access my computer is required. A password will be communicated to you at a later date to the Authorized Contact.)
- 8-- To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 8.

9-- To make a general complaint or inquiry, the contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service. While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call. Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement. May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous, New Year.

Your Humble Client

*Addendum from The Editor:
Important to remember that this letter
was written by a lady who is 98 years
old ... doesn't she make you proud?*



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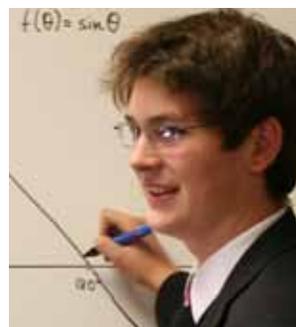
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