

HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

(Formerly Hitchin Grammar School Old Boys' Association)

ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER November 2003

General:

It is that time of year again when I wish all members a happy Xmas and all the best for next year. How a

Our Treasurer, Mark Hart, has been sorting out the subscription details and has unearthed a number of

Membership: Numbers have dropped due to the loss of the 1998 Associate members who have not join

Committee News:

Matthew Paradis outlined his proposal for setting up a career support for the school.

the project involves the setting up of web forums and information pages to provide non-impartial advice,

A simple form is included with this newsletter, or emailed separately by the webmaster to allow old boys

Please help if you feel able.

To date we have raised £2250, towards the School's Specialist School bid. At the last committee meeting

The committee is pleased to announce that David Simmonds (1954) has agreed to stand President Elec

News from Members:

John Rainbow (1956)

Neville Ireland, who I remember saying " and I saw two magpies" in the scout show 'Robin Hood', wrote

Does Neville or anyone else remember the words of the song of the scout camp in Scotland near Dunst

David Simmonds (1954) writes 'It's good to see that your enthusiasm for the Association has not waned.

The weight training helped me then and has stood me in good stead over the years. I built a fitness suite

Having mentioned grandchildren we now have 12 and two more on the way.

I am still involved with business although beginning to take things a little easier now that I have sold the

Harry Wright (1965) As promised, I'm re-establishing contact!

I came to the Grammar School in September 1960, leaving older, but not too much wiser in 1965. I have

I had to give up work in 1995 following three heart attacks and am now relatively housebound with rheu

Married for the second time with two grown step-daughters, I'm now resident in Stirling, Scotland.

Memories include getting a tin of sweets from Emlyn Cook for lending him my bike for the "Masters Tour"
Stan Brown's "educational" language towards anyone venturing too near the first XI cricket square; Impo

Robin Gardner (1949) Robin remembers Derek Wilshere and his brother being at the school when he jo

New Members:

Les Fox (1974)

I am now a Company Director working for a Construction Company in London. I am married to Ros with

Alex Firth (1996)

I gained a Degree in Mechanical Engineering and a HND in Mechanical Engineering, both from Oxford E

Phil Owen (2003)

I am now studying physiotherapy at Coventry University. If all goes well, I will be a qualified physio worki

Other Old Boys

John Gulvin (1956)

Someone, I'm not sure who, has just e-mailed me a copy of the February 2002 News Bulletin (yes, really)

After Hong Kong, I went back to the civil service without enthusiasm, but found myself sucked in by a su

While other people found international projects irritating and frustrating, I was fascinated by their intricac

A Thatcher government policy to move civil service jobs out of London set me thinking about how we in

Completed on time and within its original budget in 1996, Abbey Wood was at the time Europe's largest

In 1996, too, a lifetime of undiscovered crime was recognised with a CB in the Birthday Honours.

Since leaving MoD I have been working as an independent consultant on buildings and business efficien

Five years ago my wife Magda, a former BBC TV producer, and I moved to Southern Spain, where she s

In my spare time I'm writing a book about moving to modern Spain, a country which is energetic, forward

School News:

Support for the school's bid for Specialist School status.

There have been problems involved in getting agreement from the authority concerning the acceptability

The site for the new Sixth Form block has now been decided. It is to be positioned in the wedge between

The school pavilion built by the old boys under the leadership of Maurice Dolden and Geoff Grant, in 199

co-ordinator and she arranged for some internal work to be done. Repairs and new ceiling tile are being

A Student Forum has been set up at which the head Boy chairs the meeting set up to allow boys repres

Exam Results: GCSE 68% of the entry achieved grade A-C passes, and this achieved the set target. A l

The school is fully staffed and the pupil numbers are the largest ever at 976.

ASSOCIATION CENTENARY TIES £15 from Hon Sec Please buy one.

They are blue silk ties with the school crest, HBSOBA and 1908-2008 in gold underneath. The cost is £15

Concert CDs: I still have a few copies left. If you would like one please send a cheque for £5 - payable to

Books: The last few books, which were donated by Frank Papworth (1936) donated, are listed below. An

The Natural History of the Hitchin Region Edition Hine 1934 £45

Hitchin Old and New Hine 1946 £7.50

The Book of Hitchin (No. 457) Anthony Foster 1981 £25

Highways and Byways in Hertfordshire Tompkins and Griggs 1913 £15

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