

HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

(Formerly Hitchin Grammar School Old Boys' Association)

ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2003

General:

HBGS Through the Decades My thanks to all those who have contributed so far. More memories keep a

Membership: We could do with another influx of new members to swell our numbers. A few life members

Subs: Mark Hart (Treasurer) and I are still about to reconcile our records and to update the state of paym

Could I remind Ordinary members that their annual £4 subscription is due and also associate members

Committee News:

Your new committee met on 12 November 2002. The minutes can be found on the website or can be en

School photographs the series in the library is now complete; a big thank you to David Simmonds (1953

Association Tie: These have been approved and ordered. Hopefully they will be ready for the reunion. T

Careers Advice: Matthew Paradis is looking at the mechanics of setting this up - so watch this space.

Old Boys Day 2003 on the 5th April is getting close. The school will be open during the afternoon for you

Last year 8 teams 'fought it out' on the Astroturf to become the 5-a-side champions for the year. We are

Emlyn Cooke will take over from Barry Robinson as President (They will both be there so come and say

The headmaster Keith Wadsworth mentioned the proposed developments at the school. The new sixth f

News of Old Boys:

John Russell (1964)

It was good to receive an email from John and I pass his news on. ' I have recently taken early retirement

Since retiring I have now set myself up as a part-time Business Consultant (with RR as my first client!) M

Kevin Franklin (85)

An update from Kevin. 'I left school and spent two years with Stevenage Borough Council as a trainee te

I've just notched up twelve years with Arup, most of them as a structural engineer - my last project being

Neville Ireland (1950) A pang of remorse always comes over me when I get the Newsletter (which I read

Wool, wool, wonderful wool,

Its fortune let no one deny,

For wool must have water,

Pure water to cleanse it

So lift up your voices on high 'la, la, la' my memory fails me but the Hiz
came into it somewhere.

Huckle's contribution to school music must not be overlooked. Mention has been made of maths formula

Don't take my lad up Helvellyan² and

³Is it Scarfell or is it Scawfell?

Is it Bowfell or Bough.?

Is it lawful (or probably Lawfell)

A climbing Scawfell

Or does the landlord make a row?

Do they prosecute trespassers?

Do they shoot each stray bow-wow,

Is it Scawfell or is it Scawfell,
Is it Bowfell or Bough?²

There may have been other verses but I don't think so.

On the more highbrow side I recall the great classical pianist Solomon performing in the School Hall, At Mary, my wife, and I were also relieved to see the news of Robin Gardner. Our mothers were friends and cannot claim that we have kept in closest touch during the intervening years (43 of them) but last year when I retired six and a half years ago, having spent just over forty-seven years as a General Practice Surveyor. Now I am pursuing my love of vintage jazz, (cultivated all those years ago in part by standing outside the

Before closing an enquiry was made recently about one of my closer friends at School Jolyon Booth. I had

Other Old Boys:

Jeff Grimes (1974)

Looking back over the last 30 or so years since I left Hitchin I sometimes wonder what I have done - not much. My mother moved from Hitchin about 3 years ago and I have not been back since. I do, however, keep in

Iain Cooper I left HBGS at the end of the 5th form in 1970 or was it '71 not sure now and tripped over the

John Leeson (1971)

I have now attained that milestone of 50 years of age and I have always promised myself that when I reached 50 I was unsuccessful in the ballot but managed to get in via one of the charity places. So not only do I have a seat on the committee but I have a say. If you feel you are in a position to make a contribution to my fundraising effort, then I would be pleased to hear from you.

John Leeson, 17 Dale Close, Hitchin.SG4 9AS

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Thank you.

AGENDA for the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on

Saturday 5th April 2003

At 6.00pm

In the School Hall

1. Apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

3. Matters arising.

4. Hon. Treasurer's Report.

5. Hon. Secretary's Report

6. Election of Officers and Committee Members:

President for 2003 - E M Cooke

President Elect: - J. M. Bridges

Vice-Presidents: D.C.Baines, I.D.Bayley, T.P.Brooker, W.S.Bowker, D.Carnill, A.P.Cherry, C.H.Childs, E

· Hon. Treasurer: M. E. Hart

· Hon. Secretary: D.E.Stancombe

· Committee Members:

Retiring in 2003 - J.C.Coxall,

Retiring in 2004 - R.J. MacArthur, M.Russell.

Retiring in 2005 - J. Snoxall, M. Paradis

Election of members for this year - M.J.Cranfield

7. Re-Election of Life Trustees - J. R. Mayhead, T.P. Brooker

8. Re-appointment of Honorary Accountants - Messrs Watts, Knowles

9. Headteacher's Review.

10. Any other business

Old Boy Rugby shirts: These are available from Keir Dow at the School. If you would like one or would li

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

Books: The books, which Frank Papworth (1936) has kindly donated, have raised £160 for the Associati

A list of the books is still available is listed below together with a guide price of what you could expect to

Mirror for the Society of Friends Hine 1930 £45

Hitchin Worthies Hine 1932 £45

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

Hitchin Old and New Hine 1946 £7.50

The Story of Hitchin Town with drawings by Gerald Ceunis who signed the copy for Frank's Father) Hine

A Short History of St Mary's Hitchin Hine 1936 £7.50

Charles Lamb and his Hertfordshire Hine 1949 £22

Relics of an Uncommon Attorney Hine 1951 £12

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

Highways and Byways in Hertfordshire Tompkins and Griggs 1913 £15

Notes on the Biggin (pamphlet, 1930) W.O.T. & W.J.F. 1923 £7.50

Old Boys Day April 5 2003

2.30 - 5.00pm

Five-a-side Football on the Astroturf - NO STUDS AT ALL. If you have a team or would like to play contact

The Library will be open so you can look at the Archives and Photo Albums that Pat Thornhill has prepared

6.00pm AGM in the School Hall- see separate sheet for AGENDA

6.45pm The Bar will open in the School Hall immediately after the AGM.

7.45pm Annual Dinner in the Dining Hall

Subscriptions and Dinner Tickets

· I enclose £30.00 being the full payment for a 20 year Term Membership Subscription

· I enclose £10.00 being part payment for a 20 year Term Membership Subscription

- I enclose £4.00 being the 2003 Subscription for an Ordinary Member

- I enclose £..... For..... concert CDs @ £5

- I enclose £.....ForHBSOBA Ties @ £15

- I enclose £..... For..... Annual Dinner Tickets @ £17 each, for members/Old Boys.

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Cheques should be made payable to HBSOBA and sent to the Hon Sec at 25 Chiltern Road Hitchin Her

Change of details: Name.....

Qualification/Decorations

Address

.....Post Code:

e-mail address

In accordance with the Terms of the Data Protection Act, I have no objection to the above information be

Signed Date

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ALL STAFF and OLD BOYS ARE INVITED

TO JOIN THE US ON 5 APRIL FOR:

2.30 - 5.00pm

Five-a-side Football on the Astroturf - Kier Dow is convening a staff team

contact: -Robert MacArthur Tel 01462 433291 or e-mail biffymac@aol.com

Petanque/Boules on the High Jump Fan

Learn to play, become an expert with Rory O'Brien or just turn up and have a game.

A sojourn in the Library

Quiet chat and look at old photos

Walk around the school

On your own or guided to see what has happened since your day

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7.30 - 8.00pm Annual Dinner in the School dining hall.

Contact Address for HBSOBA

Communications for the Association may be sent to me at 25 Chiltern Road Hitchin Herts SG4 9PJ or ph

Or via our website www.oldboysonline.com.