

HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

(Formerly Hitchin Grammar School Old Boys' Association)

ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER November 2004

General:

The reunion in 2005 will be on APRIL 16TH PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF IT.

One of our 'older statesmen' sadly passed away Wally Ward (1927) was 94 and Reg Bonfield (1926), on

'Wally's father was work manager of Bowyer Lowe Wireless Works at Letchworth, and I was in the mach

Wally was in my class at school and I corresponded with him on several occasions. He joined the schoo

Our deepest condolences go to all of this widespread family Reg Bonfield (1926)

Claude Childes (1943) died on 25th September 2004 at Gosmore Nursing Home, at the age of 78, when

His two main interests were music and sport. He had his own band – he was the drummer – and played

I have also heard of this recent loss of John Goodwin.

#### Committee News:

Discussions continue about how to bring more past pupils into the Association. It is generally felt that to

We will be replacing the pavilion clock at some point next year. The cost is estimated at around £600, of

Pat Thornhill, the school Librarian for many years up until last summer, has moved to Winchester. We w

A subcommittee will be looking into arranging the annual dinner in the main hall next year and w e hope

#### News from Members:

Charles Twigger (Staff 1989-2003 with 2 year gap)

Charles write ' Thank you for sending the Old Boys' Newsletter which I find especially interesting especi

Like Stuart Poyser I also found my name by 'googling' myself and finding a mention in an Old Boys new

Also like Stuart I left Hitchin for America – a land that I love – and taught there in two extraordinary High

I have always wanted to live in Stratford-upon Avon and must have bored many old boys with this. I now

If I had not been a teacher I should love to have been a director here – but that was not to be so I have a

I remember some of the great students I had at HBS and the pleasure their wit and writing gave me. Jan

Recently I was in Hertfordshire and London and five people came up to me and insisted I had been their

Other Old Boys

Dr Peter Talbot (1960)

I received a flyer from Peter who says he always looks forward to HGSOBA news, and sends the followi

I have lost contact with Craig Hook – his newsletter was returned from his Reading address. Does anyone

### School News

The OfSTED inspection took place in the last week of September, just three weeks into the term. At present

The School has a new school name and the letter heading now registering the Specialist Technology Co

### Staffing

There are a number of new. Mr Sherman joins as Head of Design Technology following Mr Walton's pro

### Exam results

In short, in terms of raw scores, they are the best results the school has had for years. The Key Stage 3

31 students gained 10½ or more GCSE A\*-C grade passes and 63 pupils gained 9 or more at that level.

Three boys secured their offers of places at either Oxford or Cambridge University following their A level

### Sport

Congratulations to Luke Camilleri who has been selected for both the Under 12 Hertfordshire and Under

Congratulations also to Calum Yates who has been selected to join the Milton Keynes Dons Football Ac

Rugby goes from strength to strength at the moment with the Year 10 team progressing to the 4th round

Four Year 11 pupils have been selected for the County Under16 team and three Year 12 pupils selected

The school teams themselves have been very successful so far this season with the Year 7s looking ver

The 1st XV have only won two of their five games, but have shown determination and commitment throu

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