

HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

(Formerly Hitchin Grammar School Old Boys' Association)

ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER November 2006

General

It is getting near that time of year when we send out the Christmas cards. We have managed to get 100 to Philip

Vince Holmes - our webmaster - sent us a very long list of names to

Adrian Haig, Tony Beale, Colin Masters, Dave Sobiechowski, Adrian Smith, Brian May, Benji, David, Alan

Some of these may be new to you, please contact your local representatives if you have any doubts.

A letter from **Phillip Malpress** prompted by the loss of John Sanders went as follows:

'John Sanders was a member of the Welford G.A. in 1962. He was a schoolboy in Henry Barrow's class at Hitchin

The years passed by. My brother married and had two sons, Richard and Andrew. Andrew was very ac

Bulletin

For the past twelve months the bulletin has been sponsored by Edgar Hulström . His printing company, I

Those of you who read it online will have noticed changes in presentation. To keep and expand the bulle

Membership Matters

As we approach our 100th anniversary we have decided to launch a 'small' initiati

They can be contacted at 01438 729 500 or www.redcoats.co.uk.

The Head Chef and his team are offering the relative English tradition of a Yorkshire border in the area (British

Redcoats Farmhouse dates back to 1450 and has been growing beer for many years. The original could be experienced

Their aim is to provide hospitality to a small number of people and to provide a service to the community

Committee News

At the last meeting Stuart Halsey came up with the idea to spur members to persuade others to join the

Plans are being made to make the centenary celebration on the July 2009 celebrations will be arranged to

I shall be standing down as Hon. Sec. after the centenary so we would like to get someone to take over

New Members

Boris **Rumney** **(1948)**

We welcome Boris to the association and I hope to be able to give some news of him in the next bulletin

News from Members

I was very pleased to hear from one of our younger members

Alistair **Cernik** **(2003)**

I am at the University of Stirling studying Psychology/Sport Studies, along with a full time job as a teacher.

I have been home every employment, and raise my pay for the last 10 years. Mostly tennis coach.

Sounds as if we may have Davis Cup Team to follow Parmar to Wimbledon and the

Peter Brand (1975)

After school and a year of finishing at Cambridge to be a physicist, I went to work for the

Other Old Boys

Karim Aktar (1985)

An email from Karim - 'Since the 1970s, I've been in the O.S. and I've been in the O.S. since

Also since our last email exchange, I've been in the O.S. and I've been in the O.S. since

Your new home in the Norfolk grounds, and I would like to live in the O.S. and I've been in the O.S. since

David Slow (1985)

(In a recent BBC programme featuring the Red Arrows from the BBC website as they appeared on the

Red 4

Flight Lieutenant David Slow joins The Red Arrows in the 2004 season (Dugan Airfield, Devon)

David Slow's next tour was at RAF Valley in the north of Wales. During his time there he

While not at work, David loves mountains, enjoying hill walking, fell running, climbing, mountain biking and

“Book of Remembrance”

Members may recall that some years ago the Association commissioned a “Book of Remembrance” to

The book is a handsome little volume; A5 in a blue cover with yellow lettering that would grace any book

Since the book was written, it has produced an additional version (see copy at the end of the page).

Book Preview

'The Ghosts of Reginald Hine'

Richard Whitmore's five-year journey to track down the real story of the tragedy

After five-years of research, BBC newsreader Richard Whitmore (1951) has finally revealed the 1863

Hine, who wrote his History of *Hitchin Grammar School* in 1931,

Richard, who lives at St Ippolyts, says that although Hine is best remembered as a talented

Hine's widow Florence said that as Richard was the only one to track down the truth about the

Andrew was only six-years-old when his grandfather died and the circumstances of the death were kept

Entitled *The Ghosts of Reginald Hine* Richard's book will

The book will have a hardback cover and print to 240 pages with more also available in electronic format.

British Schools

The British Schools Museum - Queen Street , Hitchin

" Mama Mia, I never thought I'd see one of these" exclaimed Professor Thomas Markus of the University

A school for boys had been founded in Queen Street , Hitchin by solicitor William Wilshire in 1810, in an

Joseph Lancaster , a Quaker, became concerned at the extent of vagrancy

Lancaster was very prescriptive. In *Hints and Directions for Building, Fitting up and Discharging*

The Hitchin schoolroom followed the guidance in great detail. It still stands today. It is the only one of its

The Museum opened 1996; the Lancasterian Schoolroom was reopened in 1998, the 200th anniversary

All of this has been possible only with the tremendous support of a volunteer force of around 100 local p

Can you help? - It would be a pleasure to have you help with the development programme by 2007. The office is at 152844 (home) 421 44 (mobile) 44 (mustering) the development programme by 2007. development@hbsoba.com

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