



# When Hitchin Grammar School boys faced Nazi salutes

Our recent Centenary President Richard Whitmore (1951) has discovered some chilling and historic photographs taken on our school sports field during the years leading up to World War Two. Here is his story.

I came across this picture by chance recently while looking through the files of 1930s newspapers at Hitchin museum. There on the H.B.G.S. sports field were pupils being subjected to a Nazi salute. The incident above occurred in April 1935 when the school's First Hockey XI was entertaining a touring German side from Frankfurt.

In the traditional line-up before the match, players had just heard an official welcome from the school's hockey master Mr J.A. Davison, who is just in view at the far end of the left-hand line. The German team's manager then gave a brief reply, after which he and his players snapped to attention to deliver a 'Heil Hitler!' salute. As a former pupil and with 70 years of hindsight I have to say that, even today, this image was sufficient to cause a momentary rise in my blood pressure.

I turned to the correspondence columns of the following week's edition of the 'Hertfordshire Pictorial' in which the offending photograph had appeared but found no letters of protest. In 1935 the Third Reich's plans for the 'Final Solution' were well under way; the world's press and cinema newsreels were full of images of strutting Nazis and persecuted Jews. Most people knew about the concentration camps and the sterilisation programmes but when the arrogant salute which represented all that evil was given in an English market town it seems nobody had a word to say. Appeasement was already the name of the game.

Neither is the incident mentioned in the match report in the school magazine. Only that the boys lost the game by 1 goal to 5 but put up a good show considering they were a younger and (physically) smaller side. In fact, a few days after the photograph was published, the First XI went to Germany to take part in an Easter Hockey Festival. While there they were entertained by the Hitler Youth movement and shown Nazi propaganda films. With war still four years away perhaps it is not surprising that the boys' enthusiastic accounts of their holiday showed no awareness of what Hitler Youth really represented. Here are some extracts:



**H.B.G.S. Hockey 1ST XI, 1935**

A.B. SHADBOLT, G.W. CROKER (Goal), G.L. THOMAS, E.W. SMITH, P.F. BROOKER, F.G.J. ARNOLD (Capt.), L.R. ALLEN, F.M. CHALKLEY, A.H. ASHMOLE, E.L. HART, R.C. PAKES, W.G. BORRETT.

'April 20 was Hitler's birthday and we were woken up at six in the morning by bands playing in the streets. The Hitler Youth were our constant companions . . . Our hosts sang very tunelessly new songs of the Hitler Movement and were more than satisfied when we responded with a rather ragged Tipperary, Polly Wolly Doodle and Ilkley Moor . . .

'In Coblenz, we visited a Führerschule – a 'school for leaders.' We were entertained to tea and noticed with pleasure that at the head of the room were the two German flags, the Nazi Swastika and the German colours and in the centre the Union Jack.'

The articles also recall how some of the boys 'showed great interest' in the Nazi propaganda films, notably Leni Riefenstahl's Triumph of the Will – a record of the 1934 Nuremberg Rally that earned her condemnation as a Nazi sympathiser and also acclaim as one of the leading film makers of the 20th century. The Hitchin hockey team's only complaint was about the poor condition of the German pitches, most of which were made of rolled cinders. Their abiding feeling was one of gratitude to their hosts. 'We were treated most hospitably throughout and formed firm friendships in Germany,' one boy wrote.

Four years later, in March 1939, another hockey match was arranged between Hitchin Grammar School and a German adult team, the Jena Hockey Club (pictured bottom left, in the front two rows). By then, with war a matter of months away, it was probably inevitable that this encounter would be less friendly. On the extreme right of the group is the master Freddie Bowker who arranged the match and was much

upset by the visiting team's behaviour as play was about to begin.

With the ball in place for the bully-off Mr Bowker can be seen looking askance as the Germans sprang to attention to deliver the Nazi salute, shouting 'Heil Hitler!' not once but three times. Mr Bowker's son Bill (1949) recalled his father talking about the incident later, saying it had 'shaken the school staff to the core and confirmed everyone's worst fears about Hitler Youth and the Nazis.'

The Hitchin boys were beaten once again, by 1 goal to 4, but this time the school magazine contained hints of dirty tricks by the Germans: 'There was little skilful hockey seen from our visitors . . . their methods, particularly the forwards, upset the school.'

There were also complaints from those parents who had accommodated the German players. The team had apparently been briefed to get photographs of military installations during their tour and kept pestering their hosts to be taken to see the giant airship hangars at RAF Cardington. There were further protests when the guests departed with an arrogant click of the heels and a Nazi salute accompanied by 'Heil Hitler!'

I am planning to publish the story of these extraordinary incidents in due course and would be most grateful to hear from any Old Boys who can add any further information.

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A few flat tyres, broken gearboxes and breakdowns later we arrived in Malawi. The boys took a jet boat to Lizard Island, played a series of football matches against the local school teams and even managed a round of golf in the Malawi capital of Lilongwe.

We arrived back safely after 31 days of highs and lows having had a lot of laughs and with numerous photographs. I would just like to finish by thanking all the boys who made this month as memorable as it was – you really did excel yourselves! Mr. Thorp.

**BAGPIPES:**

Alex Hawkins, Year 10, plays the bagpipes and is a member of the University of Bedfordshire Pipe Band who were winners of the All England Pipe Band Championships held at Chatsworth House on 4 September.

**CHEF OF THE YEAR:**

On Saturday 15 October, Hitchin Boys' School came first (Jake King in Year 11) and second (Oscar Elliott in Year 10) with only one mark between the two for the local heat of the Rotary Young Chef Of The Year competition. Jake's prize is to spend a day at The Wilton Hotel in Mayfair for the day to help improve his culinary skills for the district round of the competition in February.

**BLACK BELTS:**

Congratulations to James Wilson 9H and Toby Spencer 9Tp who after many years of training and a gruelling final examination were both recently awarded the Black Belt standard in Tae-Kwan-Do.

**SPORT:**

Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected to attend winter training with the Hertfordshire cricket squad:

U14 Harry Cruttenden, Max Burrows, Olly Pitts, Andrew Baird.  
 U15 Nick Timm, Harvey Walton-Adams, Seb Walton-Adams.  
 U17 Ben Smith.

Hitchin Boys are through to the regional final in both the Junior and Intermediate age groups of the English Schools' Cross Country Cup. In just our first year of entering the competition we managed to beat off very tough competition to come second in the junior boys' age group in the county round and third in the intermediate boys' age group. The regional final will see Hitchin Boys compete against the best cross country runners from Hertfordshire, Essex and other counties north of the Thames river. The regional final will take place in St Albans on Saturday 12 November. Notable performances came from:

**Junior Boys**

|                 |            |                    |            |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| George Rodger   | 7th        | Alex Evens         | 10th       |
| Ben Hilton      | 15th       | Rob Donald         | 18th       |
| Ben Wilmot      | 23rd (y7!) | Matthew Chappenden | 30th (y7!) |
| Jonathan Reaney | 35th       |                    |            |

**Intermediate Boys**

|                  |      |              |      |
|------------------|------|--------------|------|
| Dominic Stevens  | 9th  | James Smith  | 13th |
| Harry Cruttenden | 17th | Matt Livesey | 18th |
| Anson Devi       | 22nd | Kieran McQue | 30th |

**East of England Swimming Champions**

HBS recently entered the East Region Secondary Schools Swimming Relay gala. The East region comprises all secondary schools in Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk. After a tremendous night of swimming, all three age groups from HBS were crowned champions. We will await the results from the other regions around the country, as the fastest twelve teams qualify for the National Finals in November. Congratulations to:

**Junior Team:** Matthew McPherson, Jamie Wright, Alex Evens, Christian De Trafford, & Luke Turley.

**Inter Team:** Jamie McPherson, Sam Owen, Will Noble, Yong Sung Kwon.

**Senior Team:** Tom Worbey, Jack Noble, Tom Hooper, Paul Spicer.

**Hitchin Boys' School 1st XV Rugby Report****HBS 8 Tring 28**

The changing economic climate has had its effect on sixth form pupils, many of whom are now having to seek employment not only to subsidise their income while in 6th Form but also to save for escalating university fees. This has put a temporary halt to senior fixtures on a Saturday, a trend we hope to reverse next year.

Yesterday's game, while lacking some structure and discipline, more than made up for it with pride and commitment. There were many boys playing their first game not only for the senior side but for the school. They put in a performance of which the whole school can be proud.

There is work to be done over the next few weeks in the lineout and scrum but David Gumbrell more than held his own against a senior 1<sup>st</sup> team rugby opponent. Matt Clarke playing his 3<sup>rd</sup> season for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV was everywhere all game and showed good leadership qualities. Edwin Van Der Berg put in a man of the match performance at open side flanker and was a destructive force at every breakdown and carried the ball effectively. The half back pairing of Peter Skeels and Callum McRobbie made some good decisions and played with good tempo when we needed it and provided the robust centre partnership of Tom Attwell and Robert Smith with enough ball to show their quality in both defence and attack. Robert Smith and James See playing his first game for the school at full back both put in bone crunching try saving tackles.

The score line didn't reflect the game and certainly not the effort as Tring scored two late tries. To build on that performance we need a committed attitude towards training. Nonetheless it is so pleasing that for the first time in more than five years Hitchin Boys' School played a senior rugby game consisting solely of 6th form pupils.

## DRAMA PRODUCTION – HIGH SOCIETY

Rehearsals are now beginning in earnest for 'High Society' which will be this year's Drama Production. The cast was decided after serious competition for all the principal parts by some very strong candidates and it is as always a joy to see the great talent available at HBS.

## CAREERS

Could you help the Careers Department? Mr. Moore requires professional or trades people to talk to our Year 11 pupils to advise and guide on specific careers. Most of the advice at present is theoretical, however, if we can get 'real people' talking to the boys, the focus will be realistic and more meaningful. Please contact the school if you can help. If you are prepared to be contacted by the School directly, please send details of your name, careers on which you could give advice and an email contact. Please send the details to Head of Sixth Form, Ms. Jackie Lansdown (lansdownj@hbs.herts.sch.uk).

## A2 Examination Results 2011

| Subject                       | Entries | % A*-B | % A*-E |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| Art & Design Photography      | 7       | 57%    | 86%    |
| Fine Art                      | 11      | 55%    | 100%   |
| Biology                       | 22      | 64%    | 95%    |
| Business Studies              | 22      | 45%    | 100%   |
| Chemistry                     | 14      | 64%    | 100%   |
| Computer Studies/Computing    | 4       | 50%    | 100%   |
| D&T Product Design            | 14      | 50%    | 100%   |
| English Language & Literature | 27      | 44%    | 100%   |
| French                        | 6       | 83%    | 100%   |
| Geography                     | 27      | 41%    | 100%   |
| German                        | 4       | 0%     | 100%   |
| History                       | 28      | 21%    | 96%    |
| Information Technology        | 15      | 27%    | 100%   |
| Mathematics                   | 42      | 52%    | 98%    |
| Mathematics - Further         | 8       | 88%    | 100%   |
| Music                         | 8       | 38%    | 100%   |
| Philosophy & Ethics           | 4       | 50%    | 100%   |
| Physics                       | 24      | 42%    | 92%    |
| Politics                      | 19      | 26%    | 95%    |
| Psychology                    | 10      | 40%    | 80%    |
| Sport/PE Studies              | 10      | 90%    | 100%   |

## AS Examination Results 2011

| Subject                       | Entries | % A*-B | % A*-E |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| Art & Design Photography      | 7       | 43%    | 100%   |
| Biology                       | 50      | 48%    | 96%    |
| Business Studies              | 22      | 36%    | 91%    |
| Chemistry                     | 33      | 48%    | 97%    |
| Computer Studies/Computing    | 3       | 0%     | 100%   |
| D&T – Product Design          | 11      | 55%    | 100%   |
| Drama                         | 8       | 50%    | 88%    |
| English Language & Literature | 39      | 31%    | 97%    |
| Fine Art                      | 12      | 25%    | 92%    |
| French                        | 3       | 33%    | 100%   |
| Geography                     | 33      | 58%    | 91%    |
| German                        | 9       | 89%    | 100%   |
| History                       | 35      | 60%    | 100%   |
| Information Technology        | 15      | 20%    | 93%    |
| Mathematics                   | 40      | 55%    | 95%    |
| Music                         | 7       | 57%    | 86%    |
| Physics                       | 23      | 39%    | 96%    |
| Politics                      | 14      | 36%    | 93%    |
| Psychology                    | 28      | 61%    | 93%    |
| Sport/PE Studies              | 18      | 44%    | 94%    |

## GCSE Examination Results 2011

| Subject                          | Entries | % A*-C | % A*-G |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| Art & Design                     | 31      | 87%    | 100%   |
| Business Studies                 | 26      | 54%    | 96%    |
| Business Studies & Economics     | 23      | 43%    | 91%    |
| D&T – Electronic Products        | 13      | 38%    | 100%   |
| D&T – Food Technology            | 19      | 100%   | 100%   |
| D&T – Graphic Products           | 68      | 60%    | 96%    |
| D&T – Resistant Materials        | 40      | 80%    | 100%   |
| Drama                            | 25      | 72%    | 92%    |
| English Language                 | 151     | 86%    | 99%    |
| English Literature               | 93      | 95%    | 100%   |
| Geography                        | 87      | 67%    | 99%    |
| History                          | 69      | 71%    | 100%   |
| Mathematics                      | 146     | 79%    | 99%    |
| Mathematics - Statistics         | 34      | 100%   | 100%   |
| MfL - French                     | 49      | 59%    | 98%    |
| MfL - Spanish                    | 86      | 95%    | 100%   |
| Music                            | 21      | 86%    | 100%   |
| Physical Education               | 36      | 83%    | 100%   |
| Religious Studies – Full Course  | 6       | 83%    | 100%   |
| Religious Studies - Short Course | 145     | 66%    | 99%    |
| Science: Additional Science      | 64      | 55%    | 100%   |
| Science: Biology                 | 85      | 100%   | 100%   |
| Science: Chemistry               | 85      | 100%   | 100%   |
| Science: Physics                 | 85      | 100%   | 100%   |
| Science: Single Award Science    | 67      | 72%    | 100%   |

John Rainbow has sent me some documents from his father Stan's archives.

They contain a lot of correspondence about the merits or not of Grammar Schools changing to Rugby. As we all remember Stan was always very much against the change, having played for Barking (I think) as an amateur. He also played against my Dad, when the masters had a good side.

Stan always described the scrum as a load of pigs round a trough!!

John also sent a number of exam papers for special places in 1936, 1937 and 1938. They are not as easy as we would think. Here are a few examples and you can send the answers to me (I don't have them!)

*When railway fares were increased in the ratio 7:4, the fare for a certain journey was increased by 16s 6d. What is the new fare?*

*Express 67320 in prime factors.*

*A car is said to travel 32 miles on a gallon of petrol, but actually it travels only 26 miles on a gallon. How much more petrol is used in travelling 4160 miles than was expected.*

*What is one-eleventh of £131 2s 4 1/4d.*

*The total cost of six equal panes of glass is 16s 3d, and the total area is 3 1/3 square yards. Find the cost per square foot of the glass and the length of each pane if they are all 24 inches wide.*

*More next time!!!!*

# Hitchin Boys' School

## Parents' Society Book Auction



**R**unning 1st October to 10th December 2011

A unique opportunity to buy an unforgettable Christmas present or addition to your library.

Acquired by Tom, the Librarian, HBSPS are very excited to offer this book for auction:

Special 2007 Penguin copy of Roald Dahl's "Big Friendly Giant" with blank front cover, with an original drawing of the BFG and Sophie on the front cover, drawn and signed by Quentin Blake himself.

Pristine condition, never been read.

A London auction house has estimated that it could fetch over £500 at auction.

Available to view, in the library, in the care of Tom Pitchford.

Initially open to parents in the school, but please feel free to tell friends and family if they would like to bid.

The highest bid (over £200) received by midday on 10th December 2011 will be the winner of this delightful and rare book.

### Auction Rules

If you want to join the auction for the book, please follow the simple instructions outlined below:

Call your bid in to 01462 610891 (starting bid of £200) supplying your name and phone number; you can make as many bids as you like during the auction. The current highest bid will be advertised on the home page of the HBS website [www.hbs.herts.sch.uk](http://www.hbs.herts.sch.uk). This will be updated regularly. If you don't have access to the internet, please call the number above for the latest highest bid.

On Saturday 10th December at midday the bidding will close and the winner will be contacted and announced as soon as possible. Payment can be by cash or cheque made out to Hitchin Boys' School Parents' Society. (If paying by cheque the book will be released once the cheque has cleared) The winner gets to take home this unique item. In the event that the winning bid falls through, the next highest bidder will be chosen. In the event that no valid bids are received, the book will be auctioned externally next year.

All monies raised will go to help in various school projects.

Any questions please call the number above or e mail [chair.hbps@virginmedia.com](mailto:chair.hbps@virginmedia.com)

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## John Tojero, 1933 - 2005, featured in RACERS - Memoirs of the gentleman drivers

John Tojero, an Old boy of the School, is one of 27 drivers featured in an exclusive limited edition book on classic motor racing, telling the story of his racing and his many innovative car designs from the 1950s, '60s and '70s - an age when the sport of motor racing required no small amount of skill, ingenuity, tenacity, good humour and luck.

RACERS - Memoirs of the gentleman drivers contains 432 pages of reminiscences and anecdotes from serious (mostly amateur) drivers whose main aim was to participate at whatever level their ability, enthusiasm and finances were able to support. Measuring 29cm x 24cm with over 300 photographs, it is published in two editions: 500 numbered cloth-bound limited editions (£250) and 25 signed and numbered leather-bound limited editions (£700).

James Knight, Group Head of Bonhams Motoring Department recently commented about Palawan books: "... They are instant collectors' items and rarely come to market for two very good reasons - limited supply and a reluctance to sell."

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## News from Members

From David Ebers in Mauritius : OB's Mike Steward & Johnny Davis arrived on Air Mauritius to the island on 22nd March and we met them at Plaisance Airport ; even after almost 60 years we had no problems in recognising each other and we brought them to our Albion home on the west coast where they were able to re-charge batteries after the flight with a dip in the pool .

It was a short stay and in this time we took them to several of the touristic places like Casela Bird Park , Grand Bay and Perebere and Cap Malheureux in the north with a view to Coin de Mire. Flic en Flac was also popular with them for beach and swimming. Port Louis our capital with the Caudan development and Port embarcation plus the seaside restaurants which catered admirably for our needs. In the South we visited Crocodile Park for the day next to Souillac and my own particular favourite Gris Gris.

We were very happy to have them and have since met in UK when we made our annual trip in June. Very happy to have welcomed them here and do hope another visit is 'on the cards'. It will be a pleasure.

Nicholas Booth (1986) Senior IT consultant who lives in Stevenage.

Alan Miller hopes to get Alan Hartley and Brian Thompson to the reunion.

Roger Thirbeck was here in September, returning to Canada from Australia. His elder brother John died there recently. Roger is still as we all remember him, doesn't stop talking, always about hockey!! How he is still alive I am not sure, given his medical history. I think someone up there is not ready for an extended exposition on hockey as it should be played!!

Mick Slatter has, belatedly joined the world of computers and has an e-mail address at last...well, you know the tax office works!!!!

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# In Memoriam

## R.T. (Tom) Burges

I am sorry to tell you that Tom Burges died recently. He had fought cancer twice but, in the end, he succumbed to this terrible illness.

I last saw him at our gathering at Easter and, although he was not very well, he had a very good evening and was glad that he had made the effort. However, even then he was fairly sure he would not make another one, so sad.

Tom had made many friends over the years mainly due to his cricket prowess. I am sure some of you will have some fond memories to relate and I would like you to send them in to me for inclusion in the next Bulletin.

His funeral was at St Mary's Church in Hitchin and was attended by many of his friends from his sporting days and his family.

Peter Hollingsworth

I am so sorry to hear about Tom although I did know that he was very poorly. I knew him best through cricket when we both played for Hitchin. He was a superb batsman and no mean left arm spin bowler playing many times for Hertfordshire. I have many happy memories of playing with Tom but the one fact that makes me smile is that he always knew to two decimal places what his batting average was and if you inadvertently ran him out he was incandescent. I think that he probably used this technique to help him concentrate at the wicket. It was no surprise that he became an accountant.

**Alan Hazelwood**

## Guy Randle (56) 10 July 1937 – 1 June 2011

Richard (Bert) Whitmore and other scouts of 5th form (year 11) age, 3 years our senior, were comfortably in their tent one afternoon at a Whitsun camp near Meppershall. Suddenly the contents of a mug of water came through the tent doorway. Guy was chased down the field only escaping capture by jumping in the river, little water but a lot of mud. He may have been wet and filthy but his mischievous grin, as on many such occasions, showed he had scored his point.

The need to win drove him hard. A scout wide game on Lilley Hoo, where, because of myxomatosis, the hawthorn bushes had grown into large thickets. These made excellent hideouts from which to ambush the opposing team. Guy would fight tooth and nail, in the middle of the thicket, to defend his life, (a piece of wool tucked into the back of the belt) and his "lair", against all comers. The pain and the bleeding from the lacerations by the thorns he would totally ignore. 50 years on, in his later 60s, the same determination led him to aim at conquering the highest mountain on each continent – baring Everest.

**John Rainbow (1956)**

'David Walker writes that he found it a life-changing experience in 1950 to be put into the Woodpecker patrol under John Constable and Guy Randle. Constable had the dignity and precision which later won him the Sword of Honour at Cranwell. Randle, second in command, at first seemed a wild contrast, but I learned that he too had high standards, ready as appropriate to battle or to charm his way out of trouble, and the enthusiasm to make a success of any activity. In his calmer moments, he loved to bring a fire to life or to cook perfect jam tarts in the camp oven.

In later years, Guy's magnificent voice and dramatic sense of timing were put to good use in the school play, in memorable portrayals of Malcolm (in Macbeth), of Oberon and of Sir Toby Belch.

Thinking back before Guy's funeral, attributes in my mind were 'enthusiasm, determination and energy'. At his funeral, I found it moving to hear Katy ascribe exactly the same qualities to her father.

**David Walker (1957)**

For me Guy was a hero; he was skipper of the first school rugby XV and as a second row forward I had Guy's boney shoulder digging into my backside as we heaved against the opposition scrum. When the ball was out Guy was off like greased lightning to nail the opposition fly half which he did effectively on many occasions.

He was a member of the School Scout Troup run by Stan Rainbow who usually finished a meeting with a rousing game of British Bulldog. The challenge was to get through a pack of scouts trying to pull you down. Guy usually managed this with six of us being hauled along as Guy dived for the safe area at the other side of the hut. I remember well a camp in Snowdonia in 1954 when we had set up the tents. It was early evening. Stan wanted to talk to Guy but he was nowhere to be seen. It transpired that he had decided that if he had come to the mountains then the least he could do was to climb one. Guy scaled the peak of Lliwedd and was back in record time; everyone was amazed when they realized how far it was!

After school days it was Guy who took me on the next stage of the mountaineering foray. Firstly to Skye where we climbed the magnificent Cuillin Ridge. The following year we went to the Alps and Guy took us up Mt. Blanc, the Monte Rosa and the Matterhorn to name but three. Waiting in St. Nicklaus for the weather to improve before going to Zermat Guy decided that the best residence was a cattle byre and hay loft. The latter was very comfortable and Guy was able to persuade the Swiss farmer that it was OK for us to stay. During this holiday I accidentally slipped and cut my hand badly. We came back down to Chamonix and Guy took me to the hospital where he persuaded a young nurse that he was a doctor and asked for all the instruments and medication that he would need to complete a repair of my hand. Everything was duly supplied and we left the hospital for a rest period at the local swimming pool. This was just one example of the great guy that he was and he continued in this vein for the rest of his life. He will be sorely missed by many but leaves behind a host of happy memories.

'We again share our condolences with Diana and with their children and grandchildren, who reminded us so much of Guy at his funeral in Beverley.'

**David Stancombe (1957)**

I am Geoff Allenby, I left in 49, I think, although I retained a link with the school for many years afterwards with my link to the Scout Troop.

I was saddened to read of the death of Guy Randle, I remember him as one of the most colourful scouts and in particular of one occasion when he was chased over the fields around our campsite in Campden following something he had done wrong. On that same camp we paid a visit to an old mansion on the road to Bedford, the name escapes me but it later became an American base. When we visited it was an empty house with an RAF officer as a caretaker. I still have a photo somewhere of some of the troop outside with me looking silly in an old scout hat. I recall John Rainbow was in the same photo.

I live in Thailand these days and only pay infrequent trips to UK.

**Geoff Allenby  
(Cont.)**

Very sad to hear about Guy Randell, he and I played squash a few times at Letchworth Hall. I plan to make the next years reunion (my first) and as a seasoned world traveller, would be happy to speak a bit about the funny things and less funny things that happen to you, if you want such a speaker?

**Simon Gainsford**

(ED. Simon has agreed to give us the benefit of his experiences at the reunion...something not to be missed, I am sure!!)

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