

HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

(Formerly Hitchin Grammar School Old Boys' Association)

ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER August 2002

General:

I mentioned in the last Newsletter that Frank Papworth has donated a number of books to the Association.

My apologies for the omitted e from the tribute to the late Gordon Browne and to the other two Gordon Browns.

Here is one for the oldest of our members. I received a request from Margaret Davies who is seeking news of her father.

Roy Bolton signs in from over the water. He was sad to read of the loss of his old House Captain, Eddie Bolton.

Membership: Numbers have fallen to below 600 as we have lost the 1996 Associate Members who have not renewed.

We are arranging to put a letter and application form to join the Association in the leavers exam notification

Subs: Could I remind Associate members who left in 1997 that they should now send in their subscription

Committee News:

Your new committee met for its first meeting on May 7 2002. The minutes can be found on the website

School photographs:

the series in the library is nearing completion. We understand that there was not a photograph between

There have been a number of requests concerning these photos and we are thinking about making them

Association Tie: We are looking at possible ties and suitable designs. The intention is to have the new tie

Careers Advice: There has been a good response from members and we hope to have the service up and

HBGS Through the Decades is making slow progress with contributions from the 20s and 30s from Reg

Old Boys Day 2003 will be on the 5th April. Please make a note of the dates and think about organising

News of Old Boys:

John Baker (1954) On May 20th I was in Leeds recording an edition of Countdown, which was broadcast

Peter Roth (1969) After leaving school in 1969, I went to Israel for a year. When I returned I studied Physics. In 1981, I changed jobs and started working as a programmer for the bottling company of Coca Cola. I worked there until 1997. After that in 1997, I worked for a bank until 2001 when I moved to Ness, an international outsourcing company. Having done my army service I was called up during the Lebanon war in 1982 and also did reserve duty. The present situation is frustrating as during the recent holiday one was careful not to travel to the north. The relatively small brings the tragedies close to the individual, as often one knows relatives or friends of some of the victims. By the way, have you thought about putting the school photographs for viewing on the site or is their size too large?

Mark Pollard (1974) I wanted to drop you a line to say that I greatly enjoyed the Old Boys Annual Dinner. My observations:- it is clear that the power of the Web is having an effect. A number of people mentioned the dinner. Apologies if I am teaching grandmother to suck eggs, but I thought I should make the effort to give you some feedback.

Bob Bowker (1954) Just a few words. I shall be 65 in September and eligible for my bus pass. I've already applied for one.

Geoff Allenby (1944) 'I have left Australia for a while and am now living in Bangkok. I expect to be in England next year.

I thought members might have a laugh at this especially if you know the password. 'Has my membership expired?'

Richard Atkinson (1984) I have just finished my PGCE at Exeter University. Teaching History in a Secondary School.

Matthew Willoghby (1993) Having studied History at university I went to do teaching in Japan and went on to do a PhD in History.

New Members: We welcome the following new members:

Doug Brodie (1952) after a pre-sea training course off to sea in the Merchant Navy. Altogether spent 11

Richard Westwood (1948) I married in 1962, have 3 children. I went to South Africa in 1970, left there for

Derek Sarson (1949) I worked in the Agricultural Industry for 20 years including a stint in Nigeria. For the

Carl Harris (1989) As you can tell from the address I have moved a small distance away from Hitchin altho

Jason Wong (1997) After leaving school I qualified as a Podiatrist at university and am now currently wo

Matthew Clarke (2000) I took a gap-year travelling round Asia, Australasia and North-America. Currently

Lee Doggett (2001) I am now doing business studies and psychology at NHC Stevenage College. I am h

Ben Smyth (2002) I haven't left yet!! It's 30th May 2002; I've got my exams starting in a week (and the w

Stuart McReynolds (2002) Stuart was Head Boy in his year and you may remember that he had to follow

Nathan Lambert (2002) Left HBS in June 2002, having completed A Levels. Planning to go to Brunel Un

Other Old Boys:

Michael Burgess (197) Of course I'm the bespectacled twit that used to sail Mirror dinghies on the Blue
On behalf of the John Russell Field Smokers' Society I feel I should put together 3,000 words for your bo
Somehow the Old Boys' Association does not appeal. And, in any case, I'm unlikely to return to England
I would like a good scan of the school photo between 1968 and 1974 if anyone has one. I am contactabl

The School: It is very sad to report untimely death of Andrew Tickner who had taught Science and Phys

The School is oversubscribed again this year but the closure of Norton School in Letchworth has potenti

The sixth form intake of 90 is about the usual number. Several boys had tried to gain entry to the Cambr

Both the Year 7 and Year 8 cricket teams are in the County Finals having seen off notable opposition fro

On the building front two laboratories are to be refurbished and Dining Hall and North Court toilet facilitie

Old Boy Rugby shirts: These are available from Keir Dow at the School. If you would like one or would like to buy more please contact Keir Dow at the School.

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

Books: Frank Papworth (1936) has kindly donated some books of local interest to the Association. The prices are as follows:

History of Hitchin Grammar School Hine 1931 £20

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

History of Hitchin 2 vols. Eric T Moore's reprint Oct. 1972 £70

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 1946 £12

The Story of the Sun Hotel Hitchin 2nd Edition Hine 1946 £12

An Artist looks at Hitchin (small paperback, a lecture by F.L. Griggs) Intro by Hine £10

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

Charles Lamb and his Hertfordshire Hine 1949 £22

Confessions of an Uncommon Attorney 2nd Edition Hine 1945 £12

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

The Spirit of Christianity Frederick Seebohm 1916 (Published posthumously. Copy "To W.J.Fitch from Hine")

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

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