

HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

(Formerly Hitchin Grammar School Old Boys' Association)

ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER MAY 2002

General:

You will find the minutes of this year's AGM with this Newsletter. We had a successful April reunion with

There are a number of Old Boys who have died since the last Newsletter and I include some notes about

George Ashton (1945) died on 7 November 2001 aged 73. In his younger days George worked with his
G.H. (Hugh) Russell.

A.W. (Tony) Russell (1945) died in February after a long period of illness. From HGS he went to St. Cath
G.H. (Hugh) Russell.

Eddie Lester died on 9th February 2002. A well-known Bluehart in his day and often to be found on Leto

I have received a letter from Joan Mallett informing me that her husband George Mallett (1939) died sud

Gordon Brown (1949) died in a car crash in Yorkshire in February. He was returning from a lecture on P

I remember Gordon and his sister Jean, who now lives in Letchworth, as next door neighbours in Bearto

Membership: Numbers continue to grow slowly to over 600. Please encourage any Old Boys that you kn

Subs: Could I remind Associate members who left in 1996 and 1997 that they should now send in their s

Committee News:

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

School photographs the series in the library is nearing completion but we not have the one for 1986. Ca

Careers Advice: following the request from Neil Chambers (1996) we shall be setting up a facility on the

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

Association Tie We are looking at getting a new tie available for the next April reunion and would like ide

Newsletters: some concern was expressed that members were not able to download from the website. F

Old Boys Day 2003 will be on either the 5th or 12th April. Please make a note of the dates and think abo

News of Old Boys:

From the son of J.S. Roe of Falmouth. We recently received a copy of the Hitchin Old Boys Association

A 'plug' for John Sainsbury (1951) Yet again the AGM and reunion fell on the same day as the Herts Year

Denys Carnill (1936-1944) Denys writes from Cheltenham and points out that although he retired from te

Keith Davis (1977)

After college I got married, moved to Watford but we soon moved back to Hitchin (because of Catherine

Roy Bolton (1940) has me at a rather older age than I am when at three years of age he suggests that I

David Walker (1957) The Cambridge University Alumni Magazine says that Peter Agar (Downing 1968)

Peter Roth (1969) (I asked Peter to give me a résumé as it seemed some time since we had heard from
months compulsory military service, the last part of which was with the Air Force. In 1981, I changed job
of communications from 2400 bits per second to gigabits per second. After that in 1997, I worked for a b
court project. I left the bank just in time as last week the bank of Israel shut down the bank after revealing
the country which is scenic and generally cooler. The country being relatively small brings the tragedies
PS By the way, have you thought about putting the school photographs for viewing on the site or is their

New Members: We welcome the following new members:

Chris Hubbard (1958) I arrived at School the same time that Maurice Dolden took up his Headship. I just

Ben Morgan (1984) I graduated with History degree from Exeter and then spent 12 months in France. M

Peter Massam (1975) He is currently working in 3G Multimedia Company in Reading. He is married with

Clive Sussams (1969) After leaving school I obtained a BA(Hons) Business Studies and specialised in F
I lived in London for several years before returning to Welwyn and Welwyn Garden City.
I continued to play hockey for Blueharts well into my 40's with the Sunday B eleven before sadly we ran

Gurpreet Singh Rehal (2001) is at the University of Warwick doing physics.

Steve Hilleard (1983) Against advice, I quit accounting training after part qualifying to start a stationery b
Currently living in Clifton but hoping to move back across the Beds border into North Herts very soon so

Michael Page (1968) I worked for WH Smith in Stevenage for a couple of years, then joined D. Meredew

Chris Reynalds I left in the fourth year to become a film star !!!!!. Oh well I now have my own business b

Ian Russell (1973) trained as a boat builder, bought a collection of derelict barns in Norfolk in 1982 which

Other Old Boys:

Chris (Crusty) Baker, well-known thespian, is looking for Christopher Fallowfield and Tony Foster. He has

I have had a request for a contact for Darren Lines, who was at the Boys' School from 1985 to 1992 and

The School: See the Headteacher's report in the AGM minutes.

The Parent's Society are organising a GOLF DAY at Chesfield Downs Golf Club on Friday 5th July. First

Old Boy Rugby shirts a note from Keir Dow

Keir is a member of the P.E. department and provides a service to the leaving rugby players by selling O

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

Hon Sec

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.

Association Tie

Your design please

Prize for the one selected

School memories

3000-5000 words to the Hon Sec

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 6.00pm. on 7 April 2001

in the School Library

Present: J R Mayhead (President), T P Brooker (Hon Treasurer), D E Stancombe (Hon Sec), K S Wads

Apologies: A D W Garvie, R. Bonfield, F. Papworth, D Peters, R J Bowker , O J Stedman, P Mallpress M

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th April 2001 were taken as read and confirmed on the

Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Hon. Treasurer's Report: The Hon. Treasurer tabled his report and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st

The meeting thanked Nigel for his service to the Association during the year.

David Stedman noted that the Life Membership would be maturing shortly and that as the interest has b

Hon. Secretary's Report: The Hon. Secretary presented his Report. Its adoption was proposed by P. R.

Election of Officers and Committee: The following members were elected or confirmed in office all were

President for 2002 – B D Robinson

President Elect:- E.M. Cooke

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

Hon. Treasurer: M. E. Hart (R.J. MacArthur/J.Snoxall)

Hon. Secretary: D.E.Stancombe (G.H.Russell/P.R.Downey)

Committee Members: (Vacancies to be left to the discretion of the committee)

Retiring in 2003 - J.C.Coxall,

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

Retiring in 2005 – J. Snoxall, M. Paradis

The President expressed his appreciation of the work of those committee members retiring this year – M

Re-election of Life Trustees – J.R. Mayhead and T.P. Brooker

Proposed by G.H. Russell and Seconded by J. C. Coxall. J.R. Mayhead and T.P. Brooker were unanimous.

Re-appointment of Honorary Accountants – it was unanimously agreed to re-appoint Messrs Watts, Knowles & Co.

Change of Rules. – The Committee had reviewed the Aims and Rules of the Association. The current rules are being reviewed.

Headteacher's Review. Keith Wadsworth reported that the School has had another successful and challenging year.

The introduction of Smart Cards last year has proved successful and Mrs Thornhill is trialling a new fingerprint system.

Exam results at the School showed a slight rise over last year and were higher than National and County averages.

Building: The Sixth Form area in the Bancroft building has been redecorated.

CCTV has been installed inside and outside the main areas of the School. The main hall has been refurbished.

Music continues as a key area within the school. There has been a concert in St. Mary's Church in conjunction with the school.

Sport has seen success in rugby, hockey, cricket, badminton and table tennis in all age groups at county

Staff: 9 staff left last July including Mr Duncan who has retired to his villa in Spain, Deidre Parr who has

Intake: The School has been oversubscribed yet again – an encouraging sign. 160 boys have been allo

Parent's Society: A hard working committee have organised a Summer Fair, Golf Day, Summer Ball, Qu

It is felt that communication with parents via their sons is not effective and as 70% of parents have emai

House System: Mr White has been appointed as House Co-ordinator to raise the profile of the system.

Many outings, including one to France, and Field Courses, local ones to Barton and the traditional A level

Future: Finance is to become more complex with Consortium Funding from four sources at different time

Finally the Head repeated his thanks to the Association for raising the funds to refurbish the school Hall.

The President thanked the Headteacher on a most interesting and informative address.

Any other business. There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.00pm.

Date:President