



Quarterly Bulletin



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

FORMERLY HITCHIN GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

JULY, 2013

The AGM and Annual Dinner April 2013

We had a good turnout for both the AGM and the Dinner. Matt Porter did wonders in bringing a lot of his former schoolmates and together with the regulars, there were just 100 attending. I can only hope that we will be similarly blessed next year! The raffle raised over £500 which will be put towards the Honours board for long serving Masters and the reprinting of the School Photographs (see later in Bulletin). Simon Lupton entertained us with some stories of his time at the BBC. In deference to the more senior Old Boys, I put the top table into the middle of the room, from where I expected them to speak. Unfortunately the plan backfired and all spoke from the front of the Hall, at the opposite end to the seniors!! I will amend that next year!

There is a report from Martin Brown, Head Teacher at the end of the Bulletin.

The Photos are on the website.

News from Members

Reo Muir (October 2012):

Thank you for the recent HBS OBA Quarterly Bulletin. I wanted to let you know that my home address has changed to: 5 Farriers Close, Woodley, Reading, Berkshire RG5 3DD

I would like, as a contemporary and fellow scout to send greetings to Douglas Alexander and Maurice Philpott whose photo I saw published in the Bulletin and to say this has put me in mind of Vernon Hinkley and Freddie Arnold. Does anyone else remember them?

Also, my wife Beryl and I celebrate 62 years of marriage today. We're we married at Letchworth parish church. This weekend also sees the golden wedding anniversary of my niece Sheila and her husband David Stancombe, who will be well known to you. My daughters were their bridesmaids at their ceremony at Hitchin parish church and my two year old son made a bit of a nuisance of himself on the day by running out of the church during the service. A swan stopped him from falling into the the Hiz!

Bob Goodwin:

Images of Guy Randle and British Bulldog in the Scout Hut, Gabby Parkers' epidiascope, and the photo of Stan Rainbow brought a smile (and a few tears) to my face at breakfast this morning.

Had meant to drop you a line to say that Martin Turner (1950) departed this world over the New Year suffering a cerebral tumour. He was one of the few who was sent to HGS from Bedfordshire. He commuted to school by train every morning from Biggleswade where he was brought up. He spent all his married life in Ickwell Green. He trained as an Optician, gaining very high marks in his exams, taking over his Father's business in Hitchin Street where he stayed until he retired, selling his business to Alders. For some years he was a member of Biggleswade Rotary Club but packed it up many years ago as he became more and more introverted. I worked with him in the 6th form for my last two terms and we got on really well and he was fun to work with but when I met up with him some ten or twelve years later I found him a taciturn individual with no social life whatsoever, he seemed to enjoy being miserably married to Tricia ("my wife and I lead separate lives") she was, and still is, a District Councillor and for some years was leader of the Mid Beds District Council. Very sadly very few people will miss him! All very sad!

New Members

Andrew Gibbs (1981):

After a career at the Land Registry, Andy got a BA in History from the Open University, followed by an MA degree in Museum Studies from Leicester in 2012. After volunteering at the British Schools Museum whilst still at the Land Registry, Andy is now the Manager of the site and would welcome visits from Old Boys. See the article later in the Bulletin.

Philip Birch (1966):

Philip is now a retired Agronomist, living in Wales from where he gained his degree many years ago. He left school with three main loves, Biology, sport and music. Biology was his career which was based in agricultural research. When playing sport, Philip played 1st XV for the university and later played Hockey but reached junior International level with his Umpiring. With his music, Philip played at the Albert Hall and also started his own brass quintet.

John Mayhead (1949):

Omak, Wash. In 2013 is a long way from Hitchin in 1954, but the HBSOBA Newsletter shrank both time and distance today.

Robert F. Goodwin

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Peter Lee:

It was interesting to read Bernard Cotton's comments on the Olympics. I attended my first this year age 71 as one of the eight Chief Field Judges for both the Olympics and Paralympics 20 years after taking my first exam to be an official. I'm (Cont. on Page 2)

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(Cont. from Page 1) also one of those who married a girl from up the hill. I'm happy to receive the Bulletin by email.

PS I was only at the school 1957 - 1959 in 6th form.

Obit: David Fyfe died in July 2011 at age 75.

John Barker (1944):

John called and was reminded from the Bulletin of all the interesting times he had during his schooldays during the second World War. He remembered Stan Rainbow as his first form master and how he influenced his progress through the school, as did 'Ernie' Whitworth. One tale he remembered was, during days when it was too wet to go outside at lunch time Mr Huckle would take the boys into the lecture room and regale them with stories, lots of piano music and singalongs. Not quite what we could expect these days!

Stan did his job well because John became Head Boy.

Denis Carnill:

Denis wrote saying how he had enjoyed the Bulletin, especially the photo of Stan and Bernard's Olympic reflections. He did meet Bernard at the pre-olympic hockey gathering but, unfortunately, various bits aren't working as well as they could be and he had to miss going to the Olympics. His note was written on a notelet, the front of which was adorned with a nice watercolour of a cottage, painted by one Denys Carnill, apparently inspired by Mr Cope!!

Other Old Boys who have been in contact were:-

Michael Page (1968)

Stephen Langstaff (1998)

Mike Venn (1960)

Tom Swinson (2006)

Tim Harding

NRM volunteers chuffed to help

8:33 am Tuesday 2nd April 2013 in News (<http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/>)



National Railway Museum volunteers from both ends of the age spectrum Daniel Goldsbrough and Eric Foster

Without its massive army of volunteers the National Railway Museum (NRM) in York would run out of steam.

The museum has more volunteers than it has trains - 304 volunteers compared with 290 rail vehicles.

The museum designated last year as the Year Of The Volunteer, to celebrate the team and its efforts.

The elder statesman of the volunteers is 86-year-old Eric Foster, who has been helping at the NRM for 17 years.

Eric worked at Imperial Chemical Industries for most of his working life, but always maintained his boyhood interest in railways.

He said that on retiring he saw a museum advertisement for volunteers to work in the photo archives.

He said: "It was just what I was looking for, so I immediately jumped on the wagon and have been doing one thing or another ever since."

Paul Thompson (1962)



Born in England, where he worked extensively as a writer, director, actor, and teacher. As a writer, his work has been performed by the National Youth Theatre in England, the Half Moon Theatre, The Royal Shakespeare Company and The National Theatre, as well as in Germany, Hungary, Sweden, Canada, the USA and Australia. His published plays include *The Children's Crusade*, *The Motor Show*, *By Common Consent* and *The Lorenzaccio Story*. He was resident dramatist with the Royal Shakespeare Company (1977) and with the The National Theatre (1977-79). He has also written for BBC Television, BBC Radio and feature films. In 1979, he worked as a screenwriter on location for *Lion of the Desert* (feature film starring Anthony Quinn). He has directed at numerous theatres in England, Australia, and the United States.

Paul Thompson's previous academic positions include Lecturer in Playwriting at the City Literary Institute, London (1978-84), Director of the Theatre School, Morley College (1978-84), Lecturer in Acting at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London (1981-84), Head of Directing and Director of the Playwrights' Studio, National Institute of Dramatic Art, Sydney (1984-86). Head of Scriptwriting at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (1987-93) and Head of Film and Television at the AFTRS (1993-97). He has presented guest lectures and workshops at several leading academic institutions including USC, NYU, Yale, Temple University, UCLA, the London Institute, CEEA Paris, and the International Institute for the Performing Arts, Paris.

ED: Paul and I grew up together from the age of five and I remember his first role, on television, in 'Z' Cars. Brings back memories... all good!

Memories of Hitchin Grammar School from Alan Irving 1933 - 1941

Entrance Exam. I started at Hitchin Grammar School at the beginning of the Summer Term 1933 and my first contact with the school was the Entrance Examination. My only real memory of that occasion was the arithmetic exam in which I was asked something like - "Put into words the following....." Now, someone had told me that Algebra involved the use of letters as well as numbers so I immediately thought "I don't know anything about Algebra"! When Mr Cropper, who was invigilating, collected the papers, he noticed that I had not attempted that question and asked me why. When he heard my explanation, he explained that I was required to express "54" as "fifty-four" etc. in the kindest way..... I passed.

The School. Hitchin Grammar School was founded in 1639 by John Mattock but the school buildings that I attended were built in 1931.

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In Memoriam

Diane Care

I thought you would like to know that my father, John Barrell, died peacefully at home on 25th March. He had been very proud to be an old boy of Hitchin Grammar School and was very interested in the bulletins you sent.

Doug Brodie eulogy for Barrie Sanderson

"I first met Barrie in September 1947 when both starting out in Class 1B. Our desks were always ordered alphabetically and thus we were on opposite sides of the classroom for 5 years. He travelled from Letchworth whilst I came in from Welwyn Garden City. At school, therefore, we had quite different sets of friends but events brought us together twice in later years. Early in 1954 Barrie started as a Cadet with the British India Steam Navigation Company. Although we were roughly the same age I had started as a Cadet with the company about a year earlier. It was with great pleasure that I saw Barrie climbing the gangway of "Chantala" - one of the company's cadet ships - as a 'first tripper'. For the following twelve months, until I was transferred to another ship, we shared a cabin and the ups and downs of Red Watch. Shipmates become very close to one another and also learn to say 'farewell'. So it was that after twelve months of trading to East Africa, the US, and Australia as budding officers in the Merchant Navy, we parted company and always served on different ships from then on. Barrie remained with that shipping company until, like almost all British shipping companies it folded or was merged, in this case absorbed by P&O, as world trades changed and containerisation happened. Ultimately obtaining his Master Mariner's Certificate, he was a navigating officer on a variety of ships - including the "Nevasa" which was built to transport troops around the world but later became one of the best loved of the so-called 'school ships'. There was a period in Barrie's career when he was Cadet Instruction Officer of one of the Cadet Ships. Of that time one of the then Cadets under his wing recently told me that Barrie was the only person able to explain spherical trigonometry in a way that made it understandable. Barrie later transferred to a shore job at the company's Head Office in London where, as part of the Personnel Department, he oversaw the sea-going staff. With the demise of the British India Line Barrie branched out as a Lecturer at Sir John Cass College in London where, of course, he specialised several subjects specific to ships and their management. I had 'swallowed the anchor' long before all of this and it was only after a gap of nearly forty years that our paths crossed again. In retirement I became involved with the preservation and operation of a Heritage steam ship (see www.ss-shieldhall.co.uk) only to discover that Barrie was already well established and highly regarded in this field. Thanks largely to Barrie's drive the Heritage steam tug "Portwey" was restored and to this day remains in operational condition (see www.stportwey.co.uk). The "Portwey" is understood to be the oldest coal fired twin screw tug in the world and she is normally berthed in the former West India Docks, London. Barrie was Chairman of the Uganda Trust for many years. A trust that offers help to further the 'provision of educational and recreational facilities for children and young people', especially where there is a strong nautical connection (see www.ssuganda.co.uk). Barrie co-wrote the book "Uganda: The Story Of A Very Special Ship" and he wrote "Nevasa: B.I. Centenary Ship". The former is now almost unobtainable but it is intended that a copy of the latter will shortly be donated to the school library. When Barrie 'crossed the bar' we lost a man with a wealth of knowledge to do with the maintenance of Heritage Ships as well as many other aspects of ships and the sea. I lost a good friend." 'Bye for now, Doug Brodie 2, Lower Cleave, Braunton, Devon. EX33 1AS. Tel. 01271 - 815741

In the meantime I have obtained a copy of "Nevasa: BI Centenary Ship" and am looking for an opportunity to visit Hitchin and hand it over to the Librarian. Regrettably the other book has become almost unobtainable. Of course, I rather favour the book about Nevasa because it contains a photograph of a 20 year old Senior Cadet Douglas Brodie taken just prior to the commencement of her maiden voyage in Summer 1956.

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First day of Term. This ritual is worth recording! Before we were allowed into the building, we had to line up in the playground, form by form, and hand in a certificate signed by a parent showing that we had remained free from contact with infection during the holidays. Likewise, at the beginning of the afternoon, we had a session with our form master in which inter alia we handed in a “Fee Form” - a receipt showing that the fees for the term - £5 - had been paid. I don’t remember anyone defaulting.

School Uniform. Attendance at school was in school uniform - school cap, tie, blazer and belt, grey flannel shorts/trousers, white shirt and even school socks if you were wearing shorts! Cap and tie were to be worn seven days a week during term time. If you were caught without by a master or a prefect, you were in trouble! School uniform could be purchased only from Leete Brothers – two Old Boys of the school. They had reason to be grateful for their education in the school. After tea on my first day, I went down the garden and cried my eyes out at the thought of wearing cap and tie for all my school days. Even now, I only wear a hat for the sun and a tie when I have to.

The journey to School. My father and I walked to the station together as his train to London left at about the same time as mine to Hitchin. As he was nearly six feet tall, he had quite a stride and I had to keep up, resulting in my quick walk which I have to this day. The train journey tended to be noisy but I think it was fairly harmless. I remember certain boys shouting “Beaky” at the Station Master at Stevenage as the train pulled out of the station. The description was accurate but he was not amused! Hitchin had a strong Quaker tradition and when the railway came, the town insisted that the station was a mile from the town. This meant an interesting walk to school, with the boys herded by prefects on the right side of the road and, for part of the way, the Hitchin Girls Grammar School girls on the left.

The Locker Room. Each boy was provided with a locker and key. (There was a fee for replacement keys.) The metal locker had hooks and a shelf for your outdoor clothes and games kit and bars at the bottom for shoes. You were required to put on “house shoes” before entering the school buildings.

The School Day. School began at 8.55 am with Assembly in the Hall, the boys sitting form by form with their form masters seated down the left side, watching them. The Headmaster conducted the service and a prefect read the lesson. Proceedings were concluded with announcements and comments by the headmaster. I well remember him saying, “Yesterday, I walked round the grounds and found three pieces of paper, three pieces of paper, **three pieces of paper**!” Those were the days.

The day was divided into “periods” of, I think, 40 minutes – four in the morning and, I think, three in the afternoon. There was a “break” in the morning, when the Tuck Shop, run by the wife of the school grounds man, was open, but I don’t think we had a break in the afternoon. Mrs Mole (I can’t be sure of the spelling!) was a motherly type and sold a wide selection of chocolate covered bars at ½d each and, for the wealthy, 1d and liquorice sticks and “boot laces”. Mars bars were 2d and out of my reach. Most of the lessons were in our form rooms, where we had our own desks, with masters moving from room to room, but Physics, Chemistry, Geography and Art were taught in the appropriate labs or rooms. There were double periods for some subjects.

There were school dinners in the dining room for those not living in Hitchin with parents prepared to pay and an adjoining room was provided for the “sandwich” boys. There was a staff presence to ensure good behaviour and clean plates. I remember being called to the head of the table to explain why I had left some rather heavy suet crust on an apple pudding. My explanation was received with “What’s stodgy? – go and eat it up.”

Games were held on pitches in the school grounds, either in the last period of the day or after school. Matches with other schools were held on Saturday afternoons and we were required to show our support for our teams by attending two matches a term. Gym was in what must have been a privately owned gym just outside the main entrance to the school. Swimming was in public baths on the other side of the town and later at the new pool just across the playing fields – open air, Summer Term only.

The day finished at 3.30 pm unless there were games.

The Last Day of Term. Again a ritual! All the text books had to be gathered in and methodically stored in the Book Room by “Bill” Whitworth – no mean task with a school of about 300. The other task was making copies of our own reports for the school records and putting the originals in envelopes to take home to our parents. The rest of the afternoon was spent playing Battleships or passing the time until the final assembly.

Founders’ Day. Once a year, in the Summer Term the staff and pupils of both Grammar Schools paraded in St Mary’s Church for a service to honour the founders of the two schools. The staff were resplendent in their best (chalk less) gowns and splendid hoods. We marched/shambled across the town to church, sitting with the girls one side and the boys the other. I don’t think the order of service varied very much from year to year. Certainly Hugh Seebohm, the Chairman of the Governors read from Ecclesiasticus every year “Now let us praise famous men.....”

Staff. It was not until I had left a number of years that I realised how young the staff must have been. I think that when the new school was built, the school increased greatly in size and a lot of staff was appointed straight from university. They were mostly very keen and certainly inspired me. Not everybody shares my views.

“Charlie” Cropper (actually Cecil and wasn’t I disappointed when I found out!) was my first contact with the school and responsible for my becoming an engineer. He was a brilliant Maths teacher. He always took the top set, which gave him time to show us the applications of the subject and answer our questions. I thought the end of the world had come when he took a technical commission in the RAF during the holidays before my second year in the Sixth Form. He had absolutely no problem with discipline and only once did he raise his voice. The boy who was fooling about suddenly found himself outside the door while Cropper carried on as if nothing had happened.

BHJ (“Bert”) Reid came at the other end of the scale as far as I was concerned. He taught French and some Music (mainly musical appreciation). In our first French lesson (in the First Form), we started learning numbers and in the second we were tested orally. I felt pleased with myself because I was the only one to put the “et” in vingt-et-un. Unfortunately I sounded the “t” in “et” and was crushed with “Did he enjoy it?” The miracle is that I went on to enjoy French.

TE Jones, the Headmaster, also taught French. He took us in the Second Form. When he entered the classroom, we all stood up. He rattled off a question in French and pointed at a boy for an answer. Then it was “Next, next, next.....” like a machine gun, as the finger moved round the class in search of an answer. The one who answered sat down. The process continued until we were all seated. It kept us “on our toes”!

EF (“Bill”) Whitworth was in charge of Physics. He was a good teacher, particularly at the top end of the school, but his methods did not betray any love for small boys. In the Sixth Form he was brilliant and prepared us for a university system which involved far more freedom than I enjoyed at Northampton Polytechnic, London University.

The administrative staff was the School Secretary.....!!!

“Honours” Boards. In one of the corridors there were large boards carrying the names of old boys of the school who had achieved (Cont. on Page 5)

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distinction in their careers or had been awarded a university degree. Just imagine doing that now with so many going to university!

Conclusion. I owe a lot to Hitchin Grammar School. Its education may have been formal by modern standards, but it has served me well.

ED: Alan was also kind enough to donate his framed school photograph, together with some of his school mates identified. These are with Thomas, our Archivist in the School Library.

British Schools Museum from Andy Gibbs, Manager

We are planning an exhibition and a book publication next year commemorating the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War. Both are based upon some extraordinary research undertaken by one of our volunteers, which has revealed that no fewer than 66 former pupils of the British Schools here in Queen Street lost their lives during the conflict. We also know that some of our old boys were also at the Grammar School and, indeed, two of the Leete brothers are commemorated on the memorial window in the library.

We are in negotiations to acquire the campaign medal sets for four of the Leete brothers, which, if we are successful, will form the centrepiece of the exhibition and, thereafter, a permanent display in our Edwardian period classroom, which will also include a memorial board to the fallen. Although we have negotiated a very good price (£800 is, I'm told a 'snip' for such a rare set) this is beyond the museum's modest means and we are seeking financial help from, amongst others, the Western Front Association.

As part of the project, we are also contacting other bodies and institutions in the town who might have an interest.

ED: We have sent a Cheque for £50.00 from the Association and Andy has joined the Association!!

Thomas Pitchford

Our Archivist and School Librarian has 'shot to fame' with some research he carried out on a poem attributed to William Blake. I will give a version of his exploits below but it has gone out on the net, because my sister-in-law was recently in the UK, she is American, and she got a note from a friend, who is a retired librarian from Maryland, asking about Thomas Pitchford. I was very pleased to give her the information.

Blake loses his Sunflowers

Pupils have been taught for more than a decade that 'Two Sunflowers move into the yellow room' was the work of William Blake the 19th Century English poet.

But research by Thomas Pitchford, the librarian at Hitchin Boys' School shows that it was written by Nancy Willard, a 20th century American poet and novelist.

Somehow, her work, which appeared in an anthology 'A visit to William Blake's Inn', has been attributed to Blake.

The error, according to Pitchford's detective work, appears to have started on 2001 on the Oracle Education Foundation's website where a group of students attributed Ms Willard's homage to Blake to the poet himself. The mistake became accepted wisdom on the internet, being reproduced in aids for teachers.

ED: It just goes to show that you can't trust everything you read on the internet!!!

Old Boys' Six-a-Side Cricket – Saturday 22nd June 2013

Following the success of last year's 6 a side cricket competition which was eagerly contested on the main square in front of the pavilion we decided to run a similar event this year. The cricket takes place on the same day as the School Summer Fair so is a good opportunity for Old Boys to visit the School and support the Parents' Association in their main fund raising event of the year.

It was good to see Old Boys coming from London and further afield as well as locally to participate in the cricket, many for the second year running. They had clearly forgotten the aches and pains they endured last year in their enthusiasm to participate again this year. Bowlers' run ups were restricted and boundaries shortened to help the ageing bodies! Entertainment levels were high – the number of sixes hit was more than you get in the professional game and some of the catching and fielding was stunning (although some it has to be said wasn't quite up to that standard).

With their years of experience showing (in all sorts of ways) the Old Boys' teams managed to hold off the challenge of the school team with Phil Britton's team the most successful overall.

Thanks to Dave Smith from the School for his help with the organisation of the cricket and for getting a school team together. Thanks also to Simon Walker and Phil Britton for getting Old Boys' teams out. Despite the weather being a bit iffy (ok if it had been a test match it would have been rained off) all enjoyed themselves and are already looking forward to next year. It would be good if at least two other Old Boys could get a team out for June 2014.

The Huckle Memorial Board

It is hoped that the board will be updated with the list of all masters who served over 30 years on the staff at the school for the start of the new year in September. Proofs have been approved and the signwriter will start work soon.

School Photographs

I am very pleased to announce that William Halsey has managed to copy all the School Photos from 1983 to 2007 and has refurbished them at the same time.

We have a CD with all the photos on it and it is available from the Hon Sec for just £8.00, including VAT and Postage for the UK. The Price is £10.00 for overseas deliveries.

If you want a new full sized photograph of your year, it will cost £17.50, including VAT, for UK deliveries and £20.00 for overseas deliveries. The years available are:- 1893, 1906, 1908, 1920, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1929, 1937, 1947, 1953, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1982 (Upper School), 1982 (Lower School), 1989, 1994, 1999, 2007.

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Update from Martin Brown, Head Teacher

We are now an Academy – but HBS remains the same

Exam results at GCSE - Top 100 best performing schools in the country
Art Music Sport experiences just as valuable
Choir international trip this year – huge numbers performing
Over 200 boys (1 in 5) learning & performing some form of musical instrument
Concerts every term (NB Bagpipes)
Winners of the Rotary Music Bursary.
We are now a Saracen's Partner School.
Sports results (see summary below)

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development

Hitchin Boys have won the RIBI YOUTH SPEAKS regional finals and came second in the national finals.
Winners of The Hertfordshire Maths Challenges.
£3,500 raised for Comic Relief
Many Trips as always including – World Challenge – Malawi, Kenya, Madagascar etc
Charity Project for Summer - Rotary - Shelter Box - each form challenged to raise most money – top form wins a jump the lunch queue card for two weeks

Buildings

New benched area – recently installed
Outdoor Classroom – New build to be funded by Parents' Society
Music tech block – planning permission in progress
Pavilion – being refurbished
Expansion at request of Herts County Council

Cricket

Year 7 - 6-a-side Calypso cricket District Champions
3 boys representing Herts

Ski Racing

Hitchin Boys' School Ski Race Team in September.

Athletics Report 2012 – Mr Bajak

This year has been an exceptional year for our athletics squads. They have enjoyed success at district, county, regional and national level. 11 school records have been broken many of which stood previously for more than 30 years. 7 Pupils have been selected by Hertfordshire and quite a few of our pupils now feature in the national rankings.

Year 7 Athletics

2012 District League winners

New Year 7 school records

Peter Keefe High Jump 1.58 Ranked 2nd in UK

Peter Keefe Shot 11.64 Ranked 2nd in the UK

Year 8 Athletics

Regional League Champions 2012

Hertfordshire County League Final Winners 2012

English Schools Cup Regional 2nd place 13th in England

Year 9 Athletics

Lee Valley indoor cup finalists 2012

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Year 10 Athletics

Hertfordshire Multi-Event Champions
Hertfordshire County Regional League Champions 2012
Hertfordshire County League Final Winners 2012
English Schools Cup Regional 4th place 39th in England
North Hertfordshire Athletics Champions 2012

Senior Athletics

North Hertfordshire District Champions 2012
Ranked 2nd in UK for both High Jump and Shot
Ranked 4th in the UK for Pentathlon - Multi events (Hurdles , High Jump , Shot , Long jump, 800m)

Athletics

Year 7 – Hertfordshire Indoor Athletics Champions 2013
Year 8 – Hertfordshire Indoor Athletics Champions 2013

Rugby

A regular 1st XV and 2nd XV. This feat is even more remarkable, as last year we were unable to field a senior team due to lack of numbers. This commitment was clearly evident in the last fixture of the season against Haberdashers Aske School where over 200 boys were selected to represent Hitchin Boys' School – one fifth of the total pupils at school!!

Badminton

U14 BADMINTON TEAM for being placed 7th in the English Schools National Badminton Finals
We also won the gold medal in the under 13 badminton, at the Herts Youth Games

Basketball

Daniel Grainger (year 10) played for Hertfordshire in May at the U15's County tournament at Queens School Watford - and they won the tournament. On the back of his performance he has been selected to trial for the East Region and is now being trained over six sessions ready for matches in September.

Hertfordshire Youth Games

I am pleased to say that the badminton and basketball teams took the gold medal and the boys hockey team took the silver, the aquathlon team came 4th and table tennis team 6th.

Congratulations to the Year 7 Basketball team who won the District Basketball final 56-48 beating a very talented Greenway School on Friday.
Congratulations to the Year 8 Basketball Team who also beat Greenway in the District final 58-36.

Swimming

Congratulations to the junior relay swimming team of Luke Turley, Alex Evens, Sam Gamble and George Rodger. After a long night at Woodside pool the junior team achieved the required times to qualify for both relays in the National Secondary Schools Relay Championships - 7th place for the medley relay. This is a tremendous achievement and is the first time that the school has ever qualified for a National Schools Final in swimming. The gala will be held at Coventry Sports Centre with a 1.30 pm warm-up.

Table Tennis

Another successful table tennis season for our boys as our U'13s, U'16s and U'19s all reached the Hertfordshire School Games County Finals. Our U'13s and U'16s were District Champions and in the County Finals the U16s and U19s were runners up and received silver medals - both lost in the County final having won their group, quarter finals and semi finals.

Hockey Review

During the season we played 48 matches, won 21, drew 9 and lost 18. Both the Under 14s and Under 16s excelled themselves by reaching the Eastern Regional Finals, as Hertfordshire representatives and performed creditably against the top private schools. The U13 side came 3rd in the County Championships and our 1st XI qualified with 27 other schools at the prestigious Weybridge Sixes competition in Surrey. The development of hockey within the school has continued apace. We are very fortunate and grateful to Blueharts Hockey Club who have assisted with the coaching of our players as they have promoted the game and provided our boys with excellent opportunities which we hope will continue for many years to come.

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