



Quarterly Bulletin



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

FORMERLY HITCHIN GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY, 2017

Welcome to yet another year passed in the annals of HBSOBA. The AGM and Dinner is on Saturday 22nd April and, after last year's rather poor performance, I hope that more of you will be inclined to attend this year!!!

The Menu and details, including the Order form are at the back of the Bulletin, make sure you get your group together and fill in the form as soon as you can. I really don't want to be scrabbling around for attendees a week before the event, as usually seems to happen!!!

Things have been singularly quiet on the situations vacant front, it would be nice for a volunteer to come forward, especially for the Treasurer's role. A local Old Boy would be good, only four or five meeting a year, most of the hard work is done by the Hon Sec with the Dinner. It would, of course be a miracle if someone volunteered to take on the Secretary's role, but..... you never know!

News from Old Boys

Chris Ambler (1982)

Just seen the HBSOBA quarterly bulletin for October 2016. Thank you for including my request for contact details for Tim Gray. I have found him since and have spoken to him regarding the reunion in September 2017. He is very keen to be part of our celebrations.

We are still searching for former choir members to join us and if you could add a 'Calling all former Choristers' appeal in the bulletin I will be very grateful. We have a website with more details of the reunion which includes old choir photos, concert programmes and audio recordings going back to the 1950s. The website address is: <http://www.st-marys-choir-reunion.co.uk> or you can get in touch by emailing info@st-marys-choir-reunion.co.uk

Of course non-choir members will be more than welcome to join us and will most likely bump into old school friends at the event.

Roger Thirnbeck

I know the feeling, (Hon. Sec.). For a couple of years at Durham Uni (61 - 64) I filled the position with the hockey (surprise, surprise), luckily, as I managed to graduate and then departed to Canada., Within a very short time, my "talents" (read:- couldn't find any other sucker) dropped me into fixture/local Association secs as well as forming a separate club to develop field hockey/ice hockey players and change the way the game is played followed by 11 years as president of Alberta Men's Field hockey, the only way out was to piss-off the English types who thought that they had all the answers and that forced the issue of succession followed by my departure into the wilderness and Alberta's departure into the "boonies" Kipling summed it all up in "If". I think your offer to potential successors is exceedingly fair, if you remain to long then the membership just accepts your work without thanks.

Chris Ambler (way after our time) mentioned Tim Gray and St Mary's Choir. Tim was at Durham Uni when I arrived there in '61 and appears on a Durham Colleges group hockey photo in '62 with Mike Gorton (DJC info. from Dean Close earlier this year) and myself - Mike G. probably has a copy of same and is much more technically adept than this Prairie Dinosaur. so he could probably forward a copy to you for the archives.

Would love to attend the War series that has been set up although except for front line cannon fodder, Canada and Newfoundland British Colony, contributed little except blood. In 1919 Canadian troops went to Siberia to fight with the white Russians for about a year. It is interesting to hear the opinions of Canadian troops of their British commanders, vastly different from the opinions spouted to us by various sources in the '50's and '60's. The spilling of blood "colonial" continued.

I will contact Dick Crabbe, thanks for the info. He played on the very first Colts team at West Ealing (Gordon Walker was in goal), my Old Man picked up Dick and Tony Morris in the Gosmore/Preston area on the way there.

About two weeks ago spent about 6 hours heading into 100+ knot winds of the NW sector of Hurricane Matthew and then we turned right, abeam to the winds, as we headed to Halifax, great fun as waves over 20m high crashed over us. We were on a floating shoe-box (food trough) nominally owned by the Dutch and run upon their usual slave-ship lines. Sat down at meal times with three different retired American Doctors, two G.P.'s and the third was a cancer specialist from San Antonio, TX. who was very proud of one of his medical school instructors who among other things had been top dog in the Luftwaffe Medical corps and was one of the over 1000 Nazis recruited by the US military under "Operation Paperclip" (have to keep US National Security busy) practicing his freezing experiments at Dachau in the back shed.

Got to go now as I have to prepare myself for a two day session with the Cancer gang on Monday & Tuesday, the three US Docs. helped with my defence although I must admit I would have liked to meet the Texan at #2, NOT #3 (us Baseball rubbish - three strikes and you are out"

Cheers'

Alan Whitworth (son of Ernie!!) 1962 - 1970

(He is 'wallowing' in nostalgia and has joined as a term member)

I am an economist who specialises in poor countries, and have spent most of my career overseas. I have worked for the governments of Tanzania, Papua New Guinea, Nigeria, Uganda and Jamaica. In 1988 I became a UK civil servant with the Department for International Development. (Cont. on Page 2)

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(Cont. from Page 3) DFID posted me to South Africa, Malawi, Zambia and Pakistan, interspersed with short stints in London. I am currently seconded to the UN Support Mission on Libya, based in Tunis. I married Jamilah (from Malaysia) in 1979. We have two sons.

Bob Watkin has told me that he has changed his address to 1124, Mayfield Drive, Potsdam, New York 13676, USA.

I have had an enquiry from Miss Anne Gillatt, whose great grandfather was at the school around the early 1900's there were two brothers, BP and AGC Fowler. Difficult to tell from the photos but they are very good on the CD's and the definition is very good when you go close up. More of you should buy one.... only £10.00 inc postage and packing!

Lo and Behold Tony Pringle from Newmarket was researching the same person!!!! Ann and he are now in touch...What a network!

Bob Ahern was in contact enquiring after M Highton. Hon Pres, who knows all, was pleased to inform that he is well and living in Bath and a place in North Wales.

David Neill

Another Old Boy from far, far away!

I was saddened to read in the October Bulletin of the death of John Windsor. I was in his class from 1953 and before that I think at Hillshott in Letchworth. That year there were 4 of us who went to Hitchin GS from there.

I have lived in Australia since 1969 only kept in contact with Chris Jeffrey who also sadly passed away last year.

It was interesting to read Richard Toll's memories of the infamous band, of which I was a member. I played sax and I think John Covington was on clarinet. One other tune I remember we played was "I came I saw I Conga'd".

I would be pleased to hear from Richard, so perhaps you would pass on my email address. (*I did but no reply!!! Ed.*)

Golden Oldies!

Dear Peter, could you please tell Trevor Hales (last bulletin) 1948 that there are a few oldies still around. Myself, Jack Fox, Boris Rumney, Basil Seymour and I believe Stuart Robertson. To the best of my knowledge all are very active; Boris I see very often and when nostalgia overcomes us we make occasional forays to Hitchin and Letchworth. We both have very fond memories of that period. With the kindest of regards, Jack Fox 1948. Keep up the good work.

Boris Rumsey has kindly sent me (*Ed*) a copy of his Book, The Splits: A chronicle of conflicts in a young man's life. It is available on Amazon for just £8.99. It takes his life from Birth to when he reached 28. I am finding it very readable. He says if he sells any he may write the next part!!!!

John Mayhead

School needs to stress to pupils just before they leave that a "Life Subscription" to the OBA perhaps over three years, as we did in my day, would be a good investment. £7.10 shillings was three weeks wages in my day when I left school! Most boys don't appreciate the value of the Association', perhaps the Committee would like to discuss this and set up a "Social Media" site as the "core" of the OBA. It is only when you get older that you start to want to know where old "So and So" is now that you appreciate the value of that subscription!!

In Memoriam

Eulogy for Doug Wright, by David Stancombe

Douglas Wright died last October at the age of 82. He was a Nottinghamshire man and after leaving school he took up an apprenticeship in carpentry working at Clipstone colliery. After completing this course he decided on a change of career and joined a teacher training scheme. This led to his job application in 1965 at HBGS when Maurice Dolden saw the potential of Doug, not only as a teacher but as a valuable addition to the staff cricket team. He joined Percy Mumford in the craft department and one of the first tasks set by MGD was to build a couple of Mirror dinghies so that sailing could be offered as an opportunity to the less sporting members of the school. I joined the staff that year and, among other things, was asked to take on the job of setting up this sailing opportunity at the Blue Lagoon in Arlesey. So this is how Doug and I met and became good friends for the rest of his life.

Doug left HBGS in 1969 for a promotion at a large comprehensive school in Nottingham where he met Geoff Oxley, who had taught English at the school until the previous year. Doug's next move was to join the staff at Skegby Hall Approved School. This was a stiff challenge and I can remember him having to call into the local pub before going home to the family.

His next appointment was Newark Magnus Grammar before joining staff of Manor School in 1974 where he worked until his retirement in 1992.

Doug was a good all-round sportsman, probably best at cricket. He continued to play for Teversal Cricket Club until he was well into his fifties. While at Hitchin he took up hockey and played at many Lowestoft Festivals. He was also a regular in the Hitchin Cricket Club first team as an aggressive off spin bowler. When he moved back to Nottingham he played for North Notts HC, coached Mansfield Ladies hockey and ran the Manor Boys' hockey team. He was a keen member of Worksop Golf Club, winning a good number of medals. Unfortunately all these activities ended during his fight against cancer for the last years of his life.

I have kept contact with Doug throughout all these years; shared holidays, regular visits to each other's homes, walked the Cleveland Way and sunk a good few pints. I had the privilege of saying a few words at his funeral in Mansfield Woodhouse. The church was full of family, friends and colleagues; a tribute to a well-respected man. We shall miss him but keep our memories of happy times together.

Eulogy for John Coxall, by Richard Whitmore.

When a chap has the widely-used nickname of "Cockers," the worry is that – although it is a term of great endearment – it might make it quite difficult to give our old friend a dignified send-off. But I shall try. John Cameron Coxall was born in Grove Road, Hitchin, in 1932. His father Charles was an insurance agent who – while John was still very young – bought the popular newsagent's shop in Sun Street that still flourishes today as Merryfields. Like many Hitchin boys of his time John's education centred on two schools – the British School in Queen Street followed by Hitchin Boys' Grammar School (now Hitchin Boys' School) where he remained until he was 17. Many years later he was to be elected President of the school's Old Boys' Association.

On leaving school John was articled to Tony King, the Surveyor for Hitchin Urban District Council; thus beginning a career in local government that in his early years took him to the garden cities of Letchworth and Welwyn and the old town of Stevenage. It was during this time that he met Margaret Leonard and they were married in 1957. Having obtained deferment from National Service while working for his qualifications as a surveyor John eventually joined the Army, where he was awarded a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant and posted first to Dovercourt, then Harwich where he was put in charge of troop movements to and from the Hook of Holland. Margaret, who went to Harwich with him, now remembers the posting as "the coldest place on earth" during that infamous winter of 1957.

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On his return to civilian life, John was invited to become a partner at John Shilcock, the old-established Hitchin firm of chartered surveyors and estate agents. He remained with them for 30 years until his retirement. During this time John and Margaret's children Anna and Simon were born. The couple were later blessed with three grandsons – Frank, Johnny and Jack – to all of whom we send our sympathy at this sad time.

Many of John's interests touched on service to the community. Apart from his work with Shilcocks, he also ran two local Education Charities, Rands and the Hitchin Educational Foundation, both of which provide grants for local children. In Letchworth he served for 10 years as Chairman of the Howard Cottage Association and was also involved with the garden city's Heritage Foundation.

He was chairman and secretary of Letchworth Round Table and – during 1982-83 – Chairman of the Rotary Club of Hitchin. He was later made an honorary member and – a major highlight in his life – he received the prestigious Paul Harris Medallion for outstanding services to the community. An award that is not given lightly and of which John was justifiably very proud. Like many local Round Tablers and Rotarians he eventually joined Hitchin and District PROBUS Club, serving as chairman in 1999.

It was during his grammar school days that John first became interested in amateur dramatics, although he might easily have been put off by an unfortunate episode while rehearsing for his first major role as Lady Capulet in the school's production of *Romeo and Juliet*. While moving furniture from the stage to rehearse, he accidentally knocked over the lectern sending the treasured school bible sliding across the floor – an incident witnessed by the headmaster T. E. Jones, who was so furious that he cancelled the entire production on the spot. The following day he relented and said the play could go ahead but Coxall would not be taking part. However, after the producer had explained that young John's good looks made him the only boy remotely suitable for the role of Lady Capulet, the head grudgingly lifted his ban and John was re-instated in the role.

John's first appearance with the Bancroft Players was in March 1949 in the comic role of Tony Lumpkin in "She Stoops to Conquer." The follow year, when his sister Ann took the title role in Bernard Shaw's "Major Barbara," he was cast as her brother Stephen. At the time the play's author, then in his 90s, was living nearby at Ayot St Lawrence. When Shaw was told about the Coxall pairing he said it was the only time he had known the characters of Stephen and Barbara to be played by a real-life brother and sister.

At the age of 19, when John was still a trainee surveyor with Hitchin Council, it was he who suggested the council could convert the woodland adjacent to Windmill Hill into an open air theatre. His boss Tony King liked the idea and encouraged him to design a theatre space and take charge of its construction. For this, John was allocated a budget of £200. The Dell, as it became known, was completed in time for the 1951 Festival of Britain celebrations and opened with a Bancroft Players production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in which John played a leading role. He went on to appear in more than 30 BP productions, his last being the musical "Annie" in 1994.

As a gifted craftsman John also enjoyed working backstage with the set-building team, particularly when, as he grew older, he found he was having trouble remembering lines.

There is no doubt that, without John's business skills, the Bancroft Players would not be in the enviable position they are in today – one of the few amateur dramatic societies to own and run their own theatre. John had already negotiated the purchase of the society's first home in 1956. St Anne's Hall, a rather run-down wooden building with a corrugated iron roof, stood in Garden Row, just off Verulam Road. Under John's guidance members transformed the little hall into The Players' Theatre. It seated 80 people and served as our home for 28 years.

When we built the Queen Mother Theatre in 1983 the little hall that John had originally bought for £800 was sold to a developer for £26,000, thus giving our fund-raising appeal for the new theatre a brilliant start. Running the QMT meant we now had an annual financial turnover of thousands, rather than the few hundreds before. So we relied very much on John's business acumen throughout that first 30 years. As our Chairman during much of that time, he played a leading role in the development of the building to the size it is today.

Having joined in the 1940s, John was the Society's longest-serving member. A distinction that now passes to his sister-in-law, Sally Hull. Sally will tell you that "Cockers" also had a very mischievous sense of humour and, having been one of his regular targets for practical jokes, she well remembers how his face would crinkle up with glee at the sight of someone making a fool of themselves.

In more serious moments, however, John could be a master of diplomacy, not least when having to deal with controversial decisions. First and foremost he was a good listener, always fair and never passing judgement on disputes or opinions until he had heard the whole story. His naturally cheerful nature that had been his great virtue throughout life no doubt helped to see him through the ten years of his progressively worsening Parkinson's disease.

The second half of this time was spent at Wymondley Nursing Home, where, Margaret will tell you, he was wonderfully cared for, becoming a much-loved "Father Figure" to those who nursed him. So much so that he frequently found himself being asked for advice on matters ranging from the legal problems of home-buying to boyfriends. Advice that he was always pleased to give.

We who knew him well will not be surprised by this because – that was John. A generous, kind and – at the end – very courageous man who throughout life, had adhered to that motto of Rotary to which he proudly belonged – "Service above Self."

John was just old enough to remember the Hitchin lawyer and historian Reginald Hine, a flamboyant figure from the early part of the last century who was the first Vice-President of The Bancroft Players. John once told me of Hine's rather annoying habit of "making an entrance" by arriving slightly late for their performances, then at Hitchin Town Hall . . . leaving the performers on tenterhooks wondering whether they should delay starting the show until his arrival. For the sake of the rest of the audience they usually went ahead - only to be upstaged by the unmistakable, lanky figure of Hine, his special cushion under his arm, being guided by torchlight to his seat in the front row.

So, I'm pretty sure John would enjoy the irony of my pinching a couple of lines from Mr Hine's work to see him on his way. They were first spotted in the 1930s on a wreath that Hine had sent to the funeral of one of the "Hitchin Worthies" who appear in his book of that name. As our John proved to be an undoubted "Hitchin Worthy" of the 21st century, they surely apply to him as well.

"Gone to earth old friend, and lost to mortal view.

Good luck to you, where'er you wend, fresh woods and pastures new."

Thoughts on John from other Old Boys:-

I remember John as a very senior actor in the new Woodside Open Air Theatre. I sang song for two Shakespeare plays, "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" and the following year "The Tempest" Maurice Keeley was the Director of those two plays and John's wife Margaret (Leonard? - younger sister was Sally (Brian Hull's wife)) also in the plays too.

Roger Thirnbeck

Brian Kinnear contacted the Hon Sec to say how grateful he was that John had moved from his post in Stevenage, as he got the job as his replacement when he left the school in 1950. It took him on to become a chartered Surveyor working for Thames Water for many years until he retired in 1984. He also remembers Robin Leonard, Margaret Coxall's brother as a friend.

Brian Wakeley

Brian Wakeley passed away on 7th October as a result of a heavy fall injuring his head. His Son Jim told me the funeral was on Monday 24th October at St Mary's Church, Walkern, starting at 12.15pm.

John Mayhead wrote - Which generation of Wakeley is that? There was a Wakeley in my form at school (*it was him, Ed*) but he would be 85 now and in my day he came from Mardley Hill and he went in to farming, I think his Father was a Doctor – I haven't seen him since I left school!

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Life President Emeritus: David Stancombe

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AGENDA for the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on

Saturday 22nd April 2017 at 5.00 pm in the School Library

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting**
- 3. Matters arising**
- 4. Hon Treasurer's Report and adoption of the Accounts**
- 5. Hon Secretary's Report**
- 6. Election of Officers and Committee Members :**
 - President for 2017 - A. Parr**
 - President for 2018**
 - Hon. Treasurer**
 - Hon. Secretary**
 - Hon. Membership Secretary**

Committee Members:

 - Retiring in 2018 - K. Allard, Colin Bates**
 - Retiring in 2020 - M.J. Cranfield, P. Britton, S. Garrod**
 - New Committee Member**
 - Nominations from the floor
- 7. Re-appointment of Hon Auditors**
- 8. Head Teacher's Review**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Close of Meeting**

Peter Hollingsworth
Hon. Secretary

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MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on

Saturday 23rd April 2016 at 5.00 pm in the School Library

Present:

Andrew Parr (President), David Stancombe, Martin Brown (Headteacher), Mark Hart (Treasurer), John Russell, G. L. Shaw, Neil Thomson, Nigel Richardson, Derek Wheeler MBE, Barry Bray, C.G. Bates, Peter Hollingsworth (Secretary), John Mayhead, Tony Buckland, Colin Salter, Geoff Quentin, Keith Allard, Mike Steeley, Gavin Bowyer, Mike Norris, Les Mustoe, Mike Pratt

1. Apologies for absence

Matt Porter, Phil Britton, John Windsor, Andrew Wearmouth, Richard Whitmore

2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the AGM held on 25th April 2015 were taken as read and confirmed on the proposal of D. Stancombe seconded by D. Wheeler

3. Matters arising

There was no feedback from Keith Allard's work in getting Old Boys to talk to the school.

4. Hon Treasurer's Report and adoption of the Accounts

Mark Hart, the Treasurer reported on the previous year. The Dinner income was less, due to fewer attendees. Subs and sales of CD's and ties were better and a profit was made. The Raffle did well but Postage and Website costs brought the profit down, as the previous year's sponsorship of postage had not been repeated. The Bonds had been redeemed and MH explained how the redemption worked. Over the years we had made a £772 profit although we lost £890 on redemption. Finally we made a small loss on the year. MH was going to wait until June before making another investment. J Mayhead suggested looking at Invesco or similar Funds as a solid growth area. MH would look into those as well but we are an Association, not a Charity or individual and there are sometimes problems in investing. J. Mayhead proposed and D. Stancombe seconded that the Accounts be adopted and all were agreed.

Colin Bates asked why we were holding such a large reserve and not using it for the School? PH responded that we were awaiting the decision on the Music Centre and then we would be supplying whatever the school wanted, within the limits of the funds available.

D Stancombe asked if we could fund some pupils who were suffering hardship. M Brown responded that there were two sources of funding already in use and it would benefit a large number of pupils if the Old Boys supplied recording equipment to the new music centre. L. Mustoe warned that when the money has gone it is gone, unless we can get a lot more Members.

MH stated that next year would be his last, as other activities were taking too much of his time and he had been doing the job for ten years, a good innings.

5. Hon Secretary's Report

We have lost a few more of the older Old Boys this year, with the most prominent being Denys Carnill, who died recently just after his 90th Birthday. President Andrew will read out the list when we salute absent friends at the Dinner.

The attendance this year is under 70 for the first time in a long time and it is disappointing, with a number of groups not attending. However, others have come in and I am sure that we will enjoy ourselves with the presentation about the Scouts Centenary which will run in the background during the Dinner. Our thanks are due to Michael and Peter Cranfield for their efforts in gathering all the data. Thanks as well for those who provided

their memories.

Andrew has had a quiet introductory year but has worked hard in the background with relationships with the School. We were going to have a questionnaire for the Old Boys but this will come in the next Bulletin, I hope. We have to try and do a bit more to activate the Old Boys, as we are pretty stagnant at the moment. Social media needs to be addressed, in order to get to the younger element who we should be getting more involved.

Mark, as ever, creates our accounts, thanks to him for his efforts. However, next year will be his last year, due to his other commitments with local schools. He has done a long slot and we are open to offers to take over the role next year. I will advertise in the next Bulletin.

Also thanks are due to Chris Maylin of UHY Hacker Young for doing the Audit. He also does a fantastic job for the Hockey and Cricket Clubs.

Martin Brown, Head Teacher of an Ofsted Outstanding School, is very supportive of the Association and we thank him for keeping us aware of all the happenings at the School and allowing the use of the premises for Committee Meetings, the AGM and Reunion.

The take up on the benches for the quad was excellent and seven are now in situ around the quad. I have an eighth and probably a ninth as well, so there will be a number of Old Boys who will be remembered for a long time to come.

Thanks to the rest of the Committee and I hope you have a very enjoyable evening.

One last point from me and it is that I shall be stepping down after this next year, I have also done a few years and it is time for someone new to come in and energise the Association. Again, I shall advertise in the next Bulletin.

Thank you.

The President thanked Peter for his efforts during the year.

6. Election of Officers and Committee Members:

The following members were put forward

by the committee and elected or confirmed in office. The meeting agreed unanimously.

President for 2016 - Andrew Parr proposed by P. Hollingsworth, seconded by Jon Mayhead - all were agreed.

President for 2017 - Andrew Parr proposed by Keith Allard, seconded by Derek Wheeler - all were agreed.

Hon. Treasurer - M.E. Hart Proposed by Les Mustoe seconded by Derek Wheeler - all were agreed.

Hon. Secretary - P.R. Hollingsworth Proposed by Mike Norris seconded by Keith Allard - all were agreed

Hon. Membership Secretary - In the absence of any communication from Howard it was felt best to leave the position vacant at this point in time.

Committee Members:

(Vacancies to be left to the discretion of the committee)

Committee Members retiring in 2016 were Michael Cranfield, Phil Britton and Simon Garrod. They were thanked by the President for their efforts and were then re-elected for another term. Keith Allard and Colin Bates were still in situ.

7. Re-appointment of Hon Auditors

It was proposed by Mark Hart and seconded by Geoff Shaw to re-appoint UHY Hacker Young (WKH had been bought out). The meeting expressed its thanks to Chris Maylin for his work on behalf of the Association.

8. Head Teacher's Review

M Brown was very pleased that the School had received an Outstanding review from Ofsted . The Lead Inspector said it was a memorable visit and really valued the work they did with the School. The Outstanding decision was down to three reasons :-

1. Sense of Community
2. Achievement
3. Belief in the value of Competition

He thanked the Old Boys for being a valuable asset and also for the supply of the benches. The PTA has also done a lot of good work for the School and the school does a lot of work in the local community.

The School was in the top 100 schools for the fourth year in a row. The pupils are thriving through learning and receiving a well rounded education. All pupils have the chance to take part in school activities and are doing so in large numbers.

All pupils strive for excellence and they value the competition throughout the school through the House

competition which covers a lot more than just the sports.

M Brown put the emphasis on the success as the fantastic team efforts of the staff who went above and beyond in bringing the best out of the pupils.

4. Any Other Business

There was no other business

5. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.51pm.

Peter Hollingsworth

Hon. Secretary

HBSOBA Annual Dinner 22nd April 2017

Ticket Order

Name	
Address	
Post Code	
Year of leaving school	
No of tickets @ £25.00	
Cheque enclosed for	
Any special dietary requirements?	
Are you part of a table group	
Are you enclosing a subscription?	<p>£5.00 per annum</p> <p>£40.00 for Term (20 yrs)</p> <p>£10.00 for part Term</p> <p>£ 20 for Term renewal</p>

Please send, with remittance, (Cheques made payable to HBSOBA) to:-

Peter Hollingsworth
 8 Baldock Road
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 Hitchin
 Herts
 SG5 4NZ

Alternatively, you can e-mail the form to me:- hbsobasec@gmail.com and send the remittance by EFT to :-

Barclays Bank, Hitchin

Account:- HBSOBA
 Sort Code:- 20-41-12
 Account No:- 40475017

Description:- (20 Characters, Name plus xDT - where x = N^o. of tickets)

MENU

Minestrone Soup

Roast Leg of Lamb and Mint Sauce, Fresh Vegetables in Season

Dutch Apple Tart and Custard

Cheese and Biscuits

Coffee or Tea and Mints

Order Form for Tie, CD and/or Photo

Name	
Address	
Post Code	
A4 Sketch (UK Post) - @ £3.80	
A3 Sketch (UK Post) - @ £6.50	
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A3 Sketch (Int. Post) - @ £9.50	
No. of Ties - @ £10.00	
No. of CDs required - @ £10.00	
Photos required - @ £17.50	Year:-

Years Available:

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

The CDs contain all the years mentioned and can be loaded onto your computer if you have a CD/DVD drive.

Please send, with remittance, (Cheques made payable to HBSOBA) to:-

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Description:- School Photos, School Ties or School Sketch



Photograph Editing, Archival and Restoration
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