

The Hardyans' Club Newsletter

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RYAN CHASE SCORES 78 AS THE HARDYEANS XI BEAT THOMAS HARDYE SCHOOL XI

The Hardyans, old boys of Hardye's School, beat the Thomas Hardye School XI by 25 runs in the traditional annual fixture, thanks mainly to a superbly crafted innings of 78 by Ryan Chase.

On one of the best days of this rather short English Summer, the Hardyans held the annual cricket match against the school at Dorchester's picturesque Recreation Ground.



Hardyans [right] and Thomas Hardye School teams [left] meet in the annual cricket fixture. Immediate Past President Peter Foster stands in the centre with the Colin Lucas Cup.

Thomas Hardye School: Dan Morris [captain,] Jonny Samways, Matt Stevens, Jack Kane, Ben Morris, Nathan McNab, David Gray, Will Channon, George Foot, Billy Browning, Brad Mullins, Ben Macklin.

Hardyans: Tony Foot [captain,] Ryan Chase, Peter Horne, Simon Mitcham, Ollie Osborne, Dan Belt, Mark Derrien, Neal Lawson, Josh Foot, Nick Roe.

Umpires: Frank & Harry Dike.

Photograph by Michel Hooper-Immins

The "Old Boys", fielding a traditional mixture of youth and mature talent, chose to bat first in a 30 over game.

Smarting from an almost unheard of defeat in last year's fixture, they started cautiously with openers Nick Roe and Simon Mitcham scoring slowly off some fine School opening bowling by the impossibly tall Will Channon and his much shorter- but no less impressive- partner Matt Stephens. Dorchester's young off-spinner George Foot then joined the attack taking two quick wickets. The highlight of the game for him occurred when George Foot was able to dismiss his older brother Josh first ball! At 40-3 things looked shaky for the Hardyans, but an excellently crafted 78 by Ryan Chase and a more than useful 45 by Dan Belt, whose superb form with the bat this year saw him top the run scorers in the Premier Dorset League, allowed the Hardyans to post an impressive 192-7. In reply, the School XI never really got going in the face of the experienced attack of Mark Derrien, Josh Foot and Peter Horne. Later, the wily spin of Neal Lawson and Ryan Chase pushed them well behind the required rate. However, a late flurry by Dan Morris and Ben Macklin moved them to a very creditable 167 all out in the last over.

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The game was played in great spirit, wonderfully umpired by Hardyean brothers Frank and Harry Dike, with no shortage of skill on both sides. Playing in his 40th old boys' game since leaving the School in 1976, Hardyens' Captain Tony Foot commented: "I cannot remember a match in which so many good local



league cricketers have turned out. At least 15 of the cricketers on the pitch had played Dorset League Cricket this year. I believe this is a fitting testament to the hard work put in by Thomas Hardye School's Head of PE Geraint Hughes." Peter Foster, Immediate Past President of the Hardyens Club, presented the Colin Lucas Cup to Hardyens' captain Tony Foot, expressing his congratulations to both teams for such an entertaining game

Umpires Frank and Harry Dike, and PE Head Geraint Hughes and colleague watch the presentation

Photo by Heather Foster.

Membership Update from Bob Rench

Total Membership 1436 assuming 720 associate members

The Total number of **Full** members in the Club is **716** (as at September 2016)

Of these **620** receive their correspondence via email and **81** by post.

3 members have elected to read the newsletter on the website

The remaining **12** are members of our Lost Legion (10 email & 2 postal)

Since the Last newsletter we have been joined by **3 new full members:**

Mrs Hilary Over (Thomas Hardye 1990–2015) who lives in Blandford St Mary

Jeremy Gould (Hardyes 1983–86) who lives in Listowel, Kerry, Ireland

Mrs Sarah Baker (Green School 1977– 1980) who lives in Dorchester

If you can help us find any members of our 'Lost Legion' I should be very grateful.

Please ensure that you let me know if any of your personal details change, otherwise you may well become a member of the Lost Legion! [see website for current list]

Recruitment Do you know any sons and daughters, or indeed mothers or fathers who went to the school who would like to join – sign them up !

This includes former students of Dorchester Grammar School for Boys which became Hardye's, Dorchester Secondary Modern, Dorchester Grammar School for Girls (The Green School), and Castlefield, all of whom contribute to the origins of the modern Thomas Hardye School. Dorchester.

NB Armistice Day Remembrance Commemoration: Friday 11th November, meet 10.30am at the School Gates

Chairman's Notes from Godfrey Lancashire

Monthly Lunches

We will be recommencing Monthly Lunches at the Poet Laureate, Pummery Square, Poundbury on last Thursdays wef 27th October, also 24th November. None in December and then January 26th. There is free car parking. We hope to see as many of you as possible for a very informal get together from 12.30pm. All are welcome, younger or older, ladies and men, and do please bring your guests.

Mock Job Interviews

Once again we held very successful mock job interviews for all students in both years 10 (pre GCSE) and 12 (pre A Level) A total of some 800 students received 20 minutes of one to one conversation. This was quite a logistical exercise but so very worthwhile. My thanks to all who took part on the interviewing panels and I think you will agree we also found it of great value ourselves and very stimulating. We all agreed what an extremely impressive cohort of students they were with enthusiasm and a degree of self-confidence. This reflects so well on the school and staff involved. It is so encouraging to see this first hand. A repeat exercise is probable next year and we do hope we can count on your support again.

Annual Dinner: Saturday 25th March 2017 at the Thomas Hardye School. Please make a diary note now. More news in next Newsletter_

Peter J Harris, 1958–65

It was lovely to see Peter at our last Dinner. He has been involved in international education and tourism for 40 years and will be speaking to the 6th form this term. He founded some of the first international schools in New Zealand and Australia and in 1990 was one of only 150 people awarded the New Zealand Commemoration Medal by HM Queen Elizabeth.

He has travelled throughout the Middle East and Africa, been wrongfully imprisoned in Greece, raised £50,000 for charity including a Cambodian school and orphanage in Phnom Penh. He has climbed the Himalayas, trekked in Bhutan and walked the Camino in northern Spain to raise thousands of pounds for charity.

He has just published a book "A Wayward Spirit " The life-changing experiences of a globetrotter, which I have read and commend to all readers of any age. Amazon £9.95. Proceeds to Charity

I still best remember Peter as our 1st X1 hockey goalkeeper – fearless or mad even then !

Godfrey

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New Look for the Newsletter

You may have noticed (hopefully!) the different look of the newsletter with this edition – please let us know what you like or dislike about it, and what features you would like to see in it. It will evolve with time. Our newsletter is now only sent by email but can always be viewed on our website. We value your contributions, ideas and suggestions. Remember, it's *your* newsletter.



Find us on
Facebook

www.facebook.com/groups/Hardyans is the official Club facebook page for news of Club members and friends. Here's a recent post:

Mark Miles

30 August at 09:12

Hi, I was at Hardy's only a short time – '76 to '78 – and famous only for my repeated 0300 escapes from South Walks only to be captured and brought back in disgrace by the police. I've been escaping ever since and now live in the British Virgin Islands. I remember little of school other than Beastie Brown but would love to find out what happened to my friend and house mate Jonathan (Jumbo) Cameron.

and check out the School site www.facebook.com/thomashardyeschool which links into the main school website www.thomas-hardye.net on which can be found news of events at the school including the Community Lectures which take place once or twice a month at the School Theatre, a recent one being on 'Richard III: The King under the Car Park'. These lectures are free but tickets must be booked with the school. See also information on the **Family Festival of Science** taking place in the School's Science Department and Theatre Saturday 8th October 2016, 1–5pm

See also www.facebook.com/groups/452234394961667/ for news of Dorchester Secondary Modern; Thomas Hardy School; Dorchester Dorset. There are other Thomas Hardy School-related facebook sites.

From the Headteacher

We have had one of those special summers when exam performance surpasses all normal expectations.

A level results came first and an early sign of success was the number of students offered first choice university places; only 15 students out of 370 had to go through clearing which is an amazing statistic in itself. All seven students with Oxbridge offers were awarded their places and several others secured places on competitive courses in medicine and veterinary science. We are now measured on progress from GCSE not just raw results, but by any measure the results were outstanding placing us in the top 10% of schools nationally.



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GCSE results were equally good. Even though the bar has been raised and rules tightened with regard to performance measures, 76% of students achieved at least 5 passes including English and maths. This made us the top performing school in Dorset at both GCSE and A Level even though our intake is very close to the national average.

Despite the success there is no sense of complacency. We are looking at plans to develop the site, consider ways to enhance our provision in sport and the performing arts, and enhance charitable work and international links. We now offer Japanese classes in addition to German, French and Spanish and we are exploring new links with partner schools in China. I will obviously keep you updated on all these developments.

I would like to finish by paying tribute to Tony Day who has retired as Clerk to the Governors. I cannot think of a more inappropriate job title for someone who has done so much to contribute to the development and on-going success of the school. After enjoying such a successful career in the police service, he returned to the school in 1996 during a period of change and transition. Since that time he has overseen several major building projects at the same time as leading the Governing Body in all its various works at a strategic level. He has been a loyal and utterly reliable colleague to successive generations of staff and his calm, unassuming manner will be missed by all. I am delighted that he has agreed to serve as a member of the Thomas Hardy Multi-academy Trust and he will continue to be a prominent Old Hardyean.

Best wishes

Mike Foley

Headteacher

You Write

Brian Hulse throws down a challenge!

I read each edition of the Newsletter with considerable interest, but in the last one or two I have been disappointed at the paucity of correspondence from members. As one of those who have not put pen to paper, or finger to keyboard, for many a long year I do so now in the hope of encouraging others. I wonder how many members are still around who recall their schooldays during the nineteen thirties as I still do at ninety three.

As I recall those days I am surprised at the sharpness of some of the memories; sharper indeed than those of yesterday or a week ago. My mind turns first to the teaching staff, to personalities such as (Monty) Hill who, apart from running the school as Headmaster, would sometimes engage in the unenviable task of trying to instil into us the basics of Religious Education. I well remember how each morning on our way to school we would look out for him making his stately progress along South Walks Road at the wheel of his Morris Oxford. And look out we did, for woe betide any miscreant caught behaving in an unseemly manner.

There comes to mind various other personalities among the teaching staff. Ticker Cole (Chemistry) who averred that we would end our days selling matches on the Embankment if we failed to remember 'the action of chlorine on hot and cold potash'. Saffa Fox (Maths) who predicted that a similar fate would befall he who forgot the 'difference between two squares'.

I well remember the occasion when he said "When I put a question to the class there is often no more than two boys who answer. One is Boon who utters without much thought and gets the answer wrong and the other is Hulse who thinks carefully and also gets it wrong." Then, when we had just come from a PT period, there was Duncan Lidbury (English Literature) who, preparatory to boring some of us to

tears by dissecting not much more than a paragraph of Shakespeare to show us the hidden meaning, would fling open a window uttering "I cannot bear the smell of hot boy". It was not until we were taken in a charabanc to Bournemouth to see a stage performance of King Henry V that I began to understand what he was on about. "Once more unto the breach ..." now that I could fathom. We were not afforded the benefit of showers in those days, hot or cold. And let me not forget Bertie Cruise (French) and in whose class was one boy, named Diamond if I remember rightly, who had a considerable talent for drawing and never seemed to be paying attention whilst he was making cartoons of other boys and yet, when it came to tests, showed a command of the French language much better than the rest of us. And also Nutty Hazelgrove (Physics) who attempted to teach us at least the basics of Heat, Light and Sound. I never did fathom the meaning of 'the moment of a couple around a point' (now why should I remember that!); until that is the arrival of Google.

Strangely enough I remember my fellow pupils less clearly, apart from my close friends like Dicky Burden, Henry Tilling, Arthur Screen and ? Sparrow. Then there were those like 'Puffer' Batten famous in my day for winning the mile in successive years and the Bateson brothers from Weymouth who always won the sprints. I left Dorchester when I left school in 1938 and have hardly been back since but it is possible that these names might be familiar to some of you of later generations.

Forgive these ramblings and I am sure there are many of you who could do a sight better. So go to it you nonagenarians, octogenarians, septuagenarians, or indeed any other member so inclined.

With felicitations to you all.

Brian Hulse OBE (1935–1938)

Obituary notices contributed by members

Jonathan Pullen contributed this item on Denis Edwin Holliday, MBE, who, although neither a Club member, nor a former student, had lived in Dorchester since 1954 and was well known in the community. Denis, who died in June 2016, aged 99½ years was a delightful man with a very positive attitude to life and whom I highly respected. I often conversed with him when he volunteered at the County Museum's reception area, not that long ago. Small point; a pity he did not make his centenary. His late son, Guy, sadly killed in a road traffic accident, I think, was a cheerful young fellow; was at Hardye's. If I remember rightly, the Hollidays presented the school with a trophy (a model yacht as he was R.N. section coxswain ?) to commemorate their son. Sadly, this disappeared when the old 'main school' closed unless it has turned up since...

Michel Hooper Immins' interview with Denis was, I recall, published in the Dorset Life Magazine.

[Editor: The article can be read in the Dorset Life magazine's archive of articles online. It appeared under the title of 'Dorset Lives – A Glass Half Full' in February 2010]

Tom McLelland Staff member An appreciation contributed by Richard Cummins

Tom McLelland arrived as replacement for SAF (Mr Fox to his face) in 1964, much to the relief of those of us studying A level Maths at the time.

His funeral in Weymouth was reportedly a very well attended event in February but Sue and I were in NZ at the time and unable to attend. Tom had many interests and friends so I'm not sure if the school was represented in acknowledgement of what I assume to have been about 25 years of teaching with modesty, kindness and humour. Tom was 83, a quiet man who had many interests and friends, and who died after a short illness. He was recruited to Hardye's with a background as a scientist at the Underwater Weapons Establishment. Maybe between us we can find out a bit more for the next edition, Sue still sees his partner quite often.

Dr Sean P Young, 1977–1984, contributed by Richard Morris

Sean died at the tragically young age of 50 in March 2016, leaving behind his wife Caroline and two daughters, Catrin and Alys. He had been a General Practitioner in South Wales for most of his adult life, having settled there after qualifying as a Doctor at St Mary's College, London.

Born and bred in Dorchester, Sean started at Hardye's School in 1977, in class 1V. Throughout his time at the school, he was both a musician and a sportsman: he played the trumpet in the school band, and rugby and hockey in school teams. He was all round successful academically, but veered towards the sciences, and as far as I can recall, decided he wanted to become a doctor from quite a young age. He was always a caring person who wanted to help others. Sean was also very active outside school: his parents were heavily involved in the scouting movement, and Sean followed their example, becoming a keen scout and achieving his Chief Scout's Award before moving on to Venture Scouts and gaining his Queen's Scout Award, no mean achievement. He also became involved in St Mary's Church and its youth club, the '62 Club', where if I remember correctly, he played bass guitar in a couple of club productions. (These were more successful ventures than his and my occasional attempts, with other friends, to form a rock band and take the pop charts by storm!) Despite his many achievements, however, it would also be fair to say that Sean had a mischievous side to his character, and as we grew older, you could never guarantee that an evening out on the town would end without incident of one sort or another!

Sean was a good friend, a popular guy who will be much missed by all who knew him. Although the passing of time and distance meant that keeping in touch tended to be via the annual Christmas card rather than anything more regular, a few of us old school friends were able to make it to the very well attended funeral in Wales to say 'goodbye'. Many hundreds of people will have been touched by Sean during his all-too-short life – a life lived to the full, and one which made a difference to so many people. I was privileged to know him and to be able to count him as a friend.

The Club extends sincere condolences to the family and friends of those mentioned above

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER 12.30pm for 1 pm.
THE COLLITON CLUB, COLLITON PARK, DORCHESTER
[OPPOSITE COUNTY HALL]**



The traditional Christmas Lunch is once again at the award-winning Colliton Club in Dorchester, with a choice of all three courses. However, choices must be made in advance and notified on the booking form.

The popular Colliton Club bar will be open, with a choice of six real ales and a large variety of wines and spirits. Your Guests are welcome as always.

Closing date Saturday 10 December – no bookings accepted after this date.

Please make cheques payable to The Hardyans Club, and send to Alan Brown, 40 Valette Road, Moordown, Bournemouth, BH9 3JD. If you wish to pay by Internet Bank Transfer the bank Sort Code is 30-92-69, Account: 00403528, Account Name: The Hardyans Club. Please, if possible, quote your surname as a reference and e-mail Alan at alan@ajbrown1946.plus.com to let him know when you have paid and to give your menu choices.

PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE – NO PAY ON THE DAY!



CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS AND PAYMENT: SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER 2016

CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU

Thursday 15th December 2016

STARTERS

SALMON & DILL FISHCAKE WITH CHILLI DIP
SOUP OF THE DAY
WARMED GOATS CHEESE, SERVED WITH MIXED LEAVES AND WALNUT DRESSING

MAIN COURSE

ROAST TURKEY OR ROAST BEEF, WITH CARROTS, SPROUTS, PARSNIPS
AND ALL THE SEASONAL TRIMMINGS
CRANBERRY & BRIE MUSHROOM WELLINGTON,
SERVED WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS
SALMON WITH HOLLANDAISE SAUCE AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS

DESSERTS

CHRISTMAS PUDDING WITH BRANDY SAUCE
WHITE CHOCOLATE & RASPBERRY ROULADE
CHEESE AND BISCUITS

FOLLOWED BY COFFEE OR TEA AND MINTS

COST: £20.00 to include a glass of wine

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2016 BOOKING FORM

Name.....

Home address

Lunch @ £20 No's requiredYears at School to [e.g. 1958 to 1965].....

Please indicate choices and numbers from the menu:

*FishcakeSoupGoats cheese

*Turkey..... BeefWellington..... Salmon.....

*Christmas Pudding..... Roulade..... Cheese & biscuits

IF NO CHOICE IS INDICATED, IT WILL BE ASSUMED DISH * IS CHOSEN

E-mail address for confirmation [and receipt if paying by cheque.]

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