

The Hardyans' Club

TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FRIENDS

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"OLD HARDYEANS ARE EVERYWHERE," NEW PRESIDENT TELLS ANNUAL DINNER

"I have always been proud to be an Old Hardye and to wear this distinctive gold and blue tie," Michel Hooper-Immins, newly elected President of the Hardyans' Club, told around 80 Old Hardyans and their wives at the annual dinner. "I often say Old Hardyans are everywhere - because we have met old boys throughout the UK and occasionally abroad," continued the new President. "We are certainly one of the most active old school associations in the South of England- founded as the Old Grammarians in 1905 - and 105 years old this year." Born in Weymouth, Mr. Hooper-Immins spoke of travelling to Hardye's School in Dorchester every schoolday from 1958 to 1965, "There was the diesel at 8.15am, but I much preferred the 8.25am because it was a steam train- always one of the great interests of my life. I am ever proud to be a Dorset man- surely one of the greatest strokes of luck is to be born in our great county."



"My old friend Peter Foster and I would sit in the library - an oasis of calm - and read the newspapers," continued Michel Hooper-Immins. "Peter read the Daily Telegraph - with the Times this was the approved reading matter. I would bring in the Daily Express to great disapproval. But then I've always been different - something of a rebel - an attribute began at Hardye's which has followed me throughout my life. In the library at Culliford Road was the oak screen, reputed to be from the Spanish ship Santa Maria, taken into Weymouth in 1588 after the armada was defeated. I spent a lot of time in the Library, so it is a source of immense pleasure to me that the oak screen is now in the theatre at the new Thomas Hardye School. The oak screen is an unbroken talisman over 422 years of history from the old Dorchester Grammar School, Hardyes School in Culliford Road and now here at the Thomas

The new Club President pictured by the Memorial Gates at the Queens Avenue entrance to Thomas Hardye School

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The Old Hardyans' President went on to say: "OFSTED inspectors look for ever greater superlatives to describe Thomas Hardye School, describing it as 'exceptional' and say students make 'outstanding progress and achieve exceptionally high examination results.' Much of this praise is due to Dr. Iain Melvin OBE, a giant of a man in teaching terms, who has guided this school to sustained excellence for 22 years. Two years ago, we bade him farewell and a happy retirement. However the Governors have been unable to find a replacement and that's not surprising because Dr. Melvin is such an outstanding headmaster. I know all Old Hardyans are delighted that he is still in command here and we thank him for the consideration he always shows to us."

Dr. Iain Melvin OBE, Headmaster of the Thomas Hardye School, thanked the Old Hardyans for their constant support. "I'm so proud that Tom Hearing had been named UK Young Scientist of the Year," said Dr. Melvin, "it is a massive achievement to beat every school in the UK, now he goes on to St. Edmund Hall at Oxford University." Tom Hearing was awarded the

prestigious title on 12 March at "The Big Bang" Science Fair in Manchester, with his baseline study of Monmouth Beach's ammonite pavement. He beat almost 200 other projects to win the top prize in the National Science & Engineering Competition.

DNA scientist Professor Terry Brown BSc PhD FSA, Professor of Bimolecular Archaeology at Manchester University spoke of his years at Hardye's School, from 1964 to 1971. Born at Charminster, he had particularly enjoyed cross-country running and go-karting. He had devised a technique to pass Latin exams while at school. He thought one of the great benefits of university was the "ability to pursue your own interests and curiosities."

Past President Professor Hugh Griffiths FREng proposed the traditional toast to absent friends. Colin Lucas was again the excellent Master of Ceremonies. In the modern Sixth Form Centre of Thomas Hardye School and served by sixth-formers, the annual Old Hardyans dinner was again a great success. Beginning with asparagus soup, followed by braised beef and as always, Sherry trifle.

At the conclusion of the meal, Old Hardyans' President Michel Hooper-Immins rose to thank Colin Lucas - "the engine room of the Old Hardyans - our most professional and enthusiastic organiser who has put so much effort into this evening. We all enjoy his quips and jokes. He always makes a superb master of ceremonies." The new President went on to thank Bob and Helen Rench, who had superbly organised the raffle and commended Bob Rench for his work as Membership Secretary. He thanked Secretary Tony Day, who as Clerk to the Governors, is a very valuable link between the School and the Hardyans Club. Finally, he introduced Treasurer Alan Brown - "the new boy on the old boys committee." Thanks were expressed to chef Shirley Thompson and her team for the excellent meal and the good service by the students.

Earlier in the day, the Hardyans Club held their Annual General Meeting with retiring President Professor Hugh Griffiths in the chair. He said the club was a unique organisation and what they did for Thomas Hardye School was much appreciated. A year ago, he and Tony Foot had been elected as Governors of the School. Chairman Bob Rench spoke of the club lunches every last Thursday of the month and thanked Colin Lucas for standing-in as Treasurer over many years. He reported the membership is steady at 1,217 and was thanked for his work on getting the records into good order. Terry Stone continues to supervise the club website www.hardyansclub.com from St. Kitts in the West Indies and his skilled work is of immense help.

Captain John Pearson RN, Chairman of the Hardyans' Club Charitable Association, said two new bursaries had been created, meaning eight students will benefit this year. A total of £23,900 in grants had been distributed since the Association began in 2000. The London Dinner will be at University College on 9 November.

Colin Lucas was elected Chairman and Alan Brown became the new Treasurer. Bob Rench continues as Membership Secretary and Tony Day as Secretary. Godfrey Lancashire was elected to the Council, which was otherwise re-elected in full. At the end of the meeting, Professor Griffiths invested Michel Hooper-Immins with the President's ribbon and medallion.



[Left to right:] Terry Brown, guest speaker; Professor Hugh Griffiths, retiring President of the Old Hardyans; Michel Hooper-Immins, new President of the Old Hardyans; Tom Hearing, UK Young Scientist of the Year.

OLD HARDYEANS TIE AGAIN IN STOCK

The Old Hardyans' handsome blue, gold and red tie is an essential accessory. The new stock is now in the possession of our new Treasurer Alan Brown, who will be pleased to sell you one. The cost is only £10. Send your cheque, payable to *The Hardyans Club*, to Alan Brown at 40 Valette Road, Moordown, Bournemouth BH9 3JD. Telephone 01202 535034 or email: alan@ajbrown1946.plus.com



Helen and Bob Rench and Joan Hooper-Immins preside over the raffle prizes- 32 in all, at the Annual Dinner.

The new President continues

I am very proud to have been elected as President of the Hardyens Club. A number of Old Hardyens have kindly taken the trouble to get in touch to express their support, including some of my 1958/65 contemporaries and Bob Howell, from the United States.

We warmly welcome Alan Brown from Bournemouth as the new Treasurer, a sound pair of hands who has actually been in charge of the finances since December. Alan's arrival has enabled a bit of a reshuffle among the Hardyens Club Council. Colin Lucas from Dorchester becomes Chairman again, our super enthusiastic organiser who is always at the heart of everything Old Hardyen. Bob Rench from Poole continues his sterling work as Membership Secretary, having converted a membership database in a complete mess to a pristine list in good order. Tony Day from Dorchester continues as our Secretary, a steady and reliable link with the new school. Peter and Heather Foster from Dorchester

continue to do a super job in putting together this *Newsletter*, the heartbeat of our communications with 1,217 Old Hardyens in the UK and all over the world. On the other side of the world, Webmaster Terry Stone looks after our sparkling website - an increasingly important source of information.

Vital members of the Council are some of our most wise Past Presidents like Gordon Crocker, John Pearson and John Stephenson. Ever ready with words of encouragement and advice, we are always grateful for their support. Another valuable Council member is Tony Foot - he and Professor Hugh Griffiths serve as Governors of Thomas Hardy School. Godfrey Lancashire, back in Dorset after a long exile in London, has been newly elected to the Council.

Our lunches on the last Thursday of the month, at Dorchester Conservative Club in South Walks, are always happy occasions as at least half a dozen Old Hardyens gather to chat and greet visiting old boys - sometimes from other continents. It would be good to see more Old Hardyens at these monthly lunches - the next one is on Thursday 27 May.

An appeal - DO YOU HAVE THE GUY HOLLIDAY TROPHY IN YOUR POSSESSION?

Seventeen-year old Guy Holliday tragically lost his life in a road accident near Winterbourne Monkton in 1973. He had been one of the brightest of pupils at Hardy's School and led the Royal Navy Cadets, the first to become Cadet Coxswain. In the summer of 1973, the school created a trophy in his name, to be given to the top naval cadet every year.

Little is then known of the Guy Holliday Trophy or when it was last presented. Guy's parents Dennis and Louise and his sister Kate James are appealing for information- they would like to know where it is now. Old Hardyens have a key role in this search. By definition an Old Hardyen must have been the last winner of this prestigious cup. It is certain the modern Thomas Hardy School does not have it and the trophy may have been lost when Hardy's School moved from Culliford Rd.

My friend Dennis Holliday MBE is well known in the county town as the greatest Head Brewer that Eldridge Pope ever employed. The lost cup is one of the last links with his late son and through this *Newsletter*, I'm asking you to help the search.

Any information please to Michel Hooper-Immins, telephone 01305 779705 or email: hooperimmins@btopenworld.com



Chairman Colin Lucas, retiring President Professor Hugh Griffiths and Secretary Tony Day at the Annual General Meeting of the Hardyens Club, 20th March 2010

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS: Last Thursday of the month, except December, 12.30pm for 1pm at the Conservative Club, South Walks, Dorchester. Please contact Colin LUCAS if you intend to come (Tel: 01305 265446)

NB April and October luncheons feature a Gourmet Menu at £15 per head. ALWAYS EXCELLENT VALUE !!

LONDON DINNER : is scheduled for Tuesday **9th November 2010**. Price expected to be about £37 per head, please see booking form later in this edition

ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH - *Club v The School -? In July- contact Tony Foot for details (Tel:01305-250137)*

ANNUAL DINNER & AGM for the Club and Charitable Association : took place 20th March 2010 at the School 6th Form Centre. Please see Minutes of both meetings and report on the Annual Dinner later in this edition (pages 8-11)

From The Chairman, Colin LUCAS

Since the first award was made, following the launch of the Hardyans Club Charitable Association, the recipients of the awards made have been obligated to forward a report to the Trustees giving details of their progress annually.

The secretary (Colin Lucas) reports to the trustees accordingly either at the AGM in March or at the following Meeting in May.

The students, so endowed, are full of gratitude for the support they have received which has enabled them to pursue their chosen higher education. Indeed it can be said that had it not been for the support given at the crucial time the completion of their education may not have been possible, and the opportunity to pursue their chosen career lost.

The cost of University Education continues to rise alarmingly. It is a great concern to the Trustees who will continue to strive to at least maintain the support already in place. The Charitable Association continues to seek your support and we can give countless cases where poverty and need prevents our students from achieving their potential. Several former students have now created legacies in order that support will be forthcoming following their demise. Have you considered making similar arrangements? Please contact any Hardyean Council member who will be able to assist in completing the necessary paperwork.

Colin Lucas

Secretary to the Charitable Association

Members are reminded that legacies are a very valuable way of supporting the aims of the Hardyans' Charitable Association.

Obituaries

from Colin Lucas

Professor John GILLINGHAM was as far as I can recall our eldest member and one of our most distinguished members. He has died at the age of 93 and was a neurosurgeon renowned for his pioneering work on Parkinson's Disease.

Francis John Gillingham known as John was born in Dorchester in 1916 and educated at Dorchester Grammar school 1927-1933. before going on to study medicine at St. Bartholomew's Medical College London. He graduated MB,BS in 1939 and started work as GP.

He was soon to join RAMC serving with the Eighth Army in North Africa and Italy. It was at El Alamein, Monte Cassino, and Ancona he performed hundreds of operations in the most adverse of conditions. His theatres were an old bus and a succession of tents.

Throughout his service he kept meticulous records of the head injuries he had treated sometimes as many as thirty in a day. He was appointed M.B.E. (Military) in 1944.

At the end of the war he devoted himself to stereotactic neurosurgery; later he would focus on Parkinson's disease. In 1945 he returned to St Bart's as neurosurgeon.

Five years later he was appointed consultant neurosurgeon in the Department of Neurosurgery in Edinburgh University. In 1963 he was appointed Professor in succession to Professor Dott. Not only was he a very skilled surgeon but also had the ability to train younger colleagues from all over the world.

From 1966-1980 John Gillingham was consultant neurosurgeon to the British Army in Scotland. He lectured extensively and served as Honorary President of The World Federation of Neurological Societies. He was Professor of Surgical Neurology at King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He was President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh 1972-1982, Fellow of The Royal Society of Edinburgh 1970.

He was appointed CBE in 1982. In 2009 he received a lifetime achievement award from the Society of British Neurosurgeons. He moved to the Cotswolds in 2006

GHG (Henry) TILLING, writing from 4 Fountain Place, Loanhead, Midlothian, EH20 9EA, enclosed a cutting from The Scotsman of Wednesday 10th February 2010 which features a lengthy obituary by Phil Davison about Professor Gillingham, Here are some snippets:

Born: 15 March, 1916, Dorchester, Dorset. Died: 3 January, 2010, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire, aged 93. Professor Francis John Gillingham, always known as John, was an English-born brain surgeon who spent most of his career in Edinburgh and brought international renown on himself, his adopted city and Edinburgh University for his pioneering work..

Francis John Gillingham was born in Dorchester in 1916 to a family traditionally from the village of Upwey in Dorset's Wey valley. An only son, he attended Dorchester's Thomas Hardye School before studying medicine at the St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College in London, where he graduated Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MB, BS) in 1939. ... Gillingham hit newspaper headlines in 1961 when he treated, in Edinburgh, the leading Sri Lankan politician SJV Chelvanayakam, a father figure to the island's Tamil people and the Tamil Tiger guerrillas, who was suffering from Parkinson's. The operation was considered a success and Chelvanayakam lived for another 16 years – to the age of 79.... Gillingham was also credited with setting up possibly the first "telemedicine" link between hospitals, long before the era of e-mail or mobile phones. With the help of Scottish Television (STV), he set up a dedicated landline phone link between the two hospitals where he worked – Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and the city's Western General. This allowed him and his team to monitor head trauma patients in both hospitals, and rush by road between the two as needs be. His colleagues said many lives were saved as a result....

Last year, already turned 93, he was present to receive a lifetime achievement award from the Society of British Neurosurgeons at Magdalen College, Oxford, making his acceptance speech from his wheelchair...

He wrote many books, papers and articles during his lifetime, notably *Advances in Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery* (1981)....

Prof Gillingham is survived by his wife and sons Tim, Simon and Adam. His eldest son, Jeremy, and Jeremy's wife, Anni, both GPs in Perth, died in an avalanche while skiing in the French Alps in 1994.

A memorial service for Prof Gillingham was due to take place at Cramond Kirk at noon on 15 March.

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Mrs Lynn WILLIAMS (Staff)

It is with great sadness that I wish to inform you of the death of my wife Lynn Williams on 5th March 2010 in Bournemouth. Lynn joined Hardye's as a part-time teacher in the Art Department in 1978, working with the then head Mr Michael Thomas. Lynn's educational and organisational skills were quickly recognised and when Lynn retired in 1997 she was then Head of Year 9. We both then retired to France and had an idyllic lifestyle, unfortunately Lynn was diagnosed with cancer in 2005 and when it became evident that it was terminal we returned to Bournemouth to be near our daughters for the last three years of Lynn's life. I was heartened to see many of Hardye's staff and some former pupils at Lynn's funeral.

Gordon Williams.

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You Write

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I started my education at Dorchester Grammar School in the autumn of 1945 and left in the summer of 1952. I did not have a very good beginning because I spent the first four weeks of term in hospital. I never did find out why I was admitted except to find out they removed my tonsils and adenoids. It was very difficult to catch up. However, I had a good deal of help from Monsieur Roussel and Miss EM Hill.

On one occasion Mr Roussel decided to play "The Warsaw Concerto" for us. As you know Mr Roussel was a French master and he taught me from the first year to GCE. He was definitely a character. Homework was a "must" on block paper, CTBP, (copy to be produced). Sometime during my French education he had to be admitted to hospital. Not the local hospital but The Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead where Archibald McIndoe was performing his miracles on the burn wounds of wartime military personnel. I never found out the reason for his stay in hospital. However, on his return as my class master he "conscripted" us into The Peanut Club which I believe was to help the work of the hospital. I believe it was an offshoot of "The Guinea Pig Club".

Mr Roussel was responsible for nicknaming me "Ernie". Now why would Geoffrey Frederick Goss be called "Ernie". Here is the answer: There was only "steam" radio in those days. No television. On the BBC there was an orchestra conductor named Ernest Longstaff. As I was 6'3" and slim he suggested I looked like a longstaff so should be called "Ernie". It stuck until I left school to do my National Service in the Army. However, whilst still in the service, I did meet up with one or two "old boys" who of course called me "Ernie". Whilst serving in Egypt I met up with Robert White and "Inky" Marden; both old boys.

My father was in the RAF and wherever my father went my mother followed leaving me "at school". There were no places immediately available in the boarding houses so I was "billeted" with Brian Wheadon, another DGS pupil, until such time as Heathcote House was opened. I had the privilege of being the first boarder in the new house. Unfortunately, Brian, who was my so called "best friend" is now deceased. I enjoyed my time at Heathcote House under Mr JO Roberts and his wife. I remember the cook who was a large lady and one of the assistants, Mrs Muriel Blandamer. Why I should remember her name and no-one else I have no idea.

My favourite master was Mr CH Steemson, ("you may syndicate") the Latin master. I was not very good at the language but he did help me along. At the end of term he would read to us from "Caesar's Gallic Wars" or "Virgil". It was not until several terms later that I realised he was reading from the Latin and translating as he read. A remarkable man. I left the school in 1952 and understand he died only five years later. I still have very fond memories of him. Whenever he came across the word "causas" (the cause or reason) he would say "Ah causas, my favourite Latin word" I do not think it needs any explanation!

My Biology master was Mr Giuseppi ("next time we'll have a test"). With this constant testing he ensured we all had good marks in examinations. I never did find out what happened to him but I understand it was not too pleasant. When we first "met" he had a pre-war car, the make of which I cannot remember but the registration mark was ATO 9 which would be worth a fortune these days. He traded it in for a brand new Sunbeam Talbot 80 or 90 which I thought was quite something. Little did I know I would eventually drive one on many occasions at The Metropolitan Police Driving School, Hendon.

Mr AG Willis, the Divinity master. He once gave me 12 out of 10, yes twelve out of ten for homework. He had a strange way of marking. I have never been a believer so wrote some rubbish about Christianity which he seemed to like.

Mr DC Whittaker. I liked this man. He was the officer commanding the Combined Cadet Force. Every year we had a GOC's inspection. To ensure we were in top form a CSM or RSM (I cannot remember which) from The Dorsetshire Regiment would come and put us through our paces prior to the inspection. On one occasion, at a dress rehearsal, we had been put through our paces and were in open review awaiting the next command from Major Whittaker. The CSM/RSM was a Mr Webber. Major Whittaker standing to attention at the front of the parade said: "And then I shall say.....and then I shall say.....what shall I say Mr Webber?" The parade collapsed in laughter.

Mr W Lancashire. Although he never taught me mathematics we somehow did not get on. He was the cricket master and played for Dorset. Although I was tall I used to keep wicket. Unbeknown to me Benny Morris who had played for Hampshire had been watching me and suggested to Mr Lancashire he should take a look at me. Begrudgingly he agreed and told me to stand behind the wicket in the nets. He tossed the ball to his fastest bowler. Now if you know nothing about cricket let me tell you there is very little room in the nets between the wicket and the rear net. A fast delivery came down hit a rough patch, bounced high and hit me full on the nose. There was a lot of blood. The last I heard Lancashire say was "He's useless". I never played for the first team. Whilst talking about Mr Lancashire one of his boarders was "Jammy" Matthews who one night well after "lights out" came to visit us at Heathcote. I believe he was caught on the way back into his boarding house. Mr HJ Mann. Geography was my favourite subject. I still have my essays and drawings. He was very good to me and I enjoyed his lessons. On my way out to Egypt on a ship named The Empire Ken we called in at Algiers and I sent him a card. In the winter he would be the first outside to help make a slide on the ice for the boys. I wonder what The Health & Safety Executive would say about it these days.

Miss EM Hill. We seemed to get along quite well but she did not appreciate it when I vomited in class at the gas works. When we moved to the main school she put on a production of a few scenes from A Midsummer-night's Dream in the hedgerow alongside the lane. I played Demetrius. It seemed to go down well.

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Mr SA Fox. A character. He taught me a lot. "Good morning gentlemen and I use the word in its broadest possible sense". Mr DS Lidbury. A kindly man. Whilst preparing for our Local Oxford Examinations when others were sitting different papers we would often be sent to the pavilion to revise. Being conscientious we would take out a deck of cards. On one occasion when the bets were running high the look-out screamed "Here comes Dunc". There was panic as cards were grabbed and hidden. By the time "Dunc" arrived all was ship shape and Bristol fashion with everyone studying studiously. Unfortunately, the Ace of Spades was on the floor face up. Those who noticed it froze. Mr Lidbury, bless him, said: "I'm glad to see you are all very busy boys". "Yes, sir". We called masters "sir" in those days. His final remark as he left the room "Someone should pick up the Ace of Spades".

Mr EF Cole. A likeable character whose aim with a piece of chalk could not be matched by anyone. I was at the back of the laboratory drifting off into some daydream when this long range inter-continental missile struck me fair and square in the chest with the remark "pay attention". I believe his brother was the Captain of the Queen Mary. I could be wrong. However, he did take a party to Southampton for a tour of the ship.

Mr RR Thomas. To use a modern expression he was very laid back. He could referee a rugby match from the other end of the pitch. He stood as Labour candidate in a General Election for I think it was Salisbury. He met up with Clement Attlee but did not win. When I was stationed at Chingford in the Metropolitan Police he came to Walthamstow Town Hall to lecture on a subject that escapes me. I intended to go because it was only three miles from home but unfortunately duty called.

Finally our Headmaster, not Head Teacher, Headmaster. Mr RW Hill ("whatever you're doing stop it"). He commanded respect and received it. I lived in fear of him but he was fair. He wanted to see my parents about my future and suggested I go into the church. My views have never changed and if you knew me then or know me now you would understand why my parents thought it was hysterically funny.

One final memory. On the night prior to leaving the school in 1952 there appeared on a clothes line strung from the two highest points of the main building an array of Green School underwear and a chamber pot on the top of the flag pole.

What me guv? Not me guv. Nuffink to do wiv me guv. On me muvvers life.

"Ernie" aka Geoffrey Goss

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Editor's apologies re last edition - we incorrectly copied Greg's letter saying he was a 'cleaner' Should have read 'carer'.

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Congratulations on such an interesting and beautifully produced Newsletter!

It gets better with each successive issue and although it is seventy-five years since I started at DGS I always read it with great interest. In particular I never cease to be surprised at how often there is mention of the names of masters who had the unenviable task of trying to educate me in various subjects. To name but a few there was more than one reference in this issue to, Bertie Cruse, Ticker Cole and Dunc Lidbury.

Memories, memories!!

Brian Hulse. (1934-1938)

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Party politics aside, congratulations to Eamonn O'Malley on his victorious result in the recent Thomas Hardy School mock election on May 6th. Nick Clegg take note !

Vague memories trickling back of my final year at Hardy'e (1964-5) include a mock election shortly before the October 1964 poll which saw Harold Wilson's Labour party scrape home (to the delight of RR Thomas !) after thirteen years of Tory rule. Does anyone recall the name of the school's liberal candidate ? A robust campaign with (mostly) good-natured heckling but a Tory candidate in the person of Geoffrey Kirkness (Lower VIth) at the last moment; styled Geoffrey Tory-Kirkness (second forename and/or kinship with the renowned Dorset farming dynasty). He won quite handsomely. Dewi Paylor stood as Welsh Nationalist (proto-devolutionist) provoking some customary ("Ohrr-rh !) tongue-in-cheek indignation from J.O.Roberts, and Stuart "Snuffy" Hargreaves was the Labour man, his bouncy enthusiasm not translated into votes although he was thrilled to persuade one or both of the Slater twins. Was Mr Heal the returning officer ? Our Economic and Political Society invited outside prospective candidates to address library meetings: Guy Barnett, Dorset South's Labour victor in the famous 1962 by-election (he lost narrowly to Evelyn King in 1964); a genial Irish peer, the Earl of Mayo, spoke for the Liberals and that "Knight of the Shire" Simon Wingfield-Digby, Dorset West's long-standing Tory MP vouchsafed that his family was Royalist in the Civil War. Did CCF forebears practise pike drill and march on Corfe Castle ?. Our president, Michel Hooper-Immins asked an erudite question about the state of the British Film Industry. Jo Grimond, the Liberal leader, landed by helicopter, near North Square, I think, and , according to Simon Frampton, reduced me to a state of shock when he strode vigorously toward me and shook me by the hand !

From the Membership Secretary

LOST and Found since January

New members of our 'Lost Legion' are

Brinsley Sheridan (1950-55) email failed and post to Undy, Aberdeenshire was returned.

Joe Dillon (49-56) email failed and post to McGiveney, New Brunswick, Canada was returned.

Roy MacDonald (66-73) email failed and post to Ipswich, Suffolk was returned

Philip Stancombe (78-84) email failed and post to La Jolla, California, USA was returned

Emails to the following have been returned and follow up letters sent, but

these have not been replied to and the members may be lost:-

John Acutt (46-52) living in Australia

Timothy Haskings (87-90) living in Dorchester

Those found again and not now members of the 'Lost Legion' are:-

Simon White (69-75) Now living in Melbourne, Australia

Stuart Palmer (56-63) Now living in Cerne Abbas

Luke Lovegrove (82-88) Now living in Dunedin, New Zealand

Steven Yates (73-80) No address provided

Prof. AJE (John) Dean (35-43, who lives in Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. We received an email from his daughter to let us know that he was receiving letters checking his address.

Robert Menzies was lost temporarily when his email failed. Fortunately we are back in touch, thanks to a letter to John Stephenson. Robert has moved from Zimbabwe to Western Australia. [see previous edition, no 110, for letter]

Thank to all of those who have got in touch. Please help the Membership Secretary by letting him know when you change your email address or move. It does make keeping our records up to date much easier.

Bob Rench

HARDYEANS' CLUB THE DORCHESTER THOMAS HARDYE SCHOOL

Minutes of the Hardyans' Club Annual General Meeting on Saturday 20 March 2010 at 7.30 pm in the School 6th Form Centre.

Members Present: Hugh Griffiths, Colin Lucas, Bob Rench, John Stephenson, Gordon Crocker, Michel Hooper-Immins, John Pearson, Tony Day, Peter and Heather Foster, Alf Barrett, Jonathan Pullen, Godfrey Lancashire, Tony Foot, Harry Dowell, Alan Brown, John Barbara, John Farwell, and Howard Gregory.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Stephen Gould
2. **The minutes** of the last Annual General Meeting of 21 March 2009 were formally adopted.
3. **Matters arising** – There were no matters arising other than items on the Agenda
4. **President's Report** – Hugh Griffiths reported that his three year Presidency was now concluding, and that he would be handing over to Michel. It had been a real privilege to have held this office in the Club. Highlights had included the continuing tradition of the London Dinner and next year it was intended to return to University College London. Hugh Griffiths was pleased that he and Tony Foot had been appointed as Trustees and Foundation Governors of the School and they had both completed their first year in that capacity which had been an interesting and rewarding experience. He was sure the Headteacher would update the Club respecting School successes which continue to be most remarkable and always improving. Of note this evening was the attendance at the Dinner of one student, Thomas Hearing, who had just been awarded UK Young Scientist of the Year.
5. **Chairman's Report** – The Charitable Trust is again doing better than many of us could have hoped. The Cricket match against the school was at last blessed by decent weather and after a good tussle The Club managed to prevail once again

The London Dinner held this year at Twickenham was enjoyed by all who attended but the turnout was not good and the Club lost out financially. The venue for this year's event will be University College London, arranged for us, as in the past, by our President Hugh Griffiths.

The monthly luncheons continue to be supported reasonably well, and the number of ladies attending regularly has increased. Thank you to Colin for arranging these, I do hope that you have a better year health wise.

Thank you also to Colin for carrying on as 'temp' Treasurer and to Tony for his work as Secretary. We have at last got a Volunteer for the Treasurer's post. A big 'Thank you' is due to Alan Brown.

After 12 years I have decided to stand down as Chairman and give someone else a chance. I believe that as many people as possible should be involved with the running of the Club. I will, however, be continuing as Membership Secretary which is the part of my commitment to the Club that takes up most time.

Bob was commended for his sterling service as Chairman and his invaluable role as membership secretary.

Membership Summary

Total 1217 assuming 360 associate members

Full members 857

554 are receiving newsletters by email, an increase of 14

This does not include the email lost legion which at present numbers 29, a decrease of 2.

154 are received newsletters by post, a decrease of 3

The 'post lost legion' numbers 117, a decrease of 6. These are still on file, but either post has been returned or we have not heard from them

3 members have elected to read the newsletter on the website.

In the last year we have been joined by 10 new members;

Brian J Walker (77-82) living in Guildford, Surrey

Harold E Dowell (92 – 09) Living in Dorchester

Mervyn Brake (62 – 68) Living in Dorchester

Jason B Moors (87-92) Living in Woking Surrey

Tim Purnell (95- 99) living n Southampton

Jane McKell (65 – 71) Living in Weymouth

Colin E Norman (38 – 45) Living in Gravesend Kent

Geoffrey F Goss (45- 52) Living in Norwich

Martin Spurr (68 – 74) Living in Pontefract, W. Yorks.

Michael R O'Connor (59 – 65) living in Northampton

Unfortunately since last year we have been notified that the following 7 members have passed away.

Prof F G Gillingham (1926-30)

T P Hadley (1942-48)

R Hatcher (1936 – 41)

Rev D Paxman (1932- 41)

G F Rigger (ex Governor)

R Smith (1951 – 57) – died 2007

J Ware (1916-26) died 2000

We have also removed from our records another member who we assume has passed away

Colin F Bryant (28-34) post returned from Rustington, West Sussex

Bob thanked members who have given clues to recover some of our Lost Legion and asked people not to stop looking.

- 6. Treasurer's Report** – Colin distributed the Income and Expenditure account for year ending 31/12/2009. He explained the closure of a redundant prize account, and that he had ordered 50 new ties. Colin had been the acting Treasurer of the Club for some years, and would now be standing down following the kind volunteering by Alan Brown to assume this role with the Council's agreement. This was wholly approved, and a most warm vote of thanks was extended to Colin for the magnificent way in which he has and continues to be the lynch-pin of the Club.
- 7. Report of the Hardyens' Club Charitable Association** – John Pearson reported that six bursaries at £680 each were currently being administered, and would continue on a long term basis. In addition two further bursaries had been established, the Prince of Wales Bursary and the Society of Dorset Men.

8. **Election of Officers** – Chairman: Colin Lucas was proposed and seconded, and was duly elected.

The Chairman informed the meeting of a letter from Gordon Croker who had served the Council for several decades in such a sterling manner. He has occupied virtually all of the Club's Offices. Although Gordon had indicated that he felt it timely now to offer his resignation from the Council, the Chairman declined to accept it, indicating that all past presidents are automatically ex-officio members of the Council although it would not be expected that they would have to come to all of the meetings.

Colin praised John Stevenson for his sterling job in starting the ball rolling with the Charitable Association, and the excellent manner in which this has evolved in its support of the school.

The following Members were also proposed, seconded and elected to office as hereunder.

- Membership Secretary – Bob Rench
- Secretary – Tony Day
- Treasurer – Alan Brown
- Editor – Peter & Heather Foster
- Press Officer – Michel Hooper-Immins

The current Council members were re-elected en bloc and Godfrey Lancashire was warmly welcomed as a new member of the Council.

9. **Presidency** – The outgoing president Hugh Griffiths formally handed over the Presidency to Michel Hooper-Immins who was congratulated and invested with the Club's badge of office. A vote of thanks was proposed to Hugh Griffiths who had filled the President's role so admirably during his three year term of office, and had strengthened the bond between the school and the Club. Best wishes were extended to Michel for his term of office.

10. **The Date of the Next Meeting** – AGM Meeting – Saturday 19th March 2011.

The next Council meetings will be held on;

- Monday 24th May 2010
- Monday 27th September 2010
- January 31st January 2010

It was confirmed that the Charitable Association Trustees would hold their regular meetings on the same date prior to the Council meetings. Agendas will be issued accordingly in due course

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The Hardyans Club Charitable Association.

Minutes of the 10th Annual General Meeting held at The School V11th Form Centre Saturday 20th March 2010.

1. Present.

J.J. Pearson ,Colin Lucas, Gordon Crocker, J.A. Stephenson, J. Farwell, D. Lacey, H.E.G. Dowell, N. Baker, Mrs M. Keats, Mrs J. Salt, H. Griffiths, G. Lancashire, T. Foot.

2. Apologies, I.B. Brown, S.J. Gould.

3. Welcome

The President Professor Hugh Griffiths welcomed Officers, Trustees and members and spoke of the wonderful work accomplished by the Charity since its formation at the beginning of the millennium as the brain child of Major General John Stephenson. At least 15 students had been beneficiaries and the Charity was now well established.

4. Minutes.

The minutes of the previous AGM held 21st March 2009 having previously been circulated with the May newsletter of that year to all members, were moved for adoption by J. Stephenson and seconded by G. Crocker. Agreed Nem con

5.Matters arising. There were none

6. Treasurer's report.

In the absence of the Treasurer the Secretary distributed copies of the Accounts as prepared by the auditors and were found to be a very satisfactory state of affairs. The Secretary read a report from the Treasurer Stephen Gould to that effect. Their adoption proposed by G. Crocker and seconded by J. Pearson were agreed nem con.

7.Chairman’s Report.

The Chairman J.J. Pearson reported on the unusual circumstances of the Award made during the year to a very capable and deserving candidate. The candidate had been offered a place at a very prestigious establishment in London but the cost of living in that area was beyond his means, in the event we agreed to give a donation for a Foundation course more locally based, and then to reconsider a three year university grant in 2010. Special circumstances were always well investigated and in this particular instance the Trustees were well satisfied with the actions taken.

8.Report to The Charity Commissioners

It was agreed that the Treasurer would complete the return.

9. Election of Officers

The following Officers were all re-elected en bloc proposed by G. Crocker seconded by J. Stephenson Agreed nem con Chairman J.J. Pearson ; Secretary C.W. Lucas; Treasurer S. Gould; Investment Advisor I.B. Brown.

10.Election of Trustees.

The following Trustees were elected en bloc
H.E. Dowell, Mrs. EM. Keats, D. Lacey, Mrs P. Pollard,. Mrs J. Salt.

11. AOB

In response to a question from the floor, the Secretary agreed to make the value of the fund available to members by publishing them as an addendum to these minutes.

Fund Value as at 31st December 2009.

Income fund	396.00
Endowment Fund	77,003.00
Total Funds	77,399.00

Donations to the fund can be made at any time. Legacies can be arranged.

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LONDON DINNER - TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2010

Hugh GRIFFITHS is making arrangements for the London Dinner to be held at University College London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT.

Time : 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Dress: Lounge Suits
Tickets: £37.00 per head, including wine

Transport from Dorchester can be arranged. Please contact Colin LUCAS in good time. Tel: (Home) 01305 265446. If writing to Colin, the address is: 4, Fir Tree Close, Poundbury, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 2PY

Hugh organises an excellent event

PLEASE REMEMBER that ladies are MORE THAN WELCOME TO ATTEND.

LONDON DINNER BOOKING FORM

To : Prof. H. Griffiths 34 Rochester Square, London, NW1 9RZ
Telephone: (Home) 020 7267 4009 email: h.griffiths@ee.ucl.ac.uk

Please send. ticket(s) for the Hardyans' London Dinner on 9th November 2010,
for which I enclose ?., by cheque, payable to H. D. Griffiths (£37.00 per head)

Please help Hugh by sending a stamped, addressed envelope. Or enter your email address here for an electronic response.