

# The Hardyans' Club

TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FRIENDS

*Hardye's School, Dorchester, Dorset*

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## The President Writes:-

### **MICHAEL FOLEY APPOINTED HEADMASTER OF THOMAS HARDYE SCHOOL**

Thomas Hardye School has announced the appointment of Michael Foley as Headteacher of the Thomas Hardye School. He will take up his post on 1 September 2011.

Mr. Foley is at present Headteacher of Great Cornard Upper School & Technology College in Suffolk, a post he has held since 2002. He has previously worked at other schools in Suffolk. He has received the SSAT Award for improvement in GCSE results in 2007-9. In addition, Great Cornard Upper School had the top performing sixth form for Suffolk in 2009/10. He is an OFSTED trained Inspector and has spoken at a number of national conferences.

Mr. Foley is 49 years old, married to Teresa and has four children aged from 9 to 16. He is a very keen sports enthusiast, especially enjoying skiing and football. He was educated at St. Mary's College, University of London [BA] and at the University of Cambridge [MEd.] He's also a Crystal Palace fan!

Staff and Governors are delighted at the appointment and look forward to Mr. Foley taking the school on to a new era. Deputy Head Tony Moore says: "I am sure you will join all of us at the school, in offering Michael Foley our warmest congratulations. We look forward to working with him very much from the start of the Autumn term."



The picture above of Mr Foley appears on the Thomas Hardye School website

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Michel Hooper-Immins, President of the Old Hardyans, subsequently wrote to Michael Foley. "I am delighted to welcome you to your new appointment as Headmaster of the Thomas Hardye School, on behalf of the Old Hardyans - the old boys of Dorchester Grammar School, Hardye's School and Thomas Hardye School.

The Old Hardyans hope you will have many happy years guiding the fortunes of this great school. Dr. Melvin has left us all a tremendous legacy of brilliant achievement. It now falls to you to pick up the baton and help Thomas Hardye School climb to even greater heights.

The Hardyans Club stands always ready to support and help the school. We had a warm relationship with Dr. Melvin, which we look forward to continuing under your guidance. We will invite you to some of our functions, notably the Christmas Lunch this December and the Annual Dinner in March 2012. I am sure there will be an opportunity to meet when you begin your new task in September and we will look forward to it. Best wishes on your move to Dorset and again many congratulations."

## **OLD HARDYANS ARE EVERYWHERE!**

As Michel Hooper-Immins strolled into the Spyway Inn at Askerswell one April lunchtime, a familiar figure was hovering round the bar. "Hello Michel, fancy finding you here," said Roger Taunton-Rigby [1952-59,] back in Dorset for a holiday from his home in Boston, Massachusetts. He was staying with Mike James near Bridport, another Old Hardyman. Michel and Roger had met at a reunion a few years ago, recognising each other at once. Roger Taunton-Rigby sends his best wishes to all Old Hardyans

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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 expected to be on Tuesday **8th November 2011**. Venue to be confirmed. Do watch the club website for updates. Please see outline booking form later in this edition. All enquiries to the Secretary, Tony DAY

**ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH** - Club v The School - **13th July**- contact Tony Foot for details (Tel:01305-812210)

**ANNUAL DINNER & AGM for the Club and Charitable Association:** took place 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at the School 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre. Please see Minutes of both meetings and report on the Annual Dinner later in this edition (pages 3-4 & 7-8)

## **The President Writes : Continued!**

### **Alf Barrett celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with the Old Hardyeans**



[left to right:] Alf Barrett, his eldest son Peter, daughter Margaret and youngest son Chris. Photograph by Michel Hooper-Immins.

Alf Barrett celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with nearly 50 relatives and well-wishers at a party in Dorchester. His eldest son Peter, a former City Sheriff and Lord Mayor of Lichfield, celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday, which coincidentally falls on the same day. Youngest son Chris came from Guildford and daughter Margaret travelled from Weymouth to join the family celebration, with grandchildren and cousins.

Alf Barrett attended Dorchester Grammar School from 1932 - then in South Street - and is a great supporter of the Old Hardyeans old school association, which includes the remaining Old Grammarians.

He later joined Dorset Police and retired as Superintendent in charge of the Dorchester division. Alf Barrett was Chairman of the William Barnes Society from 1987 until last year and Chairman of the Casterbridge Ramblers for 22 years.

Alf became President of the Old Hardyans for three years from 1985. The current President, Michel Hooper-Immins, paid tribute to "this distinguished Old Grammarian, who has been a firm supporter of the old boys association over so many years. We Old Hardyans are always grateful for his support, loyalty and friendship. I wish him many more happy years and look forward to his 100th birthday party." The President concluded "he and I intend to be there!"

Finally, Hayne Russell, Secretary of the Society of Dorset Men, said Alf Barrett is a long-standing supporter of the Society and wished him a happy birthday.

From Michel Hooper-Immins, Old Hardyans PR. Tel. 01305 779705 and 0785 012 6349.

**OLD HARDYEANS GATHER FOR THEIR ANNUAL REUNION DINNER;  
HELLESPONT SWIMMER PETER GRUNDY IS GUEST SPEAKER;  
NEW HEADMASTER MAY BE APPOINTED NEXT WEEK;  
OLD HARDYEAN SIMON LITSTER SAFE IN JAPAN**

**"I am pleased to tell you that Simon Litster, an Old Hardyean who found himself on the top floor of a high-rise Tokyo building during the recent earthquake, managed to exit the building and is safe," Old Hardyans President Michel Hooper-Immins told the Annual Reunion Dinner at Thomas Hardye School. "Jonathan Pullen has spoken to Simon's mother Faith and brought us this good news of Simon, who started at Hardye's in 1966, is a financial consultant in Tokyo and now lives at Yokohama in Japan. I said last year that Old Hardyans are everywhere and from Dorchester this evening, we send our best wishes to Simon and Hardye's School old boys all over the world."**

The President of the Old Hardyans had good news about the search for a new headteacher to replace Dr. Iain Melvin OBE, who retired at Christmas. "The latest trawl has produced a number of interesting applications which are about to be shortlisted, with interviews starting on 6 April," Michel Hooper-Immins told the annual dinner.

"We wish good luck and every success to the new head when he or she is appointed, possibly next week- although its unlikely any successful candidate would be able to take up the post until after the summer. Of course the school needs a new headmaster and a brand new era is about to start. As Old Hardyans we stand ready- as always- to support Thomas Hardye School and the staff."

Michel Hooper-Immins, President of the Old Hardyans, spoke of his days at Hardye's School, from 1958 to 1965. "In my day, teachers were called masters and usually wore gowns. Many were military men. We stood up as masters entered the room. I think that sort of courtesy was a fundamental part of what Hardye's taught us. There seemed to be a lot more respect about in the 1960s."

"This has been a good and happy year for the Hardyans Club, under Colin Lucas' splendid chairmanship," continued Michel Hooper-Immins. "As one of the most successful old school associations in the West Country, I thank the officers and committee for their good work and for the smooth and efficient way the Club is run.

The Hardyans Club Charitable Trust was a fine idea by Major General John Stephenson- intended to give bursaries to needy students of Thomas Hardye School. In these days of soaring tuition fees, never was a financial leg-up more needed. I know the recipients are most grateful for the financial support.

Today, John Pearson chairs the Trust, which has enjoyed a spectacular year thanks to a much increased level of donations- including £3,000 from the Hardyans Club and a seriously large individual gift just recently. The Trust benefited by about £2,500 in sponsorship as a result of our guest speaker Peter Grundy swimming the Hellepont- or not quite actually- as the weather intervened."

Peter Grundy taught English, History and Latin at Hardye's School for four years from 1968. He then went to the International School in Hamburg, followed by five years at the College of the Venerable Bede, then lectured for 23 years at the University of Durham, from where he retired as the Deputy Dean of Arts. In semi-retirement, he enjoyed two years as an English language lecturer at the University of Hong Kong.

It was the first time, said Michel Hooper-Immins, that a teacher- rather than a former pupil- had been invited as guest speaker.

Peter Grundy spoke of the happy memories of his four years at Hardye's and in a humorous talk, recalled some of his experiences, including the rigours of the ten-yearly inspection, which fell during his time. He spoke of swimming the Hellepont and thanked sponsors for raising over £2,500 for the Hardyans Club Charitable Trust.

"The support given to Thomas Hardye School by the Old Hardyans is huge and much appreciated by us all," began Deputy Headmaster Tony Moore. "Dr. Melvin has left us a very successful and sound institution- 85 per cent of students go on to university." He revealed the committee of deputy heads who were temporarily running the school, has been dubbed the 'Politburo!' Mr. Moore spoke of the founding of Hardye's School in 1569 and of the history of the *Durnovarian* Magazine, published for many years by the old school. Finally, he thanked those Old Hardyans who had contributed to the bursaries, "it really makes a difference to the students who receive them."

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At the conclusion of the annual reunion dinner, attended by around 70 Old Hardyans, the President of the Old Hardyans began by thanking Colin Lucas, Chairman of the Hardyans Club, who had so well organised the event. "Colin Lucas is our own Merlin- a wizard of organisation who puts so much effort into everything Hardyans- both the school and the club," said Michel Hooper-Immins. "He's always working hard at the heart of everything we do- tonight as Organiser and Master of Ceremonies. Thank you Colin for everything you do for us."

Michel Hooper-Immins went on to praise Alan Brown- "the new boy on the old boys committee- who became Treasurer last year and took-on the bookings for this event." He thanked Alan & Helen Brown and Joan Hooper-Immins for organising the raffle that evening.

The President thanked Secretary Tony Day, "a model of calm" and Newsletter Editors Peter and Heather Foster, who did excellent work. There was a special welcome for Heather Foster, who had spent several weeks in hospital. Membership Secretary Bob Rench was praised for his sterling work, "if we didn't know who the members were and where they lived, not much would be possible."

There was a special commendation for Helen Rench who had refurbished the blue President's ribbon, carefully restitching all 23 Past Presidents' bars to a new ribbon. Six new bars had been made to update recent officeholders. Helen Rench has also made a useful velvet bag to house the ribbon and medallion, which has outgrown the original box.

Major General John Stephenson CB OBE proposed the toast to Absent Friends.

The Old Hardyans' annual reunion dinner menu began with cream of mushroom soup, followed by roast turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce, served with green beans, garden peas, cauliflower cheese and creamed mashed potato. Strawberry and Sherry trifle was the ever popular dessert.

Earlier in the day, the Hardyans Club held their Annual General Meeting with President Michel Hooper-Immins in the chair. He said the club was running excellently, thanks to the outstanding work being done by officers with the support of the committee. Membership was reported as 2,117. All Officers were re-elected: Colin Lucas [Chairman,] Tony Day [Secretary,] Alan Brown [Treasurer,] Bob Rench [Membership Secretary] Terry Stone [Webmaster] and Peter Foster [Newsletter Editor.] Re-elected to the club committee were Alf Barrett, Godfrey Lancashire, Captain John Pearson RN and Major General John Stephenson CB OBE.

Captain John Pearson RN, Chairman of the Hardyans' Club Charitable Association, announced that two new bursaries had been created and the amounts had been increased to £700.

*Founded in 1905 as the Old Grammarians, the Old Hardyans- alternatively known as the Hardyans Club - is one of the most successful old school associations in the West Country, bringing together old boys of Dorchester Grammar School and Hardy's School, plus ex-students of the modern Thomas Hardy School. In the times of Queen Elizabeth I, it was Thomas Hardy [with a final "e"] described as an yeoman of Frampton, who endowed Dorchester Grammar School in 1569. Hardy's [shopping] Arcade today stands on the site in South Street. The Grammar School moved to Culliford Road in 1928 - renamed Hardy's School from 1954. The modern Thomas Hardy School in Queens Avenue opened in 1992, encompassing the best traditions of the two previous schools- but admitting girls for the first time since 1569! Writer Thomas Hardy OM, who lived at nearby Max Gate, laid the foundation stone of Hardy's School in 1927. He was no relation to Thomas Hardy, founder of the school, nor of Admiral Thomas Masterman Hardy!*

**You Write** Membership Secretary **Bob Rench** and Webmaster **Terry Stone** forwarded some of the following

**Graham ALLEN** [mailto:graham\_f\_allen@tiscali.co.uk]

Sent: 01 February 2011

Subject: My Website

You very kindly have been notifying Hardyans Club Members of my website.

This has recently been forced to relocate, and is now to be found at <http://oldhardyans.webs.com>

Unfortunately I am unable to update the old website to advise readers of the move. Consequently, may I ask you to announce this move via your website and/or the next newsletter? My new website now contains very nearly 600 photos covering the entire period that the School was located in Culliford Road, including panorama photos for 1947, 1949, 1952 & 1979, but there is always space for more!

My grateful thanks in anticipation.

Kindest Regards,

Graham Allen (Hardy 1953-60)

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Graham Allen

**Don CULVER** [culverjones@btinternet.com](mailto:culverjones@btinternet.com)

I was delighted to see contributions in the last Newsletter from George Welch and Roland Mason. Roland and I were in the large contingent (was it a dozen?) from the School who entered Oxford University in October 1951. Our arrival pushed representation at the University to about two dozen. There may have been an occasional Oxford Dinner before this, but there was now a critical mass which made an annual event viable. In 1952, we invited Ralph Hill and one other of our former teachers (to be selected by themselves) to Dinner in Exeter College, thus establishing a pattern. Mr Hill was always pleased to be back in his alma mater, which he had attended before the '14-'18 War, in the company of so many of those he had

helped to get there. George Welch and my brother David (46-54) testify that these dinners continued at least until 1958. Did they then lapse? If so, why? Greetings also to new member Mike Hollywood, with whom I took the old School Certificate in 1948, after which I believe he went into local government.

DON CULVER (43-51) Past President.

**Nick LEE**      [nicholaslee@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:nicholaslee@mypostoffice.co.uk)

Please note that with effect from 13th May 2011 my address will no longer be 16 Slades Green Bridport Dt6 4EA but: 23 Wessington Park, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 0AT.  
My E-Mail Address will remain the same,

Yours sincerely,  
Nicholas J. S. Lee.

**Jeffrey PERKS**      [jeffreyperks385@btinternet.com](mailto:jeffreyperks385@btinternet.com)

At school 1957-1964, in Southfield boarding house  
I can now take news letter by e-mail

**Adrian STEAR**

From: Adrian Stear [mailto:[ifwessex@saqnet.co.uk](mailto:ifwessex@saqnet.co.uk)]  
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2011  
To: Webmaster; Adrian Stear  
Subject: Geoff Hutchins Memorial Service

I have been sent the service sheet for Geoff's Memorial service from a BBC friend ( not an OH) who attended. My niece also tells me she saw it covered briefly on the TV news. Not many Old Hardyans get that sort of send off. Eulogies were given by Terry Hands and Trevor Nunn.

I would be happy to send you an image of the sheet if you would like to see it.

regards  
Adrian Stear

**Rob WHITE** [mailto:[robwhite54@hotmail.com](mailto:robwhite54@hotmail.com)]

**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 10:46 AM  
**To:** [webmaster@hardyansclub.com](mailto:webmaster@hardyansclub.com)  
**Subject:** FW: School Photos

Dear Webmaster,  
Please don't apologise for the rash of emails concerning your technical glitch. It's had a beneficial side-effect in that I was prompted to browse the website; I've more time for such things now, having recently retired following a long career in teaching and local govt. I tried to respond to John Critchley's invitation to put names to faces on the Southfield House photo but experienced a technical glitch of my own, and had the email returned as undeliverable. It seems a pity for the info, such as it is, to be lost, so I'm forwarding you a copy of the email in case anybody's interested. I can help a little with the Southfields House one from 1968. In the middle row, the boys third, fourth and fifth from the left are respectively Gilmour, Rooke, and Smith. Like me, they were in the Lower Fifth that year.

After further reflection, I believe Smith's name was Simon, and I've an idea Gilmour's was Nigel, but can't be sure after all this time. I've also recalled that the boy on the far right of the same row was called Chapman (Steven?).

Elsewhere there's a photo of a CCF RAF annual camp at St Mawgan in 1966. The unidentified officer in the middle (next to John Dibb) is in fact Tony Paul. Can I really be the only member who recognises Tony Paul in his RAF uniform? I can recall him teaching me in it!

If you want the names corrected on Graham Allen's 1969 school staff photo then please let me know. I'm afraid I have a good memory for outdated info which may or may not be of any use (sad, isn't it?!).

Hope this is of some help.

R.T. (Rob) White, 1964-72

**OBITUARIES** *Sadly several Old Hardyans have passed away in the last few months*

**John FISHER 1934-42**

John, from Havant sadly died after a short illness on 12<sup>th</sup> February.

**John HANNA 1958-63**

Dorset Echo of 16<sup>th</sup> February reported:- *Peacefully after a long illness, having coped with great dignity, at Westhaven Hospital, on 13th February 2011, aged 64 years. Soul mate and best friend to Carole and her daughter Ellie, and brother to Dermot & Derrell. To Celebrate John's life a Humanist Service will take place at Weymouth Crematorium on Wednesday 23rd February*

John Hanna is recalled by contemporary **Jonathan PULLEN**

I cannot recall meeting him since I left Hardye's although I have come across Dermot a few times in the distant past. I have some vague notion (most of mine are!) that John Hanna contributed an article on boarding life at South Walks to one of the large O.H. websites by Messrs Graham Allen and Nigel Newbery, who have recently updated them with a different address. ... It is very sad; a "larger than life" character who did much to "lighten our loads". As I mentioned to Peter Foster, Simon Frampton, Ken [Stephens] and others; I have vivid memories of this tall, athletic figure, all arms and legs, galloping in triumph after the successful picketing of the tuck shop which resulted in a farcical, "Whodunnit" by Bunny Lee and the said "Bunny" Lee, almost hidden behind a goodly pile of 3d jam doughnuts on the Wollaston staff lunch table, trying to "flog off" the "buns", as he described them. So far as I recall, the motivation for the picketing was (1) Treadgold was alleged to have dirty hands when handling the doughnuts (2) an allegation that the doughnuts were filled with South African Raspberry jam in the aftermath of the Sharpeville massacre, 1960, in Apartheid South Africa. And before anyone brings up that I crossed the "picket line". yes and no! I avoided the doughnuts but bought a 'Milky Way'. I think I was booed in a desultory fashion. *Jonathan hoped to attend the farewell at the Crematorium*

**Derek LOVE 1950-55 David DOWNTON remembers**

It is with sadness that I have to report the death of Derek Love, fondly referred to as "Lerry ".He was a contemporary and friend of the late Geoff Hutchings and his circle of close friends included Adrian Downton, Ken Sturmey, Maurice Cleaver and Dick Cleall. He attended Hardye's School from 1950 until 1955.

Derek's parents ran a smallholding in Charminster and because of his father's ill health he had to leave at 16 without being able to continue his sixth form education. He helped his parents until the early death of his father

He decided to resume his education and gained a place in his early twenties at Newlands Park Teacher Training College.

His teaching career started in a Secondary Modern all boys school in Suffolk, where he taught Rural Studies. He moved to Suffolk to be near his future wife Christine and eventually became Head of Science at Halesworth Middle School where he rose through the ranks to Senior Teacher and Acting Headteacher before his retirement.

Derek loved his sports of "shooting and fishing". He was an excellent sea angler and lived close to the beach in Southwold. His other activities included wildfowling on the Southwold marshes and game shooting.

He still loved his Dorset heritage and returned on holiday with his family twice a year. This Summer he had an excellent mackerel fishing season on Chesil beach .After two stokes from which Derek recovered well he sadly succumbed to third fatal one at the end of January.

Derek is survived by his wife Christine and his son Dr Barnaby Love.

Kind regards.

David Downton

**Roger ROWLAND**

*Bob Rensch our Membership Secretary recently received a letter from Major Bob Rowland (43-49)*

He wrote:

Sadly, I have to inform you of the death of my brother Roger Rowland (South Walks House 42-49), in a hospital in Toronto, Canada, after a short illness, on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011, aged 76 years.

An actor for most of his life, Roger had appeared in many theatres in the UK, and in television productions with the BBC and ITV. He and his wife, a consultant in Toronto Hospital, went to Canada some 25 years ago and had dual nationality.

Roger worked at Shaw Festival Theatre where he had the lead in many productions over the years. A remembrance service was held in Toronto on 19<sup>th</sup> January. His widow, Alex, can be contacted by telephone on : 00-1416-6868298.

If I remember correctly, Roger's particular friends at school were John Dutot and John Newman.

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**OLD HARDYEANS TIE AGAIN IN STOCK**

The Old Hardyans' handsome blue, gold and red tie is an essential accessory. The new stock is in the possession of our 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](mailto:alan@ajbrown1946.plus.com)

## **Membership News**

*Bob RENCH writes*

Since last summer we have had a glitch regarding membership details. For some reason notification of failed emails was not getting to me. After some effort and with the help of the Webmaster we have managed to get this sorted. When we sent out trial emails in February 18 emails were returned as failed. These are an accumulation over the 9 months when there was a problem. Nine of the failures have been sorted by post or phone and we are now back in touch with the members. One member had unfortunately passed away recently, but we have definitely lost 6 members. Letters that were sent to these people were returned as they had moved away. We are still awaiting replies from 2 others, but I fear that these might also have changed their email address and moved without informing us. It is essential that you keep in touch. Thank you for all that do

The latest additions to our Lost Legion are:

Adrian Clarke- Morgan (67-72)

D. Lewis- no details other than an email address [dandlewis@aol.com](mailto:dandlewis@aol.com)

Kevin Woodward (67-74) last address in Slough

James R Smith (77-84) Last address in Chicago USA

Timothy Haskings (87-90) Last Address in Dorchester

Dr. Paul Light (58-63) Last address in Brook, Lyndhurst, Hants

I am still waiting to hear from

Pete Worrall (73-79) last address in Redditch, Worcestershire

And Eric Shakeshaft (85-90) last address in Dubai, UAE.

If anyone can help me locate these members I should be very grateful.

Best regards

*Bob Rench,*

*Membership Secretary*

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## **HARDYEANS' CLUB THE DORCHESTER THOMAS HARDYE SCHOOL**

### **Minutes of the Hardyans' Club Annual General Meeting on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.00 pm in the School 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre.**

**Members Present:** Michel Hooper-Immins, Colin Lucas, Alan Brown, John Pearson, Godfrey Lancashire, Tony Day

1. **Apologies for Absence** Bob Rench, Gordon Crocker
2. **The minutes** of the last Annual General Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010 were formally approved
3. **Matters arising** – There were no matters arising other than items on the Agenda
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Alan circulated the Clubs income and expenditure account for year ending 31/12/2010, showing a surplus of income over expenditure.

The year had seen the maturity of an Investment Bond in the sum of £2K, and the Club has subsequently given £2K to the Charitable Trust. Alan also reported that a savings account had been opened following the transfer of arrangements from the previous treasurer, Ken Pearce. John Pearson asked about the Premium Bond prizes, and Alan reported that these had been picked up following transfer also of the Treasurer's details to himself. The Report was proposed for acceptance by John Pearson, seconded by Colin Lucas, and formally adopted. Grateful thanks were expressed to Alan.

5. **Membership Secretary's Report** *[Editor:- attached report not reproduced here]*  
The President thanked Bob for all his hard work in this respect.

#### **6 Election of Officers**

It was proposed and accepted that the officers for the past year should be re-elected en-bloc:

Chairman	Colin Lucas
Treasurer	Alan Brown
Secretary	Tony Day
Sports Officer	Tony Foot
Membership Secretary	Bob Rench

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Press Officer Michel Hooper-Immins  
Newsletter Editors Peter & Heather Foster.

The following Council Members were also re-elected:  
John Pearson, John Stephenson, Alf Barrett, Gordon Crocker, Godfrey Lancashire  
The President continues ex-officio

## 7 Date of Next AGM

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup>. March, 2012

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### The Hardyeans' Club Charitable Association.

Minutes of The eleventh Annual General Meeting held Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at The School V1 Form Centre.

#### 1. Present

J.J. Pearson, M. Hooper Immins, J.A. Stephenson, G. Lancashire, C.W. Lucas, A.C Day, H. Dowell,  
Mrs M. Keats, Mrs J. Salt.

#### 2. Apologies.

C.G. Crocker, S. Gould, I.B Brown.

#### 3. Welcome.

The Club President took the chair and welcomed members and spoke of the wonderful work accomplished since the founding of the Charity by General John Stephenson. CB OBE.

#### 4. Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous AGM held 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010 having previously been circulated with the May Newsletter in 2010, were moved for adoption by Mrs J. Salt and seconded by J. Pearson. Agreed nem con.

#### 5. Matters Arising.

There were none.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report.

In the absence of the Treasurer the accounts were issued by the Secretary having been prepared by the approved accountant. They were proposed for formal adoption by J.J. Pearson, seconded by C.W. Lucas. Agreed Nem Con.

Fund Value as at 31/12/2010	Income Fund	£4,222
	Endowment Fund	£78,961
	Total	£83,183

#### 7. Election of Officers.

The following Officers were all re-elected en bloc Proposed Mrs. J. Salt seconded by H.E. Dowell Agreed nem con  
Chairman J. J. Pearson Secretary C.W. Lucas Treasurer S.J. Gould  
Investment Advisor I.B. Brown

#### 8. Election of Trustees

The following Trustees were re-elected, Proposed by J. Pearson, seconded C.W. Lucas Agreed nem con  
Trustees H.E. Dowell, Mrs E.M. Keats, D. C. Lacey, Mrs P. Pollard, Mrs J. Salt

#### 9. Chairman's Report

The Chairman John Pearson reported that 2 new bursaries were awarded this year and all existing were increased to £700.00. One candidate had to defer due to his being unable to attend his A level examination due to illness. We had a meeting with the Chairman of The Ashley Churchill & Thorne Educational Trust in January to explore the similarities & differences of our respective purposes and concluded that we could probably help each other in promoting our charities to candidates in the School.

The most exciting news is a very large gift from a generous benefactor - a former pupil of Hardyes / Dorchester Grammar School. When we have a clear idea from our Investments Advisor of what monies will be available to

the

Trust as a result of this gift, the Trustees will be looking at the balance of whether to increase the number of Bursaries and/or increasing the value of each Bursary to keep place with inflation, and the rapid rise in student fees.

My thanks go to my fellow Trustees for their continuing support and help in the past year. I would like to thank Ian Brown of Charles Stanley for his constant interest and advice and our gratitude goes to Stephen Gould who has the hard work to do in producing our un-audited Report & Accounts for the passed year for the Charities Commission and of course Colin Lucas who keeps everything ticking over. [Cont'd



**10. Report to the Charities Commission.**

It was agreed that the Treasurer should continue to complete this

**12. Dates of future Meetings**

May

September

January

Dates to be confirmed

**LONDON DINNER 2011 [preliminary] BOOKING FORM**

We are awaiting confirmation of the venue and price of tickets for this year's London Dinner. Please check with the website for any updates before the next edition of the Newsletter as we anticipate bookings may need to be made sooner rather than later. The date is normally the second Tuesday in November : - 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011 but this may change

**Please contact the Club Secretary Tony Day for further information**

Name.....

Address for ticket(s) to be sent.....

Email address for confirmation of booking.....

Dinner ...No's required [(If appropriate )Tour of Venue .....No's required]

Payment enclosed.....£.....

Vegetarian Option required ?.....

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](mailto:alan@ajbrown1946.plus.com) Payment by on-line banking is also possible, please contact Alan Brown for details. When paying by this method please remember to include your name as a reference so Alan can identify payments in the statement.

*PLEASE REMEMBER that ladies are MORE THAN WELCOME TO ATTEND.*

***For future years, the Club Council welcomes recommendations from members for possible London Dinner venues, please get in touch, either through the Newsletter or via the Secretary***

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