

The Hardyans' Club

TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FRIENDS

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COLIN LUCAS, RIP



A Tribute by John Pearson, Chairman of the Hardyans Club Charitable Association

Colin, as we probably all know, was educated in Dorchester, first at Colliton Street School and afterwards at the Grammar School at Barnes Way between 1946 and 1950. Those four years were to become a central focus of his time and occupation in his later years.

He joined the Old Boys, later the Old Hardyans and eventually the Hardyans' Club, on leaving school and throughout his working years in Dorchester was an active member. His encyclopaedic knowledge of former pupils grew mainly from the major contribution he made to the

Newsletter which became a narrow lifeline of the club during the transition of the school from 'the old school' to the great school in Queens Avenue it is today. He, almost alone, determined that the club should not fold and doggedly kept faith, refusing to let it wane and with a few others, stirred life into the Hardyans' Council, as President from 1994 to 1997 and with a little more time as his retirement approached, he became the backbone of the club's activities organising the Annual and London Dinners, monthly and gourmet lunches not forgetting the Remembrance Ceremony at the School Gates each November. Throughout these years he took on most of the committee positions at some time or other and especially a much closer liaison with the school and staff.

For years he acted as Umpire at the annual School vs Hardyans' Cricket Match, a chore he relished borne of his abiding knowledge of the town's cricketers from school to representative sides and his love of cricket. A stickler for correct form at gatherings, few will forget his joking entertainment as Master of Ceremonies at the annual school dinners with the seemingly endless toasts announced with the ringing of his bell - "The President will take wine with the "Hillites" Thomasonians" or the Melvinians" interspersed with jokes or wise sayings.

Behind the scenes, he was what I call 'the kingmaker' for the club ensuring a steady succession of Chairmen, Presidents and Treasurers; finding and inviting the principal guests and speakers for the dinners. At the turn of the millennium he warmly embraced the creation of the Hardyans' Club Charitable Association serving as a Trustee and its Secretary for thirteen years. He revelled in the closer interaction with the student candidates in their pursuit of bursaries. Unseen to most, he looked after ailing members ensuring that Alf Barrett and Peter Lewendon and their like were collected mainly by himself, for lunches and meetings.

I think it fair to say and few would argue that 'the club' 'the old boys'- the institution of the former students owes its survival and its present existence almost entirely to this humble, friendly and companionable, Christian man.

Colin you will be missed – you are already – by school and club. Thank you for all you did for both.

[Picture shows Colin at the last Club Annual Dinner in March 2013 – by Heather Foster]

At the time of going to press the memorial service for Colin was to take place on Friday 27th September at St Peter's Church, Dorchester. John Pearson was asked to speak on behalf of the Club and the above formed the basis of his tribute. Many members have written with their own tributes to Colin – see pages 3 & 4

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS.

At the King's Arms Hotel, last Thursday of the month. Enquiries to President, Peter Foster, or Alan Brown, Treasurer, 01202 535034

There is no need to book, just turn up about 12.30pm for lunch at 1pm. A small car park is available behind the hotel for the use of patrons (Entrance from High East Street). The Hotel's bar menu is available and choices can be made on the day. The next lunches are on Thursdays 31st October, 28th November. Come along and talk to fellow alumni of Hardye's School.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH is scheduled for **Thursday 19th December**, same time, same place, but booking is essential and payment required in advance – see booking form at end of this edition

ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE Monday 11th November at the School Gates, Queens Avenue, assemble by 10.30am

ADVANCE NOTICE 2014 ANNUAL DINNER / AGM on Saturday 15th March at the Thomas Hardye School. Further information to follow, separately. Please note that bookings for the Annual Dinner must be with the Treasurer by **15th February 2014** The venue this time is expected to be the main school Dining Room (not the 6th Form Centre).

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PETE MOXOM [112 NOT OUT AND 5-32] TRIUMPHS FOR THE OLD HARDYEANS by Tony Foot



A superb 112 not out by Pete Moxom for the Old Hardyeans, including eight sixes, provided over half of the old boys' 190 for 5 off 30 overs, in the annual cricket fixture against the modern Thomas Hardye School.

Then spin bowlers Joe Power [3-25] and Pete Moxom [5-32] ripped the School's batting apart, skittling them all out for 151 in the 28th. over.

As tradition dictates, the Old Hardyans batted first in the 30 over contest. Pete Moxom and Joe Power opened the batting and put on 20 for the first wicket, before Power was bowled by Adam Weir for 5. Josh Foot joined Moxom and scored a quickfire 21 before being caught by Danny Way off the medium pace of Casper Bailey for 21. The experienced Simon Joslin came in, but did not trouble the scorers. Moxom was by now playing very aggressively and celebrated his 50 with a straight six. Matt Porter and OH Captain Tony Foot gave him sound assistance with some big hitting in the middle order. It was however Pete Moxom who continued to steal the show, finishing a superb innings 112 not out. The Old Hardyans completed their 30 overs with the impressive total of 190 for the loss of 5 wickets.

The School started slowly in reply and were soon behind the clock. Ryan Price was caught by Joe Power off the bowling of Mark Derrien and then the dangerous Marcus Evans was clean bowled for a duck, also by Derrien. Danny Way then showed himself to be a batsman of some promise, scoring an excellent 58 before being brilliantly caught on the boundary by Simon Joslin off the bowling of Joe Power. The spin of Joe Power and Pete Moxom, who took eight wickets between them, killed off the game as the school were bowled out in the 28th. over for 151. The Old Hardyans had won by 39 runs.

"This year's annual match between the Old Hardyans and Thomas Hardye School was blessed with fine weather for the first time in several years," comments Old Hardyans Captain Tony Foot. "An excellent game of cricket was played in good spirit and considering the unprepared nature of the wicket, no shortage of skill on both sides."

[It certainly was a very entertaining match which your President, Peter Foster, was pleased to attend with Heather, and gave a vote of thanks to both teams at the end of play.]

Photograph by Michel Hooper-Immins.

Back row [left to right:] Adam Weir, Scott Parker, Charlie Davies, Dan Evans, Ryan Price, Danny Way, Marcus Evans, Frank Dike [Umpire,] Ian Legg, Mark Derrien, Tony Foot [Captain,] Pete Moxom, Simon Joslin, Stuart Voss.

Front row [left to right:] Jacob Holland, Adam Barrett, Greg Holland, Casper Bailey, James Caldwell, Matt Porter, Joe Power, Josh Foot, John Bowden, James Dunham.

Changes of Address, etc

Bob CHURCHER advised in May 2013 that he has moved – now living in Hotwells, Bristol.

Dave LE BRETON advised a change to his email address in September.

[Full details, if required, from the Editor]

TRIBUTES TO COLIN LUCAS – *Club Secretary Michel Hooper-Immins advised the membership by email and these are some of the responses*

Thank you for passing on the sad news about Colin. I got on well with him, and he did a lot to support my Dad in his last, very difficult years. Not always appreciated, I must say.

I cannot yet say that I will be attending the memorial service, but would like to.

Peter Barrett

What sad news of Colin Lucas - it is difficult to imagine the Club without him....I am really sorry that I cannot be at St.Peter's on 27th. - it clashes with an AGM which I cannot miss, as I am chairing it. I would be grateful, though, if you could offer a prayer on my behalf.

David Culver

I first met Colin 60 years ago when I attended the Boys' Brigade hall, then in Colliton Street in Dorchester, where Colin was an Officer. He was a bugler of some excellence, I recall.

In more recent decades I met with Colin regularly in his Governor and Trustee role of Thomas Hardye School, and his renowned role as the lynch-pin of the Hardyans' Club, which he steered with aplomb, assiduity and great leadership. I suspect that without Colin at the helm the club would not have fared as well as it does today, and owes a huge debt to him.

My everlasting memory of my good friend will be of his remarkable industry, conscientiousness, decisiveness, sense of humour and fun. His two periods of office as Mayor, and his stalwart membership of the Town band and numerous other associations of which he was a dedicated member, testify to his love of his school and his home town. He will be sorely missed.

I extend my sincere and deepest condolences to Brenda and the family.

Tony Day

Very sorry to hear of Colin's death. I cannot get to UK until Spring, 2014, so cannot attend the Memorial Service, but my thoughts will be with you all.

John Dillon.

My deep condolences to Colin's wife and family.

Another sad day for the club and the end of an era of service and devotion to the school, its past and present pupils as well as the county town. Sometime soon I'm sure that we will have the opportunity to pay a fitting memorial tribute to Colin. God bless his soul

Tony R Ford

Limassol, Cyprus

[Via Membership Secretary, Bob Rench] Just to confirm that I have received your e-mail OK re the recent sad death of Colin Lucas who was a contemporary of mine at school. He will be sadly missed by many people.

John George

I was fortunate enough to meet Colin back in March whilst visiting the UK. I attended a Hardyens lunch in Dorchester. He will be missed.

Iain McFadyen (currently in Trinidad&Tobago)

Some men become literally irreplaceable in their lifetimes. Colin was certainly one of them

Difficult to know, for instance, where the Old Hardyens, apart from all the other groups he was associated with, would have been without him

What a great guy.

John Mainwaring.

Thank you for this - we had heard the sad news ...He was a good friend and will be greatly missed.

June Salt

ALFRED BARRETT died in June 2013. A thanksgiving service was held at St George's, Fordington, which, apart from family members, was attended by many friends and former colleagues, including representatives of Dorset Police, the William Barnes Society, Hardyens' Club and Society of Dorset Men. As President of the Hardyens' Club, your editor was pleased to give a few words, recalling that at many of our monthly Club Luncheons, Alf would share with us thoughts, memories and quotations from the writings of those two great sons of Dorset, William Barnes and Thomas Hardy. The conversation over lunch would often include a humorous anecdote or two from his life in the police or a reflection of his beloved county of Dorset. It was fascinating listening to Alf recalling his own school days at Dorchester Grammar School under the headmastership of Ralph W. Hill. As well as a keen interest in literature he was also a keen athlete and gained honours in middle distance running. It was because of his prowess as an athlete that he was selected to run with the torch in the 1948 Relay of the Olympic Torch from Shaftesbury westwards on its route from London to Torbay where the sailing events took place. Alfred treasured the Torch presented to him. Alf was at different times President and Chairman of The Hardyens' Club, and served for many years on its Council. We have many happy memories of Alf.

A full tribute to Alf, written by Colin Lucas, was published in issue no 118, Autumn 2012, and Alf's 90th birthday was marked in issue no114, Spring 2011.

More Obituaries in You Write

YOU WRITE

Memories of 'Nutty' Hazlegrove and the house in Maiden Castle Road

From John BROAD

I have just been reading the Spring issue (what a wonderful job you continue to do!!) and I see that Roger Caves enquires about his house in Maiden Castle Road.

I went to D.G.S. in Sept 1934 and was taught Physics by "Nutty" Hazlegrove who was an inspirational teacher. When I was a small boy the houses in Maiden castle Road were just being built between Weymouth Avenue and the chalky Lane that led to and later became Clarence Road. There were no houses to the South or West of these roads just allotments and fields.

Mr Hazlegrove was newly married and the house which they had built (I wonder where the money came from, although most of the staff had their own houses) had a ground plan that is heart shaped, which caused much amusement to parents and boys, very 'lovey-dovey' was my Mother's comment. The front door has since had a much needed porch added which has affected the ground plan so that the heart shape is not obvious. Roger Caves will of course know when it was built but it must have about 1930 give or take.

Google Earth gives a good view of the house.

Strangely I live within 200 yards of Roger Caves and will contact him

best wishes,

John Broad

From Brian HULSE, OBE

Roger Caves, writing in the Newsletter, asks to be put in touch with anyone who knew Mr Hazelgrove. I was in his class for Physics in 1936-38 and would be quite happy for you to pass on my contact details to Roger Caves.

Even at the age of ninety I still enjoy reading the Newsletter and congratulate you on its professional style and interesting content.

Kind regards,

Brian Hulse.

David CULVER writes:

[Sincere apologies to both David and Donald Culver for the error in transmission regarding Presidential status in the last newsletter! – Editor]

David writes - I would be honoured to accept Life Vice-Presidency of the Club, but I fear it would lay me open to a charge of impersonation. The Culver who was President from 1988-91 is my brother Don (who contributed the David Willis obituary and is quite right - both David and his father were delightful people). It does remind me of a friend who was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (of which he had never heard) in mistake for his brother; both wound up as FRSA as a result, but I do not think it would be right for me to take advantage of the situation in the same way. So please accept this as notice of my resignation from the post. Keep sending the Newsletters, though.

David Culver

Pupil 1946-54

Vice President April-May 2013 !

Don CULVER (^43-`51).

Warmest congratulations to Peter Foster on becoming our new President. Peter & Heather have made the Newsletter the glue which holds the Club together and this recognition is well-deserved.

I am gratified to have been made a Life Vice-President in the company of some stalwart servants of the Club, but was very sorry to hear about Colin Lucas. Colin was a key figure in our affairs, helping steer the Club through good times and bad.

DON CULVER

Ex-President

Don CULVER recalls Margaret BRIANT

Those who were teenagers in late-1940`s Dorchester will be sorry to hear of the death of Margaret BRIANT (nee Trehwella) aged 79. After the "Green School", Margaret nursed at the Westminster Hospital in London, where she qualified as an SRN and married a doctor who became a colonel in the RAMC and sadly predeceased her. Her father, Martin, was headmaster of Colliton Street Junior School and steered

many boys up to Ralph Hill's Grammar School. Her elder brother, Chris, was school captain of DGS and read Biology at Bristol University before enjoying a long career teaching at Epsom College, then retiring to Essex. Margaret's younger sister, Jennifer, followed her to the Westminster and also married an army officer. Now widowed, she lives in the village of Pitton, near Salisbury

Geoffrey GOSS aka "Ernie"

I have been meaning to write for some time and was "kicked" into action by two articles in Issue 120. First of all I was sad to see David Willis had died. Although we were not friends in the accepted sense of the word we were contemporaries and he was well respected.

Secondly, I was also saddened by the death of Ian Mardon (Inky) whom I knew quite well whilst at the school. I did most of my National Service in the Military Police in the Canal Zone in Egypt. Whilst on duty one evening at the AKC Cinema at Tel el Kebir I saw Ian with a colleague walking towards the entrance. I stopped him and asked to see his identification. I could tell by the look on his face that he was not best pleased. I opened his pass-book and said "All right Inky that's all I needed to know". The penny then dropped and there was laughter all round.

I was delighted to read about Mr Walton's house in Maiden Castle Road. During my time at the school it was quite a talking point with the boys. It was so modern. Over the years I have often thought about it and wondered if it was still standing. It never occurred to me that it would be "listed". I can give no further information but am pleased to hear it is in good hands.

My final thoughts are about Geoffrey Hutchings whose death you reported in issue 112 the Autumn 2010 edition. I cannot believe it was three years ago. Tempus fugit. I did not follow Geoffrey's acting career closely but knew of his existence especially in his role of Sid James. I had seen him in many other productions including a few episodes of "Benidorm". I had been cajoled into watching these by a friend of mine. Now here comes the "punch line"! I never connected Geoffrey with the Geoffrey Hutchings who had been at the school when I was there. We were not in the same year but I knew him. In the immortal words of Mr SA Fox I must be "one of the weaker brethren". If anyone cares to look at Graham Allen's website they will see a photograph of the young Geoffrey Hutchings on the shoulders of one Geoffrey Goss in "The Zeal of thy House"!

I enjoy reading the Newsletter. I am sorry I cannot take part in activities. Thank you for keeping up the good work.

Geoffrey Goss aka "Ernie"
1945-1952

Hardyeans captains England against Australia

David KELLY (1955-60) writes :

You may already know from elsewhere but, over the summer, a Hardyean has been captaining England against Australia at cricket .



Hugh MILNER (1953-8) has represented Sussex at Over 50s, Over 60s and now Over 70s level for many years and has taken a leading role in such age level cricket both within Sussex and nationally through his work on the various committees running those age leagues. He was invited to captain and manage the England Over 70s team this summer when entertaining, for the first time ever, their Australian counterparts.

The first two matches were won comfortably by England (Hugh scored an important 22 and took four wickets for 16 in the first of these) while the third was rained off, England thus winning the series. See photo attached for Hugh in his "Ashes" livery ...

David Kelly (1955-60)
Many Congratulations to Hugh for his efforts and thanks to David Kelly for the information – Editor

(via Membership Secretary Bob Rench)

I have received a letter from **Michael Lambden (1943-50)**

He joined The Club in the early 50s and was coerced to join by Colin Lucas at a reunion at the rugby club. He has just moved to Devon from Bucks. He has always had the newsletter by post and is grateful to all involved with its publication.

He enclosed a cheque to help with past and future expenses and sent his best wishes to all.

John MAINWARING writes

Thank you for the last and also all the previous magazines which are always fun reads.

I write about Robin Moors' letter and photograph which was new to me.

I was able to identify one or two more: in the back row on the left Bob Forbes and next to him Ken Hawkins (I think) next ?Philip Screen next ?? and then I thought Graham Paxman.

In the next row down ? Dickie Dubben then John Baker - Hugh Lambert - Chris Trehwella - Bob Boulton then Robin and myself.

Sitting next to RWH, ?M Cleary - Bryant - Les Edwards and John Hale

Was Peter Crabbe the one on the ground on the right ? I couldn't be at all sure about the other guy.

Some of those Robin remembers lived (as did I) in the upper half of Cornwall Road (Chris Trehwella & the Swannies) and of course Robin himself.

Robin forgot to mention his incredible cricket story. As I remember it, we were playing in a 2nd XI match and it was slipping away. As captain I had to make a bowling change to stop the rot. I gave the ball to Robin to see what his off breaks could do. He took the first 9 wickets for 9 runs - Eric Davies taking the tenth. What a performance!

I was very interested in his CV as well.

JOHN MAINWARING

In Appreciation of Hardye's School

Jim SALKELD writes:

I attended Hardyes school as a boarder at Southfield House from 1967 to 1970 run by the then Headmaster Mr. Hamilton or 'chem' as he was known. It was the third secondary school I had attended, as my father was in the Fleet Air Arm and the family had accompanied him to Singapore, Elgin in Scotland and finally Dorchester.

I had also attended four different primary schools in the preceding years so my early education was broad to say the least; The complete changes in syllabus meant that I had to go through a rapid learning curve, as well as having to cope with being 'the new boy', on countless occasions.

I fondly recall the CCF (I was in the Navy section) and the trips to Loch Ewe during the summer breaks; the Quater-Centenary attended by Her Majesty and the old library with leather-bound books dating back a century or more.

The outstanding teachers at Hardyes pushed me to achieve 5 O levels which, whilst hardly outstanding, enabled me to join Barclays Bank in 1970. I left in 1977 and went on to enjoy a varied career in Finance, IT Solutions sales and finally my second business in 1994. Since then I have run several small companies and, until recently, have been on the main board of a company employing c..400 employees.

I now have another business based on eMarketing and consultancy, and am planning to move to New Zealand with my wife in order to join our daughter and family.

Looking back on my education it is fair to say that Hardyes was instrumental in my development as a person and for that I am eternally grateful.

Jim Salkeld.

A Confession, and an Anniversary

Chris SLADE has two contributions – firstly a 'confession'!

On a route march/map reading exercise with the CCF while staying at the Army Camp at Honiton in the summer of 1962, I was thirsty and so ventured into the Luppitt Inn and for the first time in my life, bought booze in a pub: a half of cider. I was aged 14! I can't remember who was with me, don't think I was alone. Yesterday I revisited for the first time in 51 years and was served by the same lady, Mary Wright, now aged 91! She didn't remember me though. The bar is about 6' x 8', the beer, an excellent drop, is brewed in the parish and £2.50 a pint. I shall go there again!

Secondly on a much more serious note:

An important anniversary in the history of the world is fast approaching: 2014 is the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the War to End All Wars. Every year at Ypres, (the locals call it Ieper) at the Ascension Day weekend, there is a 100 km walk. Google "100km van Ieper". For many years Hardye's CCF sent a contingent, started by Dave Lacey (I saw him there a few years ago) to take part, but this seems to have been discontinued in recent years.

I am wondering whether a) we can encourage the school to resume going and b) whether the Old Hardyans could go as a group (maybe Dave Lacey could lead us) or c) old ones and young could combine (avoiding unnecessary age discrimination!). It is several years since I last went but I would like to go again. I first went with the TA, as a colleague who was a TA Officer challenged me! I have always done the full 100km although there are shorter options available. The route varies slightly each year but usually includes Passchendaele and passes many military cemeteries. Dick Butt of Wool, who used to be connected with our CCF, used to organise us oldies, but he has taken a back seat now and I don't know whether the group I went with for years still functions.

Several schools, against whom we used to play rugby, generally send contingents, also some from further afield. One year I fell in with the officer from Cheltenham College and she and her contingent were seeking out the gravestones of their old boys to mark with a Poppy Cross. Wouldn't it be great, right and proper if Hardy's could do the same?

I may be out of date with the accommodation arrangements but, last time I went, about 4 years ago, there was accommodation at the local military barracks, also camping there; huts with bunks for about half a dozen at the Jeugstation (youth centre/sports stadium), camping there and a couple of large be-bunked huts, one of which we occupied, also on that site.

Generally, the walks are no more than 40 km (25 miles) in a day of easy going with rest stations and free refreshments available every few miles along the way. Friday evening, anybody in a uniformed group assembles at the Cathedral and marches behind the town band through the town to the Menin Gate for the parade, Last Post, and wreath laying. This never fails to bring a lump to the throat and a moistening to the eye. It has happened daily since 1923. I was there with the RBL a couple of years ago on Anzac Day and there were coachloads of Aussie schoolkids there for the ceremony.

Since first going there, it has been my view that every politician and every school child should spend some time in those parts as those who forget their history are condemned to repeat it (which may be why we are in Afghanistan for the 4th time)!

Chris Slade

[At Chris' request this has been forwarded to Headmaster Michael Foley for his comments – Editor]

Robin WILLIAMS wrote via the School:

I was a pupil in the late 40's at Dorchester Grammar School, to become Hardy's, in the old building overlooking Came Down. I have many vivid memories of my time there. This includes staff members under the direction of Mr Ralph Hill.

Would this be of any interest to you?

Robin Williams BA

[We hope to hear more in due course]

Danny LACEY and **Ashley WATTS** both responded to an appeal in the last newsletter

Thanks for sending through the newsletter. I see in there a request from Iain McFadyen asking if anyone has contact details for Tom McLelland. I have a regular customer where I work who is a good friend of Tom, who is still very much involved with Scottish Country Dancing. If Iain has no luck in getting in contact with Tom, please ask him to give me a call and I'll see what I can do. I left Hardy's in 1979 so was one year behind Iain, however I do remember him.

Regards,

Danny Lacey

First of all, congratulations on your election. Enjoy your term of office. *[Thank you, Ashley!]*

I see that someone is looking for Tom. It happens that I am now driving a taxi, having given up banking and finance! Recently I picked Tom up from Fenway Close in Dorchester and took him to the station en route to St Andrews to play a little golf., I don't know what number, but I'm sure this will be enough to locate him.

I am proud to say that I managed to get his change right!

Ashley Watts

Bob Rench, the Membership Secretary, reports:-

Since the Annual General Meeting we have been joined by 7 new members.

- Kurt Parry (1974-1984) who lives in Dubai.
- Paul Lowe (1983) who lives in Wells (Somerset)
- David Deaves (1971-1977)
- Brian Osmond (1958-1966) who lives in Weymouth
- John Wellesley-Miller (1952-1957) who lives in Alabama USA
- Peter Vekic (1972-2009) who lives in Weymouth
- Michael Lynd (1962-65) who lives in Keston, Kent

Welcome to them all.

Sadly two members have passed away of whom you will read more elsewhere.

These are Alf Barrett (1935-1940) and Colin Lucas (1946-1950).

Both were long standing members of the Club Council and will be sorely missed.

I must also report that 3 members have been added to our email 'Lost Legion'.

In each case their emails failed several times and we had no reply to postal letters.

Nicholas Boulwood (1953-1959) last address in Hanover, Germany.

Ian Smith (1978-1984) last address in Aylesbury, Bucks.

Elizabeth Harrall (1994-2000) last address in Milborne St. Andrew.

If you can help us find these members I should be very grateful.

News from the Class of '58 Group who have now mostly reached the 50th anniversary of taking 'O' levels in 1963. Ken Stephens has a long list of members who keep in touch by email – not all are members of the Hardyans' Club - and occasionally reunions are organised. Among those responding to the latest catch-up email were : Alan Attryde, John Barrett, Clive Dickinson, Nigel Drew, John Duckett, John M Darch, Simon Frampton, Michael Gasston, Dermot Hanna (actually 1959), David Higgins, Pete House, Jeffrey Hallett, Mark Loosemore, Mike Lynd , Andrew Mackenzie, Julian Oddy, Bob Turner, and Mike Yarram,. Also responding were your President and Newsletter Editor Peter Foster, Acting Chairman Godfrey Lancashire and Hon Secretary and Press Officer Michel Hooper-Immins, all having joined the School (Wollaston House) in 1958. If you would like to get in touch with any of the above please contact the editor.

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Hardyans' Christmas Lunch 2013 At the King's Arms Hotel, High East St, Dorchester

Thursday 19th December 2013 12.30pm for 1pm £21 per head.

**Roast Turkey Crown, with all the Trimmings (Vegetarian option: Pumpkin and Sage Pot Pie)
Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce. Coffee and Mince Pies**

BOOKINGS CLOSE ON SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

NB Payment must be made in advance – *NO Pay-On-The-Day !*

BOOKING FORM

Please print out this form and return to the Treasurer (address below)

Name(s).....NB Partners Welcome !

Home address.....

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Christmas Lunch £21.00 No's required..... Vegetarian Option required ?.....

E-mail address for confirmation.....

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 No. 00403528, Account Name "The Hardyans Club". Please e-mail Alan Brown at alan@ajbrown1946.plus.com if you pay by this method so he can check the payment has come in.

IMPORTANT. The closing date for payment is STRICTLY 30th November 2013

From the Headteacher



The new term has got off to a good start. We have introduced four new colleges or houses into the lower school to enable us to offer a more personal level of pastoral care, support and guidance. The colleges are known as Henning, Napier, Stratford and Trenchard, named after four of the original signatories on the deed of covenant that established the school in Dorchester in 1569. Each college will develop its own distinct ethos and over the years we hope that students will develop a strong allegiance not just for their school but also for their college.

We were pleased with our examination results: GCSE scores went up by 3% at a time when national results fell and A Level pass rates matched up with 2012 which was a record year. The number of grade A/A*'s fell slightly so that is a key target area for 2014. Six students took up their offers at Oxbridge and we are particularly pleased with the increase in the number of students gaining places to read medicine. Most students achieved a place at their first-choice university and on Results Day there were only 15 students going through clearing out of a total of 378.

On behalf of the school I would like to record my condolences to the family of Colin Lucas who passed away recently. Colin was not just an ex-pupil but also a former governor and a stalwart of the Old Hardyeans. He will be sadly missed.

Michael Foley

Headteacher