

The Hardyans' Club

TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FRIENDS

Hardye's School, Dorchester, Dorset

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EVENTS DIARY

A REMINDER THAT WIVES & PARTNERS ARE MOST WELCOME AT SOCIAL EVENTS!

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS: Last Thursday of the month, except December, 12.30pm for 1 pm at the Conservative Club, South Walks, Dorchester. It helps if you let **Peter LEWENDON** know if you intend to come; he can be contacted at Higher Folly Farm Cottage, Crewkerne, Somerset TA18 8PN (Tel 01460 73927) NB April and October luncheons feature a Gourmet Menu at £15 per head. **ALWAYS EXCELLENT VALUE !!**

2001 AGM & ANNUAL DINNER: *NOT TO BE MISSED!* Saturday 17th March 2001, AGM starts 6.00pm. Dinner follows 7.30pm for 8.00pm at the Thomas Hardy Hall, Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester. The Speaker will be PETER ALFRED BARRETT (1966-69) NB. Minutes of the 2000 AGM were published in [Issue 81 \(Spring 2000\)](#) PLEASE SEE [BOOKING FORM](#) LATER IN THIS ISSUE.

CHURCH SERVICE at ST PETERS, DORCHESTER Sunday 18th March 2001: i.e. Sunday following AGM & Dinner, at 10.30am (Communion Service)

CHARITABLE TRUST

From Major General John STEPHENSON, CB OBE, Chairman The Hardyans Club Charitable Association

I write firstly to thank the 47 Club Members who have very generously donated a total of £14,000 (including Gift Aid element) to the Charitable Trust. This is a wonderful response for which the School and the Club are deeply grateful. It has obviously been impossible for me to write individually to each generous donor so please accept this letter as a token of our warm appreciation. [A list](#) of those generous donors is given elsewhere in this Newsletter [see *From the Secretary, below*]. As I explained in my September letter to every Club member, the Charity Commission require us to achieve a capital sum of at least £20,000 before the first awards are made to deserving students. We therefore still need to raise another £6,000 as quickly as possible. If every member who has not yet made a donation gave at least £10 each, we would be home and dry. I do assure you that every donation, big or small, is most welcome and that every penny of it will be used to help deserving students. May I remind Members that the Trust is designed to help disadvantaged students who have fewer opportunities within the School or even more importantly are unable to attend the University or College that their abilities merit. Before an award is made by the Trustees, a student will need to demonstrate that he or she has already made very significant efforts to achieve their educational objective. We (The Trustees) very much wish to make the first awards to deserving students this summer. So do please give as generously and quickly as possible using the [Donation form](#) at the foot of this letter* If you do pay Tax (and are therefore able to augment your donation by 28% by Gift Aid) or wish to pay monthly by Banker's Order, the Treasurer will send to you the forms for you to complete and return to him. With my warmest wishes for 2001,

Yours Sincerely,

John Stephenson,
Chairman of Trustees

(*Editor's note: The Donation Form and details of the Trust will be found [here](#).)

FROM THE SECRETARY

Colin LUCAS writes with the following information:

These are the names of the members who have so generously donated to the Hardyans Club Charitable Association to date: **N L BAKER, A D BARLOW, J S BIGGS, F H C BRAGG, J R BROAD, N J BROWN, Lt Col B J BURKE, P J CRABBE, C G CROCKER, Dr. P R CROOK, David CULVER, A C DAY, R B DUCKETT, Dr A J FARWELL, G J FOLEY, B FREAKE, Dr. P GARLAND, T W F HATCHER, H P HOLLOWAY, B E HULSE, J L JERVOISE, J M KEEPING, R LOVEYS, C W LUCAS, J MAINWARING, D W McCRIRICK, R J PARKER, T G PARSONS, J J PEARSON, M F PERHAM, A R PIKE, D E PIKE, J M REVANS, W J D SHELLABEAR, P J SHORT, E STANDFIELD, A STEAR, J A STEPHENSON, R B STEPHENSON, M STEVENS, R S TAYLOR, G H TILLING, D TURNER, R M TURNER, P W WELLER, J P WESTLAKE, P WILLIAMS.**

LONDON DINNER

Our grateful thanks are again due to **Hugh GRIFFITHS** for so successfully arranging for our Annual London Dinner to take place at University College Gower Street. Regrettably travel arrangements were disrupted because of rail difficulties and the Head Teacher Dr Iain Melvin was a casualty of this. However those in attendance had as usual a thoroughly good time. They were: **C Gordon CROCKER** (President), **John & Sheila STEPHENSON**, **George & Sylvia WELCH**, **David & Jeannene CULVER**, **Capt E M SCOTT (RNR) & Carole QUANTE**, **George FOLEY**, **Graeme BROWNE**, **Hans WELLS-FURBY**, **Alan WALLACE**, **Peter LEWENDON**, **John FARWELL**, **Colin LUCAS**, **Hugh GRIFFITHS**, **Bernard KIRBY**.

SCHOOL ARMISTICE SERVICE

The Annual Service and CCF Parade took place at the School Memorial Gates on Friday 10th November 2000. Again the weather was very kind and we were blessed with sunshine. More than a dozen Club members attended. As in previous years the whole School attended. The CCF Band were in good form and Last Post and Reveille were sounded. Students read out the Roll of Honour in respect of the Great War and World War 2. The Oration was given by **Tony MOORE**, Deputy Head. Wreaths were laid by **Gordon CURRY** on behalf of the Governing Body, for the Hardyens' Club by **Colin LUCAS**, **Mr. SENNETT** for the RBL and two students on behalf of the School. The Parade was, for the first time under the command of the new CO of the CCF, **Flt. Lt. STOSIEK**. Afterwards the School provided refreshments for the Guests and the opportunity was taken to present the now-famed Hardye/DGS tapestry and the former President's Jewel to the School. If anyone knows the history of the tapestry the Secretary would like to know. It is believed to have been made in the 1950s

ADDRESS CHANGE

The last newsletter contained a request for details of the member who had changed his address but omitted to give his surname. This is now satisfactorily resolved.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

The Secretary thought that members might be interested in the following contribution concerning Dorchester Girls, **Emma and Jane MITCHELL**, both ex-Castlefield and Loughborough University (sent in by **Mrs S M Mitchell**)

After an absence of nearly a year Dorchester born Emma Mitchell returns to the international rugby field. A ruptured anterior cruciate ligament meant a complete restructuring of her right knee followed by an intensive rehabilitation programme.

The occasion was a hugely momentous and unique family event, when on the 18th November, she lined up as England's scrum half in the Bermuda Classic Tournament against her identical twin sister Jane, playing as inside centre for the United States of America.

The exciting game proved to be evenly matched and resulted in a 10 all draw, with Jane scoring one of the tries for America.

Both girls were educated at Castlefield School, Dorchester before graduating from Loughborough University. Emma has over 50 international caps to her credit and Jane won 21 before deciding to settle in America seven years ago, where she has since won 7 caps playing Rugby Sevens for the USA. [Well Done Both! - Editor]

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

**see also YOU WRITE

Nicholas J S Lee to 16, Slades Green, Bridport, Dorset DT6 4EA, Tel 01308-423724 (in September 2000)

OBITUARY

On behalf of the Club we extend sincere condolences to the family and friends of the following

Ian M STURGESS (1948-56) died aged 62 in April 2000.

Information from **David DOWNTON** who writes:- **Ian STURGESS** , "Sam" as most people knew him died at the age of 62 last April. Providentially I had spent a week with him at Cambridge a few months before, where we relived our youth and generally had a great time. He was not apparently ill then but went down with lung cancer shortly afterwards. Even sadder as he was a non-smoker and kept pretty fit. [David enclosed a CV of **Ian STURGESS'** career provided by his widow Rosemary... They had three children, 33, 31 and 31 and he died shortly after attending the wedding of his last unmarried daughter, before she had returned from honeymoon.]

Here are some brief details from the CV:

Ian was an agricultural economist with over 35 years experience in research management, research, teaching, consulting for government and business and editing. Latterly freelance consultant, mainly working in CEEC. Particular expertise, with respect to agriculture, in government policy, international trade, markets and marketing, and measurement of costs and returns.

After Hardye's he served two years in the Royal Marines, at sea and in Northern Ireland, before going to Oxford, where he gained an MA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, in 1961. Then to Cornell University where he gained a MS in Agricultural Economics in 1963.

He worked for Unilever in London 1963-66 as head of a team concerned with forecasting prices of agricultural raw materials and demand for compound feeds as well as the effects of government agricultural policies.

Then to Australia 1966-70, where he became Senior Lecturer at the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of New England. He returned to this country in 1971 and was at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne until 1977, firstly as Principal Research Associate in the Agricultural Adjustment Unit researching the impact on the cereals market of the UK's entry into the EEC and then Senior Lecturer in the Department of Agricultural Economics, researching the cereals markets, especially malting barley, and futures trading. Taught economic theory, marketing economics and economics of the agricultural industry.

Between 1977 and 1998 Ian was Director of Agricultural Economics Unit, Department of Land Economy, at Cambridge University. During this period he made several consulting visits overseas and found time to act as consultant to several private companies, county councils and other public authorities in this country. Involved with television, radio and press presentations on agricultural policy and marketing. Gave specialist advice to UK parliamentary committees particularly the House of Lords Committee on Food and Agriculture of the European Community. He was the author or co-author of several publications and conference papers on subjects such as the Common Agricultural Policy, two of which were awaiting publication at the time of his death.

YOU WRITE

Following the request for updates from the membership published in the last issue of the Newsletter several members were kind enough to forward more details, as follows:-

H. P. HOLLOWAY (1919-24): Tel/Fax No: 01722-743961: e-mail: 10044.2152@compuserve.com.

Richard M. P. BRAY (1967-75): Tel No: 01403-730726.

Brian P. BARNES (1935-40): Tel No: 01235-772798 (Address: St Katharine's House, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8EA).

Norman E. BROWN, FCA, FCIS, (Lt. Cdr. RNVR Retd.) (1921-26): Tel/Fax No: (Canada) +1-(604)-922-7930.

Ian JEFFREY, Capt. RN (1960-66): e-mail: ianjacksonjeffrey@hotmail.com new postal address: NACOSA, SHAPE, BFPO 26 (UK postage rates) [Congratulations on your recent promotion! - Editor].

Edward STORKEY (1950-57) Tel No: 01248-601363 e-mail: lizstorkey@compuserve.com Ted also writes: 'Interesting to hear of **Pip SWINDELLS'** retirement. He was the prefect in charge of our somewhat unruly compartment on the 8.25am north (behind Southern) and the 4.16pm south (behind GW Hall). Must have been good training for the C of E! Happy Days!'

Nick ADAMS (1951-55) of Penylan Cottage, Martin, Fordingbridge Hants, SP6 3LR. Tel No: 01725-519265(Home) 01725-552247(Work), Fax: 01725-552489; e-mail : nickadams@victorytours.co.uk Nick also writes to say he was at Heathcote House, one of the original 6 boarders.

Neil MATTHEWS (1969-75) e-mail: neil@wyevilla.fsnet.co.uk. Postal address: Wye Villa, 3 Athelstan Rd, Dorchester, DT1 1NR.

T.(Tom) W.F. HATCHER (1934-40) Tel No: 01793-812256, Address: 86, Priors Hill, Wroughton, Swindon. SN4 0IN. [Thank you for your kind donation to Club funds for Newsletter postage costs - Editor].

Keith ALLARD (1959-66) e-mail: keith.allard@ntlworld.com Keith writes to say he is happy to access the Hardyens web site to save a bit of postage. I'm still teaching Geography at Hitchin Boys' School and disappearing on interesting field trips. A lot of my time is taken up however with looking after the Sixth Form - It is good to see how well TH is doing at this level.

John DEAN Tel No: +353-1-2802649 (Dublin); e-mail: John.Dean@ucd.ie; address: John Dean, Professor Emeritus, DepLIS, UCD.

Thanks to all the above for responding to the Membership Update form. The method by which you would prefer to receive the Newsletter has been noted by the Secretary. The Update form will be repeated at intervals in future editions of the Newsletter.

Terry STONE the Hardyens' Club website creator has written to say that there are now 68 members who will be receiving their next newsletter by e-mail. He is sure there are many more club members who have Internet connections and could receive the newsletter by e-mail. If you know of anyone he would be grateful if you would pass the word and ask them to let **Colin LUCAS** know by e-mail at: secretary@hardyensclub.com. Terry's address etc: PO BOX 1338, Basseterre, St Kitts & Nevis, West Indies. Tel: +1-869-465-6796; Fax: +1-209-829-9969; Mobile: +1-869-662-6796. E-mail: terry@beach-works.com.

Readers will recall my lament concerning the weather in the last newsletter - those who live in the area will be aware that matters have improved little and the school continues to reel from wind and rain of almost King Lear proportions.

The present inclement weather did not reduce the school's elation at learning that eleven of our students have gained places at Oxbridge for September 2001.

After last year's seven this is another truly exceptional performance which I doubt can be equaled by any other comprehensive school in the UK. Indeed many selective and independent schools would envy this achievement. Eight students will be studying at Oxford, three at Cambridge. At the same time other students are gaining entry to similarly prestigious universities such as Warwick, Durham, LSE and numerous others.

With such a large and successful sixth form it is right and fitting the students are able to achieve offers from these universities but that does not in any way detract from the achievement.

The school continues to expand; popularity and success is something of a mixed blessing when one cannot accommodate the number of students who wish to join us, but this is certainly a more comfortable position to be in than those schools who suffer from low numbers and problems with finance. Increased numbers means the school has a further basic need for accommodation and I am pleased to report that the DofE has provided another £1.35m for further extensions to Art, Technology and Science, seven seminar rooms for sixth form study and a doubling in size of our Information and Communication Technology facilities. Thomas Hardye is very fortunate in having excellent facilities and when these further developments are linked to the extension of the sixth form common room (completion date February 2001) one can only be optimistic about the future of the school and the facilities we can provide for students.

I am also very optimistic about the The Hardyans Charitable Trust and would like to thank all those past members of the school who have seen fit to contribute; I guarantee that future funds will be put to very good use. Finally, may I belatedly wish all members of the Club a happy and prosperous new year.

Dr I E Melvin

ANNUAL DINNER 2001 BOOKING FORM

On: Saturday 17th March 2001

At: The Thomas Hardy Hall, Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester

Dress: Lounge Suits

Time: Following the A.G. M. which is at 6.00pm

Cost: £17.50 per person

TO: COLIN LUCAS, 4, Fir Tree Close, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 2PY Telephone:
(01305-265446)

Please sendtickets for the 2001 Annual Dinner in the enclosed s.a.e.

Name(s)	Years at School

I enclose £ (£17.50 per head)

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: (if any)

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR STAMPED, ADDRESSED, ENVELOPE