

# The Hardyans' Club

TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FRIENDS

**Hardye's School, Dorchester, Dorset**

**President: Anthony C W Day**

**Life Vice-Presidents: Donald Culver, Gordon Crocker,  
John Pearson, Hugh Griffiths, Michel Hooper-Immins, Peter Foster**

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"ALL THE BALLS ARE UP IN THE AIR-"

## HEAD TEACHER DOUBTS GOVERNMENT SCHOOL REFORMS

"All the balls are up in the air- it's a brave new world and I don't know whether the new ideas will be a success," Michael Foley, Head Teacher at Thomas Hardye School told the Hardyans' Club Annual Reunion Dinner in the VI form centre. He was speaking of recently announced Government proposals for all schools to become academies. The Government has subsequently announced that any changes will be voluntary- no school will now be forced to become an academy.

Mr. Foley welcomed Thomas Hardye School leading a Multi-Academy Trust, and being designated as a teaching school- training the teachers of tomorrow. "Recruiting talented people to teach is our biggest challenge at the moment," he said.

He had begun teaching at Southwark in 1983 and has led the highly regarded Dorchester school since 2011. Mr. Foley felt that the links between the school and the Old Hardyans have strengthened. He said Kate Adie regularly comes into the school to talk to pupils.

Guest speaker Kate Adie OBE DL, wearing her old school prefect's badge, spoke of her own schooldays in the North East. "Our school leaves a lasting impression," she told Old Hardyans, "and it is important that schooldays are happy days- I was lucky to be inspired by my teachers, one of whom spoke many languages and had been involved in espionage during World War II, always having an interesting story to tell." Leaving university coincided with the start of local radio, "I was keen and fascinated by news."



*Kate Adie speaks and Michael Foley listens*



*Tony Day [New President of the Old Hardyans], Kate Adie OBE DL [guest speaker] and Michael Foley [Head Teacher] at the Annual Reunion Dinner.*

Southampton led to joining the BBC's national and then the international news teams. She spoke of being in difficult places and theatres of war- "no luxuries, no electricity and terrible food were all the lot of the overseas correspondent."

Tony Day was installed as the new President of the Old Hardyans at the start of the dinner. In his address, Mr. Day said it was a great honour to be elected as President and a privilege to work with the school as Clerk to the Governors and Trustees. He said the club existed to stay in touch with school friends and to support the Thomas Hardye School.

Born in Dorchester, Tony Day was at Hardye's School from 1957 to 1962. He served for 33 years with Dorset Police, throughout the county in various operational and command roles, retiring with the rank of Chief Superintendent.



*Tony Day [left] is invested as the new President by Immediate Past President Peter Foster*

In 1996 he was appointed as the Clerk to the Governing Body and the Trustees of the Thomas Hardy Foundation. Consequent upon the conversion of Thomas Hardy School to a Multi-Academy Trust, he will continue his involvement with the school as a Member of the Trust. His external interests include playing the blues, motorcycling and leading the Dorchester Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association.

Tony Day succeeds Peter Foster, who was installed as President in 2013 by Michel Hooper-Immins, President from 2010. The Old Hardyans' President serves a three year term.

The six Past Presidents are now known as Life Vice Presidents and Immediate Past President Peter Foster presented those attending the dinner with a specially produced ribbon and badge to mark their service. The surviving Life Vice Presidents are Don Culver

[President from 1988 to 1991], Gordon Crocker [2000-2004], Captain John Pearson RN [2004-2007], Professor Hugh Griffiths [2007-2010], Michel Hooper-Immins [2010-2013] and Peter Foster [2013-2016].

The Annual Reunion Dinner was attended by 80 Old Hardyans and their wives- including six sixth-formers from the modern Thomas Hardy School and some former pupils of the Dorchester Grammar School for Girls and the Dorchester Secondary Modern School, under the wider auspices of the Hardyans Club.

Master of Ceremonies and Chairman Godfrey Lancashire had joined Hardy's School in 1958. He welcomed particularly thirteen other members of the Class of '58 to the Annual Reunion Dinner. The Chairman thanked Bob and Helen Rench for running the raffle, which helps the club's funds.

"Our Annual Reunion Dinner is always a particularly important date in the calendar, when we reunite as many from the old Hardy's School as are able to get to Dorchester to meet their contemporaries," says Old Hardyans Secretary Michel Hooper-Immins. "I left Hardy's School 51 years ago in 1965, but many of those friendships made over a half century ago are still going strong. That is the real underlying success story of the Old Hardyans."

*Right: Immediate Past President Peter Foster wearing the new Life Vice-President's badge*



*Photographs by Michel Hooper-Immins.*

## **MICHAEL PERHAM BECOMES ASSISTANT BISHOP OF SALISBURY**

Rt. Rev. Michael Perham MA Hon. DPhil, the first Old Hardyean to become a member of the House of Lords- as Lord Bishop of Gloucester- has become Assistant Bishop of Salisbury. He was the guest speaker in 2012 at the Annual Reunion Dinner and enjoyed meeting contemporaries and modern students during his visit four years ago.

Bishop Michael, who now lives in Somerset, is recognised as one of the Church of England's leading experts on liturgy, worship and prayer. He was commissioned in April at a ceremony in Church House, Salisbury, by the Bishop of Salisbury Right Reverend Nicholas Holtam.

The Bishop of Salisbury comments: "I am so gratified we have managed to secure the services of someone so distinguished with so much to give to our life as a Diocese. I have asked Bishop Michael to take a lead on the prayer, which incorporates all aspects of spirituality, liturgy and worship, including spiritual direction; quiet days, retreats and pilgrimages, learning and training opportunities, Diocesan Lent and other courses and

provision of liturgical resources. Bishop Michael will be working with a range of people, lay and ordained, who can contribute to this work and thinking. He will initially be giving us 30 days of his time every year for three years."

Rt. Rev. Michael Perham said: "I am delighted to be able to contribute to the life of a Diocese in which I grew-up. Prayer and worship have always been central to my ministry and I look forward to working with others to deepen the prayer life of churches and people across Dorset and Wiltshire."

Enthroned as the 40th Bishop of Gloucester in Gloucester Cathedral in May 2004, Bishop Michael became a member of the House of Lords in 2009, one of only 26 Church of England Archbishops and senior Bishops in the Upper House. He retired as Lord Bishop in 2014.

Born in Dorchester, Michael Perham was at Hardye's School from 1959 to 1964. He went to Keble College, Oxford in 1971 to study theology, then to Ripon College, Cuddesdon. Having been Chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester, Michael Perham returned to Dorset as Rector of the Oakdale Team Ministry in Poole in 1984, moving on in 1992 to become a Residentiary Canon and Precentor at Norwich Cathedral. He became the Provost of Derby in 1998, before being appointed Dean of Derby Cathedral in 2000. In January 2004, he was named by The Queen as the next Bishop of Gloucester.

Many readers will remember his powerful address at the March 2012 Annual Reunion Dinner. "A second chamber of Parliament is really important- replacing it by a completely elected body would not work- but the House of Lords does need reform," Rt. Rev. Michael Perham, then Lord Bishop of Gloucester, told Old Hardyeans.

"We take a great risk by taking our history too lightly," continued the Lord Bishop, "Tony Blair had no sense of history- he woke up one morning and abolished the office of Lord Chancellor, which had existed for over a thousand years. He had little sense of where we are from as a nation."

The Lord Bishop spoke of his time in Dorset at Hardye's- both his grandfathers were Dorchester men. "I was not an academic, but spent all my time creatively starting things- I started a new magazine, founded The Phillipians- discussing theology and philosophy- and the Red Herring Club, where we would lead masters into talking about something other than the subject of the lesson! I had a wonderful time at Hardye's, specially the with the Combined Cadet Force, marching round playing soldiers. It is nice to encounter old acquaintances and to see a wide age range of Old Hardyeans here tonight."

"Many people ask if we are becoming a secular society," concluded the Lord Bishop, "but that's not what the majority of people want. I'm working hard to ordain women as bishops."

In 2012, Michael Perham was introduced by Old Hardyeans President Michel Hooper-Immins, saying: "The Bishops in the House of Lords have been raising their voices lately on social issues. I applaud independent voices and believe the revising chamber of the House of Lords is vital in an increasingly narrow political world. The principles of Christianity are also good models for life and too easily forgotten in modern society. So I commend Michael Perham for bringing some much-needed independent and Christian thought into our legislature."

The President congratulated the 40th Lord Bishop of Gloucester on becoming the first Old Hardyean to be a member of the House of Lords. "He was at Hardye's School a year behind me, so we were at school together 53 years ago- from 1959 to 1964."



*Rt. Rev. Michael Perham, then Lord Bishop of Gloucester [left,] Michel Hooper-Immins, then President of the Old Hardyeans [centre] and Michael Foley, Head Teacher of The Thomas Hardye School [right] at the 2012 Annual Reunion Dinner. Photograph by Peter Foster.*

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## From Godfrey Lancashire

Our Chairman writes - Years 10 and 12 Mock Job Interviews

Dear Friends,

Once again we have been approached by the School to help with mock job interviews for Year 10 (GCSE) students and this year additionally for students in Year 12 (A Level). You will have seen my recent letter and as a result I'm delighted to tell you that I have already received a fantastic and very positive response. I never doubted it for a moment as there is such a great desire to give back a little to the School which has done so much for us.

Many of you replied to offer good wishes and to say what a super initiative this is even though unable to take part yourselves. It is lovely that so many take the trouble to write and just keep in touch. We do now have more than enough willing volunteers and I will be writing to them again very soon.

This is one of the very important ways we can foster close links between School and Club. Thank you all so much for supporting this venture which looks like becoming an annual fixture.

My very best wishes to everyone

Godfrey

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**CONGRATULATIONS** are extended to former Hardyean, Councillor Tim **Harries** (school years 1961-66?), who takes up office (for the third time) as Mayor of Dorchester on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

#### **MONTHLY LUNCHEONS.**

With the closure for refurbishment of the King's Arms Hotel, these are currently in abeyance

**ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH** – The annual cricket match against the School is fixed for the afternoon of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July for a 1.00pm start. Any Hardyean wishing to play this year is asked to contact **Tony Foot** on [tonyfoot@maxgateproperties.co.uk](mailto:tonyfoot@maxgateproperties.co.uk) or tel 07812516345.

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For those of you who use Facebook, Alan Brown has set up the following page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Hardyeans/> and contributions are welcome!

Also have a look at the school website: <http://www.thomas-hardye.dorset.sch.uk/>

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## Obituaries

### **Jack Loveys Jervoise. 1935 – 2016** from Richard Loveys

My brother Jack Loveys was born in Devon, and moved to Bridport in Dorset with his parents the following year. In 1953 the family moved to Chudleigh in Devon.

I am not sure when Jack went to school in Dorchester, but it was probably in 1946. He and I had a year together at Southfield House in 1952-3, it was his last year and my first one. He did well at sports and was a member of the school cross-country running team as well as being good at athletics. He was also a keen member of the CCF.

Like most young men of his generation he was called up for National Service and was commissioned into the Devonshire Regiment. His postings took him to Germany and Egypt. This was followed by a year of practical farming experience in Cornwall. He then went to Canada where he gained an agricultural Diploma at McGill University in Montreal. I remember that Jack asked me to let his French master Mr Roussel (aka 'Caliban') know that he was now speaking French with the Canadians rather better than he had done at school.

On returning to England in 1960 he went to Seale Hayne agricultural College in Devon for a one year course. He got married and started work with Lister Engineering in Gloucestershire. Within a year he had inherited the family estate and gave up his job to manage the land in Hampshire. He took the family name of Jervoise and thereafter used this rather than Loveys. He remained in the county, living happily with his wife, four children and eventually nine grandchildren.

In his many years in Hampshire Jack was very active and this included such things as the Territorial Army, and being a member of both Parish and Town Councils; he was High Sheriff and Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire. Jack was diagnosed with cancer a few years ago, and put up a very brave fight against it. He died at home on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January.

*Richard Loveys, aka Jerry. Southfield House 1952 – 1959*

### **Audrey Hansford** A former staff member at Heathcote House

*Tim Blagrove writes:* - Pupils from the early 1960's may recall Audrey Hansford who worked in the small boarders canteen, probably 1962/3?

I recall her providing extra portions of food to help us eat properly whilst she was there.

I regret to advise that she died in January, aged 90.

Death of a former Master

### **Christopher J A (Kit) LASH (1930 – 2016), Fr Ephrem Lash, Archimandrite of the Ecumenical Throne**

*From Jonathan Pullen:*

My friend Dr. Adrian Stear (Hardye's 1948 -57) emailed C.J.A. Lash's obituary. 'Kit' Lash, who taught at Hardye's and was, I think, house tutor at Southfield, from 1962-1965, succeeding the late H.A. Bristow who had, in turn, succeeded D.A.S. John, was a considerable aesthetic influence during his three years at Hardye's before becoming a seminarian in Paris. I was under his tutelage for Roman History, Greek Prose and Latin Prose in Mod 1 and Mod 11. I recall especially his lively VI form discussion groups and he helped us broaden our outlooks. Also, choral and theatrical input as well as being Officer I/C Royal Artillery Section, C.C.F. For a full obituary see the Daily Telegraph <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/obituaries/2016/03/27/fr-ephrem-lash---obituary/>

### **R Bryan STEPHENSON** ( years at DGS 1942-49)

STEPHENSON RICHARD BRYAN (BRYAN) Passed away on 8th April 2016 aged 84. Brother of the late Major-General John Stephenson. Bryan's funeral on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at St Peter's Church, Dorchester, was attended by several club members and a very large congregation of former colleagues and friends.

*[The Club extends sincere condolences to relatives and friends of the above]*

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## **Membership Secretary Report from Bob Rench**

The Membership Secretary Reports:-

**Total Membership 1075** assuming 360 associate members

The Total number of **Full** members in the Club is **713** (as at May 1<sup>st</sup> 2016)

Of these **617** receive their correspondence via email and **81** by post.

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

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

Since the Last newsletter we have been joined by 1 new full member:

**Alan Lambert (1973-80)** who lives in Bere Regis

**Sadly** we have received notification of 2 members who have passed away

**Jack Loveys (1945-51)** who later changed his name to Jervoise, from Herriard near Basingstoke.

**R. Bryan Stephenson (1942-49)** brother of the late John, who lived in Dorchester

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

Please ensure that you let me know if any of your personal details change, otherwise you may well become a member of the Lost Legion!

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## **You Write**

**Brian Walker writes**

I always look forward to the newsletters. I was there about 1977 through 1982 (ish!) so it's very rare my years are mentioned - nevertheless, I enjoy the occasional 'blast from the past' and it is good to see you still going strong!

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## From the Headteacher



I thoroughly enjoyed the annual dinner in March and thought it was one of the best I have attended. I am always pleased to make new contacts and to build relationships between Old Hardyeans and the school. Therefore, I am delighted to follow up one such contact from the Annual Dinner: Peter Harris will be visiting the school next week and exploring how we might support one of his charitable projects. Peter has been working in Phnom Penh for the past nine years, supporting the work of the Centre for Children's Happiness, but is currently working in India.

I mentioned at the Annual Dinner that Thomas Hardye is now a multi-academy trust giving us the opportunity to enter into partnerships with other schools, as part of the Government's reforms and re-structuring. Most state schools have been maintained by local authorities since 1902 but their role has been in decline for some time. The vision for the future is that strong schools, such as Thomas Hardye, will provide the support for others. Sitting at the top of this new edifice will be 'members' who determine the leadership and governance of all member schools. In our case we have elected for a body of 5 members and I am delighted the group includes two highly respected Old Hardyeans - Tony Day and Godfrey Lancashire. It further strengthens our partnership with the Club and gives me great confidence about the future of education in Dorchester.

We are already in the midst of the exam season, which seems to start earlier each year. You will remember rows of desks, invigilators patrolling up and down and the unfairness of having to revise when the sun is shining or when everyone else is watching the tennis or the cricket. Really nothing has changed and this part of school life would be instantly recognisable to you. The only difference is the scale of the operation: yesterday morning we accommodated over 450 youngsters in the sports hall for the first theology and ethics paper! A levels begin in June after the half-term holiday. I hope to write to you at the start of next term with news of excellent results.

Best wishes for the summer

**Mike Foley**