

The Hardyans' Club

TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FRIENDS

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As reported in the last issue of the Newsletter, the Old Hardyans planted a red cascade tree in the Dorchester Borough Gardens, to mark the Diamond Jubilee of H.M. The Queen.

On 18th July, Club President Michel Hooper-Immins received the following letter of thanks from Buckingham Palace courtesy of Christopher Sandamas, the Chief Clerk to HM The Queen :-

The Queen has asked me to thank you and the Members of The Old Hardyans for your kind letter containing a message of loyal greetings to Her Majesty, sent on the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of The Queen's Accession to the Throne.

Her Majesty was interested to learn that a red cascade tree was planted to commemorate the occasion and sends her best wishes to all concerned for a most memorable and enjoyable Diamond Jubilee year.

Club News From the PRESS OFFICER

Congratulations to our ever busy Newsletter Editors, Peter and Heather Foster, who tied for the prestigious Dorset County Hospital Volunteer Award in the annual recognition of illustrious staff and volunteers, writes Michel Hooper-Immins. The Judges could not split this hardworking pair and Hospital meet-and-greeter Rose Stone, so the shield was awarded jointly. It was presented to Peter, Heather and Rose at the Dorford Centre ceremony by DCHFT Chief Executive Jean O'Callaghan.

"I am delighted Peter and Heather have been recognised for their many decades of hard work for Ridgeway Radio, a real lifeline for Dorset County Hospital patients," comments Old Hardyans President and Public Governor Michel Hooper-Immins. "They spend every day doing good work, not only for the Old Hardyans and Ridgeway Radio, but also for the Swanage Railway and the Somerset & Dorset Railway Circle. They are a real example to Old Hardyans everywhere and deserve all our congratulations."



events to patients' beds. Peter and Heather Foster's outstanding 85 combined years of unpaid dedication to our hospital radio, deserves better recognition and the Trust's sincere thanks and congratulations," concludes the citation.

Photograph: Peter and Heather Foster with the DCH Volunteer Award – Michel Hooper-Immins.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS.

Now at the King's Arms Hotel, last Thursday of the month. Enquiries to Chairman Colin Lucas at 01305 265446 or Alan Brown, Treasurer, 01202 535034

LONDON DINNER is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 13th November 2012 at the Royal Over-seas League Club, St James St, SW1, 6.30 for 7pm, see booking form at end of this newsletter

ARMISTICE DAY

The annual Act of Remembrance at Thomas Hardy School in front of the Memorial Gates, will be held this year on **Friday 9 November at 11am**. This unique occasion, where over two thousand staff and students pay silent tribute to Old Grammarians and Old Hardyans who gave their lives in armed conflict, began in 1957 at Hardy's School and has continued at the modern Thomas Hardy School.

Headmaster Michael Foley has kindly invited Old Hardyans to observe the Act of Remembrance from their usual privileged place next to the gates. **Gather at 10.45am** please. A cup of tea is kindly provided afterwards by the Headmaster.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON Thursday 20th December 2012, Kings Arms Hotel, Dorchester. 12.30 for 1pm
Cost £17.50 for two courses:- Turkey, Christmas Pudding + vegetarian option - Lasagne. All payments to the Treasurer. **A £10 deposit** per person is necessary **by 26th October** please.

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From the CHAIRMAN

A Policeman's Lot.

Colin LUCAS writes about Alfred BARRETT

Alfred Wilton Barrett was born 25th March 1921 the son of a Police Superintendent Alfred Barrett at Sherborne. He was born into and grew up in a Constabulary culture and environment.

Alfred was educated at The Dorchester Grammar School at Culliford Road, Dorchester 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.

On leaving school he was employed by the Dorset County Council which was situated in High West Street in those days.

Having spent a considerable time at the Dorset Constabulary Headquarters at 19 Weymouth Avenue Dorchester it was inevitable that he was considerably influenced by both his father and the environmental culture and discipline of the Constabulary life.

And so it was that in July 1939 he applied and was accepted for training as a Police Constable. His application was endorsed by Frederick James J.P former Mayor of Dorchester.

In September of that year a state of war was declared against Germany. On the 1st November 1939 he took up his police duties at Swanage. From June 1940 he was engaged in police liaison duties at Sherborne Castle, Romsey, Longford Castle, Salisbury. This was under the guise of Montgomery's 5th Corps. Still as a Police Constable on the 30th of June 1941 he was posted to Bridport.

His enlistment into the army took place on the 6th August 1942. He passed the War Office Selection Board and was commissioned into the 35th Signal Regt R A and took part in training courses at Wrotham, Kent, Ilkley and Tenby before being demobbed at Hereford.

Following the cessation of hostilities in 1945 he rejoined the Dorset Constabulary and renewed his duties at Poole. He was appointed Detective Constable 1st December 1946. Shortly after this the Dorset Constabulary Athletic Club was reformed and Annual Sports Days were held at Dorchester. Alfred Barrett was a regular competitor and he won many trophies for middle distance running.

It was because of his prowess as an athlete that he was selected to run with the torch in the Relay of the Olympic Torch from Shaftesbury westwards on its route from London to Torbay where the sailing events took place. Alfred still treasures the Torch presented to him in 1948.

During this period Alfred passed his police examinations for Sergeant and in 1947 for Inspector.

It was also at this time that a young attractive civilian was engaged by the Poole C.I.D to take on the typing duties as necessary. Her name was Peggy Jeffers. She then became a Policewoman, the third to be appointed in Dorset.

Human nature being what it is the two saw more and more of each other and on 24th April 1949 they were married. Later that year in September Alfred was promoted to the rank of sergeant. 25th March 1951 saw the birth of the first of their offspring a son Peter. The following year in February further promotion to Section Sergeant and moved to Upwey. In June 1952 daughter Margaret was born. December 1952 saw Alfred back on familiar territory at Dorchester Headquarters, this time in charge of Aliens and Firearms.

Alf's administrative skills were used to great effect during the period 1952-1955 when he took over the secretarial duties of the Sergeants branch of The Police Federation, The Childrens' party and The Dorset Constabulary Athletics Club. He was transferred from A & A (aliens & Arms) to Traffic at Headquarters. On the 2nd October 1955 he was promoted to Inspector i/c Blandford sub Division. The following year saw a further addition to his family a son Christopher.

It was in September 1962 that he received a Divisional appointment back to his former town, Poole. During 1964 he became Prosecuting Officer and later returned to Divisional Duties. It was on 22 August 1966 that he moved back to Dorchester Headquarters for Administrative Duties and the following year he was promoted Superintendent deputy i/c of administration. 1967 also saw the amalgamation of the Dorset Constabulary and the Bournemouth Borough Police Force. He remained in Administration until he retired on 31st August 1971 having served the force with loyalty, devotion to duty and distinction. He was awarded the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

It does not stop there because he then started to work as a civilian and his vast knowledge of Police administration was put to good use. The qualities of Loyalty and Leadership were, he maintains, inherited from his mentor and Father who gave so much to the Dorset County Constabulary.

Alf also had another life. He was a literary giant, well versed in local history and an avid reader of William Barnes and Thomas Hardy. He could not only recite their works, but also contributed with his own poetic and knowledgeable writings.

He loved his County of Dorset and up to the age of late eighties could be seen directing his Ramblers Association to all parts of the county that he loved and knew so well. He was for many years the Society of Dorset Men's committee representative for Dorchester and regularly supported all their activities. He also served the community as President and Chairman of The Hardyans Club, the Former Students association of Dorchester schools, serving for many years on its Council. He was also for many years the Chairman of the William Barnes Society and could be seen at the Society's functions and activities until his disabilities prevented him from doing so.

Recently in August 2012 the Olympic Games were again held in this country. Lloyds TSB, as one of this year's sponsors, invited Alf, as their guest, to view the passage of the Olympic Torch through Dorchester from their premises in High West Street. Alf accepted the invitation and brought his 1948 Torch along and with his daughter Margaret met with the Mayor of Dorchester, Councillor Andy Canning together with local dignitaries and Bank Officials. A buffet lunch was provided by Lloyds TSB. It rained, but it did not dampen the spirit of the great occasion.

The following day the Police Authority arranged for a further reception at Winfrith Village where Alf was reunited with former colleagues and friends. He was introduced to Inspector Colin Fry who carried the relay Torch from Weymouth (Home for the Olympic Sailing and Marine events of this year's games).

Memories of these momentous events were recorded by film and camera by the Retired Police Officers Association and presented to Alf at a reception arranged at Montrose House Prince of Wales Road Dorchester.

Colin Lucas

[We were pleased to see Alf at the August Hardyans' Lunch at the Kings Arms]

From the MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, Bob RENCH

Despite requests in the May 2011 newsletter and subsequent follow ups by phone and letter I have been unable to get any contact with the following 10 members:

Rhys W. Davies (93-99) last address in Brentford, Middlesex

Keith P. Hanney (?) Wellington, New Zealand

Neil A. Hanney (?) Buxton, Derbyshire

J.T. Iles (93- 2000) Preston, Weymouth

S.R. Marshall (?) Portesham, Weymouth

M. Murray (85-85) Dorchester

J.C. Penny (34-38) Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire

J.D.M. Redmill (78-85) Evershot

W.J. Symons (47-55) Dorchester

I.E.P. Woollard (61-61) Tamworth, Staffordshire

We also have had post returned from A.Gosling (59-66) from Staines in Middlesex.

These members have all been added to the Lost Legion and will not receive further newsletters unless I hear from them.

On a positive note, it's always nice to hear from old Hardyans even if it's just to say thanks for their copy of the Newsletter:

Sir Roger GALE

From: GALE, Roger [mailto:GALERJ@parliament.uk] Subject: RE: Hardyans Club Newsletter

Many thanks - particularly for the kind comments!

Yours aye

Roger

Roland MASON [rolanddawemason@aol.com]

Thank you for the newsletter. I always find it interesting to hear news of the school and all its members past and present. My wife and I did get up for the London dinner but unfortunately she was unwell on the day and we were unable to get to the starting line!! We were more fortunate recently when my sons took us to Paris for my 80th birthday - the sun shone the whole time and the days were always warm. We're still hoping to get to one of the dinners - maybe 2012 will be the year. Come what may, I have always been aware of what my contemporaries and I owe to Hardy's.

Best wishes,
Roland Mason

ALAN POTTER [mailto:alanr_potter@msn.com]

From a member of the silent majority who do nothing to help, your efforts really are appreciated. Many thanks for the Newsletter

Alan R Potter MBE DSc (1958 - 1965)

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OBITUARIES Sadly we have been notified in the last few months that some Old Hardyans have passed away, Thanks to all contributors for the information.

C.R. BARRIBALL (42-48)

From the membership secretary. Newsletter returned 'deceased' C.R. Barriball (42-48) lived in Weymouth. Died earlier this year.

A.J.E.(John) DEAN

Susannah Hanlon wrote to Membership Secretary Bob Rensch in August 2012 with a copy of an obituary she prepared which was used by the Irish Times in the edition of Saturday July 7th 2012.

Susannah wrote:- I'm the daughter of ex-Hardyean, John Dean (A.J.E. Dean) and it is my sad task to inform you of my father's passing in the Altadore Nursing Home, where he had great care, in South County Dublin. He died at 8.10 a.m. on Monday, 18th, June. My father suffered from Parkinson's disease although it was pneumonia that he died from.

In the last 18 months he found speaking and writing virtually impossible. I would read to him or tell him about the Hardyans' news from your wonderful newsletters. These always gave him great pleasure and when we finished picking over the news, he would give a strong thumbs up to indicate that he's really enjoyed the newsletter.



A.J.E.(John) DEAN

Professor Emeritus, Library and Information Studies, University College Dublin 05/07/1924 – 18/06/2012

The late John Dean, Professor Emeritus of the School of Information and Library Studies at University College Dublin, had a great love of literature, especially poetry. This was ignited by his favourite schoolmaster, Leo Harvey at Hardy's School, Dorchester. Through Harvey, John developed a lifelong love of manuscripts on all manner of topics, in all forms, including latterly, the more technological. John also began to dream of exotic places following Harvey introducing him to the Xanadu of Coleridge's Kublai Khan. While imagining 'gardens bright with sinuous rills', World War II saw John called to serve as a meteorologist in Reykjavik, Iceland, where he discovered he was not so fond of 'caves of ice' after all, and he never revisited that part of the world.

In 1946, John won a scholarship to study PPE at Oxford, at St. John's College. He was contemporaneous with Kingsley Amis. John claims he studied little and rather spent most of his time punting on the Isis with his Catalan lady friends. His favourite subject was Philosophy although he feared his mind would never be the same after Freddy Ayer's attempt to persuade him of the arguable attraction of logical positivism. Philip Larkin had finished his studies at Oxford but his choice of Librarianship as his profession lingered in John's mind and in 1953, he himself became an Associate of the Library Association. He spent two years from 1951 as assistant librarian at the University of Southampton. By now, the sight of ships leaving port for far off lands was making him impatient to work abroad.

John's chance came in 1953, when he became Deputy Librarian at the University of Khartoum. He was not only dazzled by the beauty of the dhows at sunset on the Nile, but also by Miriam, who was briefly sojourning there from London. In 1956, John and Miriam returned to the UK, where they later married and had a daughter, Susannah, who was sister to Miriam's first born, Geoffrey.

John spent five years as Assistant Secretary and Deputy Librarian at the London Library. In addition to routine library administration, he organised fund raising activities. Together with T. S. Eliot, Rupert Hart-Davis, Harold Nicolson and John's dear friend, Oliver

Stallybrass (translator of Norwegian literature), he organised and compiled the Catalogue of "Valuable Books and Manuscripts, Pictures and Drawings and Works of Art including some highly important 20th Century Manuscripts", that were sold at Christie's in June, 1960 on behalf of The London Library. The auction was organised to meet Inland Revenue demands, which began in 1956 and was four years in dispute. The demands followed an enlightened time, when the library had enjoyed complete exemption due to its cultural nature. The donors included, in addition to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, a wide array of well known artists and writers including Picasso and E. M. Forster

Once more, John was drawn to the call of far off lands. In 1961, he took up the post of University Librarian at the Balme Library at the University of Ghana at Legon in Accra. Once established in post, he brought over his wife and daughter. During John's tenure, Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien arrived from the Congo to take up the post of Vice Chancellor and the two were neighbours in Legon Hill. Ghana was at the forefront of left wing Black activism, so it was an exciting time to be there, especially for John's wife, Miriam, who was secretary to the then Head of African Studies, Thomas Hodgkin (husband of Dorothy Hodgkin, the unsung discoverer of DNA). However, in 1965, it became clear that Nkrumah's regime was turning more violent and it became necessary to leave.

John's next post was his first opportunity to start a Library school. He became the director of the Institute of Librarianship at the University of Ibadan. Although not in the midst of the Biafran conflict of the time, the years in Nigeria were coloured by the tragedy and atrocities of the war, as it impacted on people who had become close friends. Nonetheless, John was able to realise his aim of training staff so that the next leader of the institute would be Nigerian and as in Ghana, he left with a number of long lasting and close friendships.

John went on, in 1971, to found another Department of Library Studies, this time at the Western Australian Institute of Technology. Miriam also flourished during this time as she graduated with First Class Honours in Asian Studies and Linguistics and began a career of teaching English to mainly South East Asian students, where she too made firm friendships. During this time, John travelled extensively in a consultancy role. He advised on library education programmes in Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and a number of East African countries.

John was to found one more library school, the School of Information and Library Studies at University College Dublin. He arrived in 1977, sure that this would be yet another relatively short stay before moving on to yet another new land. However, it was not long before he found himself immersed in the life and politics of UCD and realised he had fallen in love with the campus and its community at all levels. He remained a dedicated and devoted academic, departmental leader (including a short posting as Acting Head of the Department of Computing) and friend to many staff and students.

Being back in Europe allowed John and Miriam to return to their beloved Spain on a frequent basis, and John continued his travels through his external examining in Botswana.

John's loyalty to the UCD community deepened further when his beloved Miriam died suddenly and too soon of heart failure. He was devastated. Only for the support of friends and the discovery that his daughter was half way through a Master's programme in Librarianship, which in the spirit of independence, she had kept secret till then, was he able to find the strength and energy to continue. He provided encouragement to his daughter and stepson in their careers, as well as to staff and students at UCD. John played a key role in the development and functioning of the UCD Europe Desk and was responsible for the creation of a number of Jean Monnet professorships at UCD. John continued to lecture until he was 80, when Parkinson's disease began to rob him of his voice.

While the long illness greatly reduced John's activities, he continued to be generous and hospitable to his friends. The parties that he and Miriam were known for continued on a gentler level with the assistance of his family. He enjoyed devoted care at the Altadore Nursing Home in Glenageary, where staff never ceased to be curious about the fascinating life of their resident, surely a factor that enabled him to face his incredibly difficult health challenge with courage and acceptance. He died peacefully with his daughter by his side. He is survived by Susannah and Geoffrey. John was predeceased by his wife, Miriam, on 25th April, 1993.

STUART JOHN DEWEY 1958 - 65 [from Geoff Gosling : gdgosling@aol.com]

Those who attended Hardye's from 1958 to 1965 will surely remember Stuart Dewey for his enthusiastic personality and many contributions to the school. We recently learned with great sadness of his unexpected death on 9th July, 2012 at John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, after a struggle with heart problems for several months. His active participation in the life of the school began at Wollaston House, where he was responsible for ringing the school bell to summon the students to class. Later, for several years he played a leading role in preparing the artwork and layout, and editing material for the school magazine, *The Durnovarian*, as well as helping to design and build the stage sets, and to manage the lighting and sound for the school plays, all activities that formed a major interest and focus of his later life.

From Hardye's, Stuart went to Durham University, where he read English and met his future wife, Judy, when they were both taking part in a Durham University Theatre production, for which Stuart was doing the sound. After graduating, Stuart joined the BBC in 1969, where he worked in progressively senior positions until his retirement in 2000. After starting as a studio manager in radio, he



moved into television in 1974 as a producer in the presentation department. In 1988 he became planning manager for BBC1, working on the planning and commissioning of future programmes. His final position at the BBC was as chief assistant in programme planning, responsible for scheduling all major events across the different channels.

But this was only one dimension of his wide-ranging interests and activities. He and Judy bought their first house in the village of Cholsey, near Wallingford in Oxfordshire, in 1972, and have lived in the village ever since, becoming active in many community activities in Cholsey and Wallingford. In 1973 he and Judy were elected as founding chairman and secretary respectively of the Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society. The Society held exhibitions in the Wallingford town hall in the 1970's and in 1977 Stuart and Judy wrote *The Book of Wallingford* together. They subsequently played a leading role in founding the

Wallingford Museum as a charitable Trust in 1981 in order to have a place to keep and display artifacts of the town's history. The museum opened in 1981 in part of Flint House, an Elizabethan building on the High Street in Wallingford, expanding to take over the remainder of the building in 2005. Since its inception, Stuart provided the artistic vision that shaped the displays and presentation of the museum's collection.

In 1985, Judy and Stuart founded Pie Powder Press, which has published a number of books on local history, several of which they wrote together. In addition, they helped found a community association in Cholsey and jointly edited and produced *The Forty* an 80-page magazine that is distributed free three times a year to every household in Cholsey. Stuart was active in local productions, including the annual village pantomime, managing the lighting and sound with the help of his family. His final public production, just days before he was rushed to hospital, was to provide the sound effects at a concert in St. Mary's Church, Cholsey, to honour the RAF Bomber Command. He retained a life-long interest in steam railways, to which he added canals and narrow-boats, owning a narrow-boat, *Pie Powder*, on which the family spent many holidays exploring the British canal system.

We extend our sympathies to Judy, daughter Becky, and son David.

W S [STEWART] EASTON 1954 - 62

I regret to inform you of the death of my civil partner, W. S. Easton, who attended the school from 1954 to 1962. Stewart, as he was known to all, died at St Christopher's hospice, Sydenham on 8th August following a long struggle with liver cancer.

From Andrew Smart [ra.smart@virgin.net]

SQN LDR GORDON HICKMORE 1947-54

From: DAVID DOWNTON [mailto:daviddownton@talktalk.net]

Sent: 11 June 2012 12:03

One of our old friends, **Sqn Ldr Gordon Hickmore** died last week and his widow Sue Hickmore has asked me to inform some of his boyhood friends.

DAVID DOWNTON

IAN MARDON 1945-52

Mrs June Mardon wrote from Talbot Village, Poole, to advise that Ian died suddenly at the end of February 2012

As Always, the Club extends condolences to the relatives and friends of the above- mentioned.

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You Write *Thanks to all contributors*

From TONY MOORE

We thought you might like to know that Katy Henderson, who three years ago was one of the Presidents of the Sixth Form Union at THS was chosen to carry the Olympic torch from Dartmouth Naval College where she is a student, into Dartmouth on Sunday 20 May. She was one of the BBC on line pictures of the day and if you google her name there was an amazing picture of her from the Mail.

Julia and Anthony Moore

MARTIN SCOTT (1953-54) [mail to: emartinscott@yahoo.com]



Thought I'd like to share my having had an interesting life - and got away with it so far!

Though not at Hardye's as a pupil for very long I much enjoyed 20 years as a member of the Old Hardyeans' Committee when I was working with Sealink out of Weymouth to the Channel Isles.

Hope to make this year's London dinner, meanwhile this group photo may be of interest to some of our members. Middle row for me, 8th from the right.

Best wishes, Martin Scott



Captain Edward Martin Scott, RD MNM FNI RNR**

Born Birmingham, Warwickshire, 1942. Educated Hardy's School, Dorchester, and Varndean Grammar, Brighton.

Seagoing career commenced in May 1959 with a year of pre-sea training at the School of Navigation, Warsash, Southampton. Apprenticed to the Royal Mail Line in 1960, remaining with the company until gaining his Master's certificate in 1970, then to British Rail Shipping and International Services Division at Weymouth in Dorset. Promoted to Master 1975, commanding most units of the Sealink southwest sector fleet serving Cherbourg and the Channel Isles, until its closure in 1986.

A variety of commands followed, including Sea Container's cruise ferry Orient Express, running between Venice and Istanbul, and the Trinity House research vessel Trinity Explorer during its 1990 season in the Arctic Ocean. He was selected for command with Holland America Line when they appointed British officers to their Windstar fleet of sailing cruise ships in 1992, serving the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, Central America and French Polynesia until retirement in 2004.

A full career in the Royal Naval Reserve ended in 1997 after 37 years' service. Appointed a Midshipman in 1960, promoted to Commander in 1981, Captain in 1991, serving on minelayers, frigates, assault vessels and aircraft carriers. Took part in several exercises to Northern Norway and the Mediterranean with the United Kingdom Amphibious Task Force.

A Founder Member and Fellow of the Nautical Institute, President 2000-2002. Chaired Membership Committee for 23 years. Currently a member of the Fellowship Committee.

Master of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners 2007-2008.

He sits on the Merchant Navy Medal Committee, has been a Younger Brother of Trinity House since 1985 and is a Vice President of the Federation of Merchant Mariners.

He holds the Australian Merchant Navy Cross with two clasps and was awarded the Merchant Navy Medal in 2008. Martin and his wife Carole reside in Ryde, Isle of Wight.

JOHN PEARSON Schoolboy Memories of St Peter's fifty years ago.

From 1954 until 1961 I was a boarder at Hardy's School and on Sundays we worshipped at St Peter's, Dorchester. There were about 35 boys in each of the 3 boarding houses and our best suits having been brushed and Sunday shoes inspected, we walked our weary way to church via South and West Walks to the Top 'o Town and down the High Street in crocodile – at least the more junior ones. In adverse weather we were allowed to take a shorter way via Durngate Street. On arrival at the church (west entrance for us boys) armed each with a penny for the collection (these having been issued as we left the houses), the hundred of us took our places (juniors in the front) occupying the entire north side of the church. Housemasters and tutors sat at the back and all under the watchful eye of the headmaster, Mr R.W.Hill, whose bowler hat sartorially sat, much to our amusement, on the head of one of the Cupids – then at the back and nowadays near the organ.

Whispering was tolerated before the service began but not thereafter; sweets definitely were not allowed while fidgeting and playing with (and inevitably dropping) our meagre coins prevailed. 11.00am matins followed the Book of Common Prayer and Hymns Ancient and Modern with monotonous predictability, only broken by the presence of the occasional pretty girl in the choir or congregation. Of course, the major Christian festivals which normally provide relief from 'ordinary time' for a teenager were spent at home in the school holidays. I remember the rather long and baffling sermons from Canon Markby whilst I pondered the significance of **J69J** on the pulpit door while the relief alabaster reredos of the Last Supper burned itself indelibly into my memory. Wall plaques, ceiling bosses and the stained glass windows all served to distract the young wandering minds from the gospel message while the hymns got us off our knees and a chance to stretch our legs. At the end of the service we crowded out of the west door and hurried back to our houses and Sunday Lunch.

Every first Sunday of the month those boys who had been confirmed also attended the 8 o'clock Communion for which we were issued a sixpenny piece for the 'silver collection'! Maybe being slightly older for these services gave them more relevance for I certainly enjoyed them more than matins – and they were shorter! I was confirmed in St Peter's on 13th March 1958 – I wonder why I can remember that date?

Whatever my childhood memories, I always retain warm feelings of St Peter's born of a heartfelt familiarity and an unchanging permanence of this place of prayer and worship. Bless This House.

From **Rev VICKY THURTELL** (ex-DCGSG 'Green School' 1971-79)

Choir and Music at St Peter's:

Three Choral Scholars from Thomas Hardye Chapel Choir have joined St Peter's Choir for the academic year 2012/13 (their final year at the school) – Jenny Featherstone, Abby Fiddik and Alice Read. Congratulations to them on being awarded the bursaries.

Background: There is an historic link between St Peter's Church and The Thomas Hardye School dating back to the 16th century. The scholarship scheme seeks to further this link by providing 6th form choristers from the Chapel Choir with opportunities for choral bursaries to St Peter's Choir. These have been made possible after a successful bid to The Salisbury Diocesan Mission Fund, from which a bursary has been given for two consecutive years on the condition that we continue to honour that provision for future years.

If anyone reading this would like to contribute to the new Musical Foundation (Hardye's – St Peter's) in order to enable this scholarship initiation to continue and flourish (£1000 per chorister per annum is needed – so every little helps) please contact: *Mrs B Shuttleworth (Treasurer), 13 Romulus Close, Dorchester, Dorset DT12TH*

BShuttleworth04@aol.com

DATE for your diaries

Sunday 17th March 2013 at 1030am, Thomas Hardye School Chapel Choir leads the sung mass setting for the Eucharist.

Musical Director: Peter Oakes (THS); *Celebrant and Preacher:* The Revd Vicky Thurtell, Vicar (Green School '71-79) Hardyeans will read the lessons and prayers; Refreshments served after the service. All welcome.

Thank you. *The Revd Vicky Thurtell, Vicar*

A Reminder that the 2013 AGM and Annual Dinner will be on Saturday 16th March. Further details in the next newsletter

READERS' FORUM

From **Kevin KIBBEY**, [kibbeythegardener@yahoo.co.uk]

Sent originally to members of the 1958 intake

..., you may be able to help with putting 'names to faces' for some photographs we have circulating. Final updates will go to Graham Allen for his Web Site for Old Boys of Dorchester Grammar School and Hardye's School. <http://oldhardyeans.webs.com/>

We are currently looking for help with the following:

School Play 1963? the play is Merry Wives of Windsor. Names needed please!!!!



Photo 1 left to right (6): Simon Dalziel, John Duckett (Falstaff), Michael Munden, John Barrett, ANO, Jonathan King.

Photo 2 left to right (9): Chris Pearson, ?, ?, ?, John King, John Duckett (in basket!) ?,?,?

Sports Day prizewinners 1966

Back Row: Mike Holloway, ?, Brian Guest, Alan "Nobby" Clarke, Paul Boucher, Mike Tilley, Pete May, Max Hounsell (?), Steve Halls, Roger Bonfield



Front row: Stuart "Gavin" Easton, Nigel "Sam" Salter, Iain Liddiard, Brian Holland, CJB Smith

So - just two question marks over names

Derek Gallop said about this picture:

.....Here's an obscure one. If you look closely at Peter May, he is holding a trophy with a biplane on it. Did we have such an award for Sports Day? I am thinking that it might be some kind of CCF award, as Peter was very keen on RAF section activities. It might also explain why Mike Tilley is in a suit?

And Ian Holloway replied

"Sam" Salter would have won the high jump. I think Mike Tilley and Steve Halls were in suits because they won the discus and shot respectively and were decided before sports day itself. Not sure why Pete May's trophy was a bi-plane! He was a sprinter and long jumper as I recall. I think "Nobby"

Clarke would have won in long jump too. Paul Boucher was a sprinter (220 yards). I think Iain Liddiard used to run the 440 and Brian, of course, was more of a distance runner. I was a sprinter (100 yards) as I think was the ? next to me. The duplication in events is explained in that some were "senior" (U5th & 6th form events) and others (including me) were "intermediates" (L5ths or below).



3rd XV Rugby Photo 1965-66

Back Row:(9) ?, David Buckland, ?, ? Paul 'Kit' Baker, ? Colin or Roger Bowden, ?, ?

Front Row:(7) ?, ?, ?, ?, Brian Holland, ?, Ian Woollard

Not so successful here - 11 names needed



HEATHCOTE 1965

Back row (l to r): Andy Blagrove, Paul Sharrock, Pete Slater, Derek Gallop, Steve Hooper, Phil Slater, Richard Spry, ANO, Leo Ingenhaag

Second row: Julian Tudor-Griffith, John Mouland, Jason Braham, Steve Hickey, Frank Dike, John Sloper, Kevin Chambers, Richard Gallop, Andrew Fall, Jeremy Laing

Seated: Simon Dalziel, Richard Dobson, Geoff Ryall, Mrs Lythgoe, Hugh Bax, Audrey Bax, Chris Chambers, Dave Sims, Tim Blagrove, Mick Hapgood

Seated on ground: Bill Mouland, Rollo Braham, John Turner, Andrew Sims, John Dike, Jonathan Bright, Thomas Hough, Dave Newnham

So, 1 name needed

South Walks House 1964



1964 - Front Row Chairs: Michael Lind, Robi Das Gupta, David Pinnell 'Nurse', Mr/Mrs Lewendon, Hiram Easton, Christopher Pearson, John King, Mick Yarram, John Barrett

Back Row (11): ?, ?, James Priddle, 'Kit' Cattell, ...Turner, ?, Andrew Figgins, ?, ?,Young, Robert Hayes.

Next to Back Row:(12) ...Lowe, 'Bluey' Horne, ?, ?, Martin Perry, Andrew Moore, Tom Pennington-Leigh, ?, ?, ?, Kevin Vlasto, ?,

Seated(12): Michael Lind, Robi Das Gupta, S. Gwilli Jenkins, Andrew Pinnell, Nurse Jackie Cresswell, Mr/Mrs Lewendon, Hiram Easton, Christopher Pearson, Jonathan King, Mike Yarram, John Barrett.

Seated on the Ground(6): ?, ?, Carey Lewendon, Elizabeth Lewendon, ?, ?.

Names needed please!!!!

The Hunters

I was exchanging emails with Geoff Shaw, a 1959 starter, about old school days and music in the early sixties in Dorchester and Weymouth. Geoff has sent me some photos of The Hunters AND a copy of a booking form from JC Entertainment in Weymouth for one of his gigs!! Talking to Geoff Shaw and others from the early sixties era brought back some wonderful memories.

".....I'm attaching a couple of photos which might take you back. The larger one was taken in the Pavilion Ballroom during the final of the Groups Contest of 1966. We came second to a band from Poole. The other photo was taken in the Steering Wheel Club in Dorchester around Christmas 1965. We had just won the Scene in the South Group of the Year Award and were being presented with a plaque by Sam Fowler, the manager of the club. I'm the one on the extreme right of the picture. If I remember correctly, that was when the stage backed onto the entrance of the club (i.e. the toilets were behind the stage). Later, it moved 90 degrees clockwise to be side on to the dance floor.



Interestingly, if you look carefully, you will see the message 'To Jeff, with best wishes for 1966 from Michel'. That was from Michel Hooper, now known as Michel Hooper-Immins, Old Hardyans President. At the time, he

was our group's press officer. (I spelled my name differently for the group - it seemed cooler then).

I well remember the Burden Ballroom, run by a guy called Dave King. We played there a fair bit. Other venues that spring to mind are the Waverley Arms in Westham Road, Weymouth and a couple of the Holiday Camps (The Riviera at Bowleaze Cove and Pontins at Osmington Bay). Another regular for us was Bovington Camp, but I think that was just for army families.

Although we got on well with Hughie Green, it was obvious that he was a bit of a tyrant with his staff. Monica Rose was a good giggle though. We went to an end of season party at the house Hughie had rented on Portland....."

The people in the Steering Wheel Club photo are: (back row, left to right) Mick Pugsley (bass) from Dorchester, Keith Little (drums) from Wyke Regis, Terry Dene (rhythm guitar) from Warmwell, (front row, left to right) Brian Merchant (group manager), Sam Fowler, Alan Hyne (singer, stage name Alan Martin) from Dorchester and myself.

We definitely played there during '66. I have a photo of me on stage after it had moved to its new position, which would have been at least mid-1966, possibly later. My recollection is that it was not unusual for the nightly fee for the whole group, including transport costs, to be £10 in the venues we played regularly, but was sometimes as low as £5 if times were tight. When we were able to get bookings in new spots we tried to get £15. We didn't do it for the money - I never got back what I spent on equipment. But it was a saturated market in those days. I didn't know anyone who wasn't either in a group, had ambitions to start one or had just left one. All my friends were learning to play the guitar or drums. I blame The Shadows. There used to be a magazine called Western Scene, which covered the beat scene from Hampshire over to Bristol, and Dorset featured in a section called Scene in the South which was edited by Michel Hooper. It was always full of news about the various groups around Weymouth and Dorchester. The Soundsmen were our main rivals for the position of top group in the area during the mid-60s. More later when I have raided the loft."

I asked Geoff if he was still in touch with any of The Hunters.....

"Hi Kevin, Terry and Keith are no longer with us, sadly.

I saw Alan about two years ago and was briefly in touch with Mick via Skype as he now lives in France.

I still play at my local guitar club once a month, but with a very limited repertoire now. Talk about a small world...."

If you would like email addresses for any particular old Hardyans then let me know.

If you went to Colliton St Junior School in Dorchester then I have another set of photographs that I need help with from 1955-57. Do let me know.

Regards, Kevin Kibbey - on Facebook if you need to put a name to a face

http://www.facebook.com/kevin.kibbey.9?ref=tn_tnmn

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Re: Dr David LIDGEY 1971 to 1978

From: Richard Wild [mailto:richardjwild@gmail.com]

Sent: 29 August 2012

David has been missing for over 12 months. He suffers from depression and walked out from the family home in Norfolk last year

This is a bit of a long-shot but David does dwell on the past and his school days at Hardyes. He has returned to the area in the past and it is just possible that a reader may come forward with information. I was in the same year as David at Heathcote House. If you search for his name on the internet you will be able to verify the situation.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-2081144/The-GP-simply-vanished-A-troubling-taboo-mans-depression-left-loving-family-bereft.html>

Richard Wild

If anyone has seen or heard from David Lidgey recently please contact Norfolk Police on 0845 456 4567 or the website www.missingpeople.org.uk as mentioned in the Daily Mail article

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The Headteacher's Page

Term has started with a flourish. We staggered the start of term this year with the new Year 9's (the third form in old money!) and the Year 12's (Lower Sixth) joining us a day early. They appreciated having the school to themselves on the first day and it led to a calmer start to the school year.

The new swimming pool complex was due to open during the summer term but due to a whole host of delays, it will not now open until early October. The school will have access to the pool during the school day and the community at weekends and evenings. It is hard to believe that there is any other school in the country with better sports facilities, although we would still like to re-surface our tennis courts and build a running track to service the needs of the local athletics club.

We enjoyed another excellent set of exam results and we were particularly pleased with the A Levels. The overall pass rate was 99% and the A/A score was a very creditable 35%. I should make particular mention of the Music results where 73% of the passes were at A or A*! There were some outstanding Individual results: 60 students achieved 3 passes at grades A/A* and 10 achieved 4 passes at grades A/A*. It meant that 9 students were able to take up their offer of a place at Oxford or Cambridge and 14 gained entry to medical school — a record number.*

At GCSE the pass rate for 5+ passes at C or above reached a new record of 90%. The number of students passing 5+ GCSE's including English and Mathematics dropped to 65% in line with most other schools who fell victim to the late change to grade boundaries for English. Again there were some outstanding individual results: 52 students achieved 10+ A/A grades and 7 students achieved 10+ A* grades. One third of all girls gained 5+ A/A* grades and one third of all boys achieved 3+ A/A* grades — a remarkable achievement for a fully comprehensive intake.*

We are planning a busy programme of events for the Autumn Term including the Remembrance Day Service on 9th November when I look forward to meeting many Old Hardyans.

My best wishes to you and your families

*Michael Foley
Headteacher*