

The Hardyans' Club

TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FRIENDS

Hardye's School, Dorchester, Dorset

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From the Press Officer

HARDYEANS CLUB TEAM WIN NEW COLIN LUCAS CRICKET CUP

The Hardyans Club XI yet again won the annual cricket match against a Thomas Hardye School XI, this year by only ten runs. At the conclusion of the fixture, Hardyans Club President Peter Foster presented the new Colin Lucas Cup to skipper Tony Foot, commenting on the excellence of the cricket played by both sides. The late Colin Lucas was Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Hardyans Club.

The Hardyans batted first and got off to a slow but steady start in the face of accurate bowling from Adam Barrett and Ryan Chase. James Dunham and Rhys Cole added 16 for the first wicket, before Cole was bowled by Barrett for nine. This brought Josh Foot to the crease. He lost partner Dunham, caught by Dan Morris, off the bowling of Peter Horne for 12.

Foot was joined by Dan Belt and the two of them proceeded to attack the bowling, scoring freely all round the wicket. Foot was eventually dismissed to a fabulous caught-and-bowled by Adam Weir for an excellent 53. Peter Moxom was bowled first ball and Fergus Guppy, having been dropped on the hat trick ball, was then dismissed by Marcus Evans in the next over. Dan Belt was eventually caught on the boundary by Ollie Thomson off the bowling of Marcus Evans for a stylish 60. Stuart Beasley added a quickfire 31 not out for the Club to post a very competitive 186 off their 30 overs.

The School replied in similar fashion, starting slowly against the opening bowling of Dan Belt and Peter Moxom. Luke Voss' wicket fell early, taken well in the gully by Lee Ames off Dan Belt. Marcus Evans then took the attack to the Club's bowling, scoring seven fours and a six in an impressive innings of 43, before caught low down at cover by Captain Tony Foot, off the bowling of Stuart Beasley.

Needing to score at eight an over for the last 15, the School were always behind the rate despite an aggressive innings of 43 not out from Adam Barrett. However he lost partners at regular intervals. Josh Foot adding a stumping and two fine catches. The School finished 176 all out, ten runs short of their target, giving victory and the new Colin Lucas Cup to the Hardyans Club.

"This was one of the very best Thomas Hardye School teams we have played against," comments winning Captain Tony Foot, playing in his 38th. Hardyans Club match. "Blue skies, a light breeze and a recently cut outfield all favoured the batting side, which resulted in a high scoring and very entertaining match."

See Teams Photo on next page

Standing: Harry Dike [umpire,] Peter Horne, Ryan Chase, Ollie Thompson, Luke Voss, Adam Weir, Adam Barrett, Adam Kepple, Marcus Evans, Peter Foster [President of the Hardyans Club,] Rhys Cole, Stuart Beasley, Peter Moxom, Fergus Guppy, Tony Foot, Dan Belt, David Trotter, Frank Dike [umpire.]

Kneeling: Dan Morris, Dan Evans, George Kirby, James Dunham, Simon Mitcham, Lee Ames, Josh Foot.

Photograph by Michel Hooper-Immins.



The Hardyens Club XI [right] and the Thomas Hardy School XI [left]

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 through the arch 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 30th October and 27th November. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Thursday 18th December 2014, at the King's Arms, Dorchester – see booking information on page 5 **NB Bookings and Payment must be received by 30th November**

ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE Tuesday 11th November at the School Gates, Queens Avenue, 10.30am

ADVANCE NOTICE 2015 ANNUAL DINNER / AGM on Saturday 21st March at the King's Arms Hotel. Please see booking form on page 6. This will be repeated in the next newsletter but please note that bookings for the Annual Dinner **must** be with the Treasurer by **7th March 2015**

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

Some Thomas Hardye School News from Tony Day

Phil Mercer has retired from his post as Head of Social Science at Thomas Hardye School (18th July 2014), after 34 years' service. He bids a fond farewell and expresses his best wishes to all former students and members of staff with whom he had the pleasure of working.

YOU WRITE

Nick ADAMS (1951-55)



1954/55 Under 16s Rugby Team

[Editor: some of the names are a bit indistinct but the line-up appears to be – Back row - Mr D Goddard, G Hutchings, R House, P Garret, P Watkins; Middle Row - R.E Graham, N Adams(Capt), T Parry; Front row - A Donnley, P Thomas, D Hailes, D Phillips]

A photograph I found when turning out some old files.

You will see that Geoff Hutchings was one of our team and also my old pal at the time, Reg Graham. They were good days and I have happy memories of the wonderful sporting options we had and the very excellent sports grounds.

I was an original member at Heathcote House (there were 6 of us in the initial term). I came to Dorchester in 1951 and left in 1955. Academically not bright (3 'O' levels!!!) although when I joined the Army and was applying for a commission I was told that 'education was the least of my worries!' In the event I became an officer in the Royal Artillery and had a splendid four years, most of them in the Far East.

Left the Army and joined the family business. Sold that in 2004 and have now been enjoying my retired life since then, shooting, fly fishing, golf being amongst my various hobbies.

Best wishes,
Nick Adams

Donald CULVER

Many thanks for the Newsletter received today by email. There is always something to jog the ancient memory - in this case, a letter from Neil Horne, who used to live around the corner (but now lives in Canada) who I last saw over 60 years ago.

Unfortunately, I could not attend the last annual dinner, so did not hear Michael Foley's talk, but I was puzzled to read "he did not agree with the modern idea of recreating Grammar Schools - which Hardye's had been - "we take pupils from all kinds of backgrounds". This, of course, was also the purpose of the old Dorchester Grammar School, as I can attest from personal experience. I was a beneficiary of the 1944

Education Act, and my older contemporaries had had to rely on the scholarships which the School offered quite liberally; but the result was the same - a complete social mix.

No system is perfect - more's the pity - but, please, let us not rewrite history to show the present in an unfairly favourable light. Or was the summary of Mr. Foley's remarks perhaps misleading?

Yours,
David Culver

Editor's understanding, briefly: Mr Foley was against the re-introduction of Grammar Schools, partly because Secondary Moderns would naturally follow. He believed that children's brains develop and mature at different ages and it was wrong to put them through the process of selection at 11 when many were not ready. In his opinion, comprehensives, such as the Thomas Hardy School, allowed for all to develop their full potential, in a mixed social environment.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Total number of Full members in the Club is 744 (as at September 2014)

Of these 616 receive their correspondence via email and 95 by post.

The remaining 33 are members of our Lost Legion (23 email & 10 postal)

Since the Last newsletter we have been joined by 4 new members:

J. Trevor Lockwood (1959-60) who lives in Helston, Cornwall.

(Trevor says that his career was in the Fleet Air Arm where he served with other Hardyens such as John Pearson, Bob Turner and Chris Slocombe)

Des Farnham (1959-66) who lives in Fareham, Hants

Helen Rench and Heather Foster - both have been made honorary members, in recognition of the work that they do for the Club.

Welcome to them all.

Thank you to 1 member who has now agreed to receive their post by email rather than surface mail.

Adrian Downton (1950-55)

Thank you also to Roger Taylor who forwarded a list compiled in 1970 of those members who were life members at that time. This identified 277 of our current members who hold life membership. We do not have formal records of those who may have joined as life members since then, so if you have not done so, please contact myself or Alan Brown and let us know. We can then add the details to our records.

Sadly we have received notification of 1 member who has passed away

Peter R. Harris (1944-50), from Sydling St Nicholas, Dorchester. He was one of the lost legion reported in issue 123. Thank you to Mick Knott for the information.

Unfortunately 1 other member has decided to resign from the Club.

Ms Helen Carter (1996-2000)

I must also report that 1 member has been added to our 'Lost Legion'.

Nigel (Ted) Sutton (1974-78) no further details are known.

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! At the last mailing, 6 members' emailed letters were returned because they had changed their email address. Fortunately just 6 telephone calls rescued the problem.

Later this year I intend sending out slips to all members who receive their letters by surface mail so that we can check that the letters are still reaching those members. I try to do this every 3 years.

Bob Rench

Hardyeans Club Christmas Lunch 2014

Thursday 18th December, 12.30pm for 1pm, King's Arms, Dorchester

Menu Choice
<i>Starters</i>
A Filo Prawns
B Pate
C Melon
D L&P Soup
<i>Mains</i>
E Turkey
F Beef
G Salmon
H Veg Pot Pie

Filo prawns *with sweet chilli sauce*
Dorset pate *with Melba toast and chilli jam*

Melon cocktail

Leek and potato soup



Roast Turkey

Roast Topside,

Salmon Fillet, *chive butter sauce*

Root vegetable and sage pot pie

Served with seasonal trimming, roast potatoes and vegetables



Christmas pudding *and brandy sauce*

Chocolate brownie *with raspberry sauce*

Lemon posset

Cheddar and brie *with biscuits and chutney*

Menu Choice
<i>Desserts</i>
J Xmas Pud
K Choc Brownie
L Lemon Posset
M Cheese & Bix

£20.00 per person

BOOKINGS CLOSE ON SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

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

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BOOKING FORM

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

Name.....

Home address.....

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Christmas Lunch £20.00 No's required.....Please indicate menu choices below

Starter choice(s) **A/B/C/D**.....Main Choice(s) **E/F/G/H**.....Dessert Choice(s) **J/K/L/M**.....

E-mail address for confirmation.....

Cheques payable to The Hardyeans Club, to Alan Brown, 40 Valette Road, Moordown, Bournemouth, BH9 3JD

For payments by Internet Bank Transfer, the bank Sort Code is 30-92-69, Account No. 00403528, Account Name "The Hardyeans 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 **30th November 2014**

Requests received after this date will not be successful.

As with all Hardyeans' Club social occasions, partners are very welcome

THE HARDYEANS CLUB ANNUAL REUNION DINNER
SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2015
THE GRILL ROOM, KINGS ARMS HOTEL,
HIGH EAST STREET, DORCHESTER.

The Annual Reunion Dinner moves to the Kings Arms Hotel in 2015, with no increase in price and a choice of three for all three courses. However, choices must be made in advance and notified on booking. Closing Date for booking and payment is 7th March 2015
 The hotel bar is adjacent to the Grill Room, aperitifs and wine will be on sale all evening. There is a car park at the rear of the hotel.
 Wives and partners are welcome; the dress code is lounge suits or smart casual.
 Raffle prizes to help our funds are welcome

<p><u>ANNUAL REUNION DINNER MENU</u></p> <p>MULLIGATAWNY SOUP OR GRILLED GOAT'S CHEESE SALAD [V] OR COD MORNAY -WITH BREAD STICKS</p> <p>BEEF BOURGINION OR FILLET OF SEA BASS OR VEGETARIAN DISH -WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES, NEW & ROAST POTATOES</p> <p>SHERRY TRIFLE OR PROFITEROLES OR DORSET CHEESE AND BISCUITS</p> <p>TEA OR COFFEE</p> <p><u>£21 INCLUDING VAT</u></p>

ANNUAL REUNION DINNER 2015 BOOKING FORM

Name.....

Home Address.....

Dinner @ £21 No's required..... Table of 10 required ?.....

Years at School.....

Please indicate choices and numbers from the menu:

- *Soup Goat's cheese salad Cod Mornay
- *Beef Bourginion.....Sea Bass Vegetarian Dish***
- *Sherry Trifle Profiteroles Cheese & Biscuits

IF NO CHOICE IS INDICATED, IT WILL BE ASSUMED DISH * IS CHOSEN

***** The Head Chef at the Kings Arms is anxious to discuss a suitable dish with vegetarian diners. Make your suggestion here :**

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Hardyeans' Club Tie required ?.....[Add £10 to your payment]

E-Mail address for confirmation [and receipt if paying by cheque.]

.....@.....

Please make cheques payable to The Hardyeans 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 Hardyeans Club". Please if possible quote your surname as a reference and e-mail Alan Brown at alan@ajbrown1946.plus.com to let him know you have paid.

The Hardyeans Club Tie, costing £10, is a smart addition to the wardrobe of all former students, based on the traditional blue, gold and red stripes of the old school – with the addition of the centenary crest. Alan Brown is selling these, add £10 to your dinner payment to receive a club tie



From the Headteacher

We have settled back into the routines of a new school year following another successful summer break. The GCSE results were exactly the same as last year – 68% 5 A-C passes including English and maths – which was pleasing bearing in mind the changes that have taken place to the curriculum and the exam system. The A Levels surpassed all expectations and probably represent our best ever results. Over one third of passes were at the highest grades of A/A* and the progress made by students at Hardye's places us in the top 10% of schools nationally.

The new sports centre was due to be completed for the start of term but the opening has been delayed until January. We are disappointed but I am sure the wait will be worthwhile. We continue to pursue our plans to build a concert hall and I am hoping to have more news on that project by the time of the next newsletter. Our aim is for the performing arts facilities to match those of sport and PE.

The programme of clubs and extra-curricular activities on offer at the start of term is impressive. You are probably aware that the CCF remains a strong part of school life alongside the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and a very full fixture list in all major sports. However, I am delighted to see the growth of STEM clubs (Science, Technology, Mathematics) which cater for a whole range of interests from fossils, to astrophysics to kit cars, and the introduction of new language clubs in Mandarin, Japanese and Russian. Further information is available on the web-site alongside reports of the numerous trips and visits that help to enrich the curriculum.

Our longest serving member of staff, Phil Mercer (Head of Social Sciences), left the school last term and we wish him a long and happy retirement. We welcomed several new staff this September, including Natasha Ullah (Deputy Headteacher) who will have particular responsibility for the Sixth Form. Natasha was previously a vice-principal at the John Madjeski School in Reading.

We look forward to another successful academic year and working as closely as possible with the President and the new committee.

Best wishes

Mike Foley

Headteacher