

# *The Hardyans' Club*

**TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FRIENDS**

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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 1pm 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 !!

## **2005 CENTENARY ANNUAL DINNER and AGMs**

for both Club and Charitable Association will be held on Saturday 19th March 2005, at the School, Queens Avenue. The guest speaker will be Rt Rev Stephen Venner, former Vicar of Holy Trinity at Weymouth and now Bishop of Dover, a distinguished old boy of Hardye's School. Please see Booking Form and more on this event from The Secretary

## **LONDON DINNER**

will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at University College as before. Booking form at end.

## **CRICKET MATCH**

Annual School v The Club, took place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Please see report from The Press Officer

## **ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE**

Thursday 11th November 2004, 10.20am, assemble at the School Gates

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2004, 12.30pm for 1pm, Conservative Club, South Walks, Dorchester, please contact Peter LEWENDON asap to reserve your seat and confirm price, approx £12 a head

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Bernard KIRBY(1933-37) and his wife Marjorie have moved to Wolfeton Manor Residential Home, nr Dorchester.

## **SITUATIONS VACANT!!**

Hon. Treasurer - Hardyens Club. Lt Cdr Ken PEARCE is moving away from Dorset and any offers are invited for this worthwhile post. Ability to attend four meetings a year and knowledge of arithmetic useful. Contact the Secretary/ Acting Treasurer for more information, please !

## **FROM THE SECRETARY, COLIN LUCAS**

## **OBITUARIES**

Sadly we note the passing of two former School stalwarts.

## **DR. RONALD F. BROOKS (1930-36)**

passed away at the end of 2003 aged 88 years. He attended the Dorchester Grammar School

as it was then known at Culliford Road (Barnes way as it was latterly known).He won a Scholarship to Bristol to study medicine and became a Medical practitioner in Dorchester. He served the town well becoming a Justice of The Peace, Medical Officer of health for several organisations and was a Registered Lay reader for the Church of England. He became a school governor and served for many years with the Governing Body. On his retirement from Medical practice he started a retirement home in Dorchester, Brook House. He remained a bachelor and lived with his sisters both of whom pre deceased him.

### **NEVILLE LORD.**

Neville came to the School in 1966 from-Broadway School Weymouth to take over the P.E.Dept. In 1975 he became Housemaster at South Walks and afterwards at Heathcote where he remained until his retirement in 1992. In 1980's he gave up his post as Head of P.E. and became a member of the Geography Dept. In his capacity as Head of P.E. he achieved many successes with Teams in Athletics cross-country and Rugger. On his retirement he went to live in France. He was well liked by both Staff & pupils and our sincere condolences are sent to his Wife, Jennifer, and two Sons, Hugo & Julian

Also we should mention the passing of :-

### **IVOR BEAVIS.** (1933-39)

worked for the Dorchester Borough Council and after the re organisation of Local Government was appointed Town Clerk of Dorchester, an appointment which he held until his retirement in the early 1980s. He lived most of his life in south Dorset mainly in Upwey.

### **W.A. PITFIELD** (1932-37)

Bill was well known in and around the Dorset area and was for many years the Proprietor of The Wessex Press Agency and Pitfield Printing & Publishing. He spent most of his life living and working in Dorchester, finally retiring to Weymouth. He served the town with distinction and was President of The Rotary Club of Dorchester in 1980.

### **IT'S A SMALL WORLD**

I have received an interesting story from Trevor Jones, three times Mayor of Dorchester (but an incomer, so not an old Hardyean). Trevor decided to attend a home Baseball Game of The Toronto Blue Jays while on holiday in that City this August just gone. Never having been to a match before in his life he asked for a seat in a part of the stadium where there were likely to be friendly folk who would not mind explaining what was going on to a dim English visitor. He didn't know just how lucky he was going to be!

On sitting down he expressed surprise to the chap next to him about how few people there were in the quite magnificent stadium, it being only about one third full. "Do you normally get more?", asked Trevor. "Don't really know" replied his neighbour, " I haven't been for about five years, but

our team are not doing very well at all, so numbers are probably a lot down.- by the way are you from England? "Yes" said Trevor," You sound English too". "Been out here over thirty years, from a small town you'll never have heard of - Weymouth."

Resisting the temptation to deny all knowledge of such a place Trevor volunteered the information that he was from Dorchester whereupon his neighbour revealed that he was none other than an old Hardyean, Tony Hakes, a contemporary of Secretary Colin Lucas!!! "I'd never been to the Blue Jays (or indeed any Baseball Game) before, and Tony hadn't been for five years, and yet we were sitting next to each other in a crowd of around 20,000 swapping tales about a place thousands of miles away. What are the odds against that ?" says Trevor. It's astonishing!

As I expect many readers know, Tony is still practising as an Anaesthetist in Canada, but he gets back to England and Dorset, every so often. He asked to be remembered to old friends, and we chatted throughout the game about the rules and skills of Baseball, life in our respective countries, and the failings of the Canadian Health System!"

"As for the game, well the Blue Jays won! "

### **ECCLESIASTICAL NOTABLES.**

I have made mention before of my interest in former students who have reached distinguished rank in their chosen calling. As has been previously noted we have Bishop Stephen Venne,r Bishop at Canterbury (Dover) and recently Bishop Michael Perham (Bishop of Gloucester). If any Member has knowledge of any other ecclesiastical worthy please forward details to me. I will start the ball rolling with Phillip Hewett (1936-43)

### **PHILLIP HEWETT**

Retired Unitarian minister. Served as interim minister, Unitarian Church of Victoria, B.C., 1991-92;as senior minister of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver, B.C., 1956-91 (minister emeritus, 1991- ); minister, Unitarian Congregation of Ipswich, England, 1954-56; assistant minister, Unitarian Church of Montreal, 1953-54. Short-term service to congregations in St Catharines, Ontario; Adelaide, South Australia; and Auckland, New Zealand.Recipient in 1992 of the Annual Award for distinguished service presented by the Unitarian Universalist Association. Board member for three terms on the Canadian Unitarian Council, recently, 1990-94.President, Multifaith Action Society, 1993-99. Active for many years in the International Association for Religious Freedom, and a Canadian delegate to many of its congresses. In 1983 was awarded, jointly with his wife Margaret, the annual award for distinguished service presented by the American chapter of IARF. A former president of both the Canadian and the British Unitarian Historical Societies, and vice-president of their counterpart in the United States. Served as chair of the board of trustees of the Meadville/Lombard Theological School in Chicago, president of the Canadian Unitarian Ministers' Association and the Northwest Unitarian Wilderness Society, vice-president of the Memorial Society of B.C., and president of the Family Planning Association of B.C. Served on the boards of various community organizations including the Pastoral Institute of B.C., Vancouver Community College, and the Vancouver Chamber Choir. Is currently a

member of the Council of Elders of the David Suzuki Foundation. Chaplain to Vancouver City Council in 1977. Has been active in groups working for peace, disarmament and environmental concerns. Has contributed to many symposia and journals, and to the Canadian Encyclopedia and the Dictionary of Canadian Biography. Is author of the following books: An Unfettered Faith (1956), The Uncarven Image (1962) , On Being a Unitarian (1969), Unitarians in Canada (1978; second edition,1995), Understanding Unitarians (1992), Racovia (2004).

### **CENTENARY DINNER**

I make no apology or excuse for bringing to the attention of Members preliminary details of the Centenary Dinner which will take place at The school on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2005. Now is the opportune time to prepare for this very special occasion. It is anticipated that the Guest Speaker will be The Bishop of Dover Hardyean Stephen Venner. Last year we held the Annual dinner at the School in the Vlth Form Centre and this proved to be very successful. We would have liked better support and perhaps for this special occasion more support will be forthcoming. In order to progress this further it has been suggested that tables of 8, 10, or even 12 could be booked in advance for Family groups School or year groups Teacher groups and even former Boarding House groups. Please consider these options and contact me for your booking requirements. I hope that this might encourage some of our overseas Members to pay a once in a lifetime visit and make the extra effort and see the redevelopment that has taken place not only at The school but at Dorchester as well. We can probably cater for up to 250. Please support this event and make it the great occasion it deserves. We won't be here for the bi-centenary but we hope the Club will!!

Another Newsletter will be published in January but this will be a bit near to the Dinner date so a preliminary booking form is attached.

### **BOOKING FORM**

Name..... Please reserve a table for  
.....persons for the Centenary Dinner at The Vlth Form Centre

Coburg Road, Dorchester 7.30pm for 8.00pm 19th March 2005.

cost £ 15.00 per person

Please forward to The Secretary Colin Lucas 4 Fir Tree Close Dorchester  
DTI 2PY

### **FROM THE PRESS OFFICER**

Old Hardyans Club v Thomas Hardye School by Colin Lucas and Michel Hooper-Immins.

A match-winning 116 runs by Rob Waite delighted spectators at the annual fixture between the Old Hardyans Club and Thomas Hardye School. Although caught near the end of the 30 overs,

his 116 runs steered the Old Hardyans to 189 for 7 after 30 overs. The school never really got started, although captain Richard Cole's 51 runs tried hard to reach what always seemed an unreachable score.

The Old Hardyans Club have won four out of the last five years.

Weymouth Avenue's Recreation Ground was selected as this year's venue, due to Thomas Hardy School's pitch being made unavailable by building work. On a brilliant afternoon, the ground was buzzing with activity. Some of the Old Hardyans travel some distance to play in this important annual match, always eager to do battle with the current school team. For many years, this match has been much enjoyed by both the school and former students. The Hardyans Club is always on the lookout for new blood and the school is able to showcase their best players by exhibiting their prowess to the notables of leading local sides.

The Old Hardyans Club, again captained by well-known Dorchester sportsman and businessman Tony Foot, elected to bat first on a firm wicket with a fastish outfield. Openers Rob Waite and Rob Perring began well, despite tight bowling by the School's Matt Lawes and Peter Moxom. In the event, 35 runs were on the scoreboard at 12 overs, including four boundaries by Rob Waite, attacking the occasional loose ball with considerable venom. A change of bowling at both ends appeared to be a good move by Captain Richard Cole, who bowled Rob Perring with the score at 40. Oliver Bennett joined Rob Waite at the crease. After contributing 11 runs, Bennett was clean bowled by Richard Cole [2-26] at 87 for 2 after 20 overs. Rob Waite had scored half the Club's runs and was joined by captain Tony Foot. Great things were anticipated, but alas the captain was tragically run out after scoring only a single run. Matt Chalmers [17] and Simon Joslin [15 not out] both gave valuable support to opener Waite, now well and truly on top of the bowling with a fine display of attacking strokeplay. Hari Lehal was brought on to bowl just as Rob Waite was racing towards his century, hitting him for 39 runs in two overs. Lehal [1-39] finally took Waite's wicket, caught by Tom Rimmer on the boundary, having clocked-up a super score of 116. The Old Hardyans' innings closed after 30 overs at 189 for 7.

During the afternoon several Old Hardyans Club members arrived to give support and to renew friendships. It was particularly good to see Peter Lewendon, who had for many years arranged this annual fixture with tremendous enthusiasm. A popular master at Hardy's School, Peter still has great interest in his former students and the school. In his younger days, Peter was a fine sportsman, an outstanding example to all his students.

The school batted after tea, chasing a formidable total - needing 6.3 runs an over. Steve Clifford and Peter Moxom strode out to bat, facing the attack of Old Hardy's opening bowlers Oliver Bennett and Stuart Beasley. Bennett's first over was full of incident - a boundary four, a wide, a no-ball, then Moxom caught and bowled for a duck! Steve Clifford contributed two fours before he too was caught and bowled, this time by Stuart Beasley in the second over. At 10 for 2, Hari Lehal and Jamie Powell tried desperately to improve the state of play, holding the game together until the seventh over when Lehal was clean bowled by Stuart Beasley [2-22] for only 11 runs. Captain Richard Cole came in with the score looking very unequal to the run rate required. With cool and measured precision, Cole began to dispatch the bowling to various parts of the ground using a fine array of strokes, signalling the match was not yet a foregone conclusion. He was well supported by Tom Rimmer [14] who was eventually clean bowled by

Nick Joslin. Matt Lawes too showed great promise with a very worthy 23 not out. Finally Nick Joslin [3-23] had Richard Cole caught in midfield, lofting a slower ball. The Old Hardyans cleared up the tail for only 20 more runs, making them winners by 49 runs, with two overs to spare.

Umpires were Old Hardyans Club Secretary Colin Lucas and school sports director Geraint Hughes.

## **SCOREBOARD**

Old Hardyans Club: Waite c Rimmer b Lehal 116; Perring b Cole 8; Bennett b Cole 11; T. Foot run out 1; Chalmers b Stone 17; Beasley b Stone 1; S. Joslin not out 15; Gannaway b Stone 2; Guppy not out 0; Extras 18; Total 189 for 7

Bowling: Stone 3-0-18-3; Cole 6-0-26-2; Lehal 2-0-39-1; Lawes 6-2-12-0; Moxom 6-0-22-0; Powell 3-0-27-0; O. Foot 2-0-21-0; Clifford 1-0-13-0; Buckland 1-0-6-0.

Thomas Hardye School: Clifford c&b Beasley 8; Moxom c&b Bennett 0; Lehal b Bennett 11; Powell b Beasley 7; Cole c&b N. Joslin 51; Rimmer b N. Joslin 14; Buckland c&b N. Joslin 4; Lawes not out 23; O. Foot c&b S. Joslin 2; Tait st Perring 2; Stone lbw Gannaway 8; Extras 10; Total 140 all out

Bowling: N. Joslin 6-0-32-3; Bennett 6-0-26-2; Beasley 6-1-22-2; S. Joslin 1-0-3-1; Perring 2-0-10-1; Gannaway 2-0-15-1; Chalmers 4-0-28-0.



Back row: Colin Lucas [umpire,] Oliver Bennett, Robert Guppy, Frank Dike, Rob Waite, Tony Foot, Matt Chalmers. Simon Joslin, Michael Gannaway, Stuart Beasley, Nick Joslin, Rob Perring, Peter Lewendon [former organiser.]

Front row: Jamie Powell, Tom Rimmer, Phill Stone, Matt Lawes, Hari Lehal, Peter Moxom, Ben Buckland, Richard Cole, Fraser Tait, Oliver Foot, Steve Clifford, Geraint Hughes [umpire.]

Photo: Michel Hooper Immins.

## **YOU WRITE**

ERRATUM re Newsletter no 93

### **F. JOHN GILLINGHAM** (1926-33)

East Park House, East Park Drive, Edinburgh EH4 6SN JGillingham@blueyonder.co.uk writes  
As you no doubt spotted - a slight typographic error. 7th line -I have no ("regret!) Should read -  
President & Regent, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Incidentally its our 500th  
anniversary next year-Second largest Coll. of Surgs, world wide with 14,000 working Fellows  
scattered around. I wonder how many Hardy's gathered over the years? Best regards, John G.

[Ed. Apologies for the error in transcription!]

### **PETER JAMES** prbmw.james@virgin.net writes

I hope that hearing from me doesn't come as too much of a shock! Re-reading the most recent  
newsletter, in particular the bit about Michael Perham, prompted me to contact you. We went to  
Michael's consecration at St Paul's and his enthronement at Gloucester. Both were wonderful  
and moving occasions, and having known Michael for the last 50+ years these were occasions  
which I had always hoped for. The reception at Gloucester also gave me the opportunity to  
renew old acquaintances. Ian Jeffrey whom I hadn't seen since leaving school in 1965 and Kit  
Lash, now Archimandrite of the Ecumenical Throne! He, along with Jo Roberts, was a great  
inspiration and he has lost none of his vivacity and humour.

With best wishes, Peter

**BOB MENZIES**: (1944-1947) 17 Thames Road, VAINONA, HARARE, ZIMBABWE  
bobajan@zol.co.zw writes:

Over the last two to three years you have sent me copies of the Club Magazine for which I am  
grateful. However I am aware that this is really an expensive process in terms of postage,  
printing and paper. It occurs to me that you may be sending out this publication by email.  
Recently I have acquired this means of communication and if you are already sending out by  
such means could I please be included in the address list. It would also be helpful if you could  
let me know the email addresses of John Stephenson and Collin Allsopp.

I noted in a previous edition of the magazine you published excerpts from a letter sent to John  
from me in which I had made certain comments on the situation in Zimbabwe. I have now retired  
at the ripe old age of 76 and therefore I have time between gardening and tennis to write. Would  
a "Zimbabwe Letter" be of interest ? If so please suggest sort of scope and frequency which  
might be of interest to club members. Regards to yourself and the Chairman Gordon Crocker  
who might remember me.

Bob Menzies

**LONDON DINNER - TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2004**

Hugh GRIFFITHS has made arrangements for the London Dinner on 9th November 2004 to be held at:

University College London  
Gower Street  
London  
WC1E 6BT

Time : 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Dress: Lounge Suits

Tickets: £30.00 per head, including wine

Transport from Dorchester can be arranged. Please contact Colin LUCAS in good time. Telephone: (Home) 01305 265446. If writing to Colin, the address is: 4, Fir Tree Close, Poundbury, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 2PY

Hugh organises an excellent event and we hope it will grow, PLEASE REMEMBER that ladies are MORE THAN WELCOME

**LONDON DINNER BOOKING FORM**

To : Prof. H. Griffiths 34 Rochester Square, London, NW1 9RZ

Telephone: (Home) 020 7267 4009      (Office) 020 7679 7310

Please send. . . . . ticket(s) for the Hardyans' London Dinner on 9th November 2004,

for which I enclose £. . . . ., by cheque, payable to H. D. Griffiths (£30.00 per head)

Please help Hugh by sending a stamped, addressed envelope.