

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 were held on Saturday 19th March 2005, please see reports/minutes for both later in this issue.

LONDON DINNER this year will be held on Tuesday 1st November at University College
Please see Booking Form at end of this newsletter. **NB First Tuesday in November** this year

CRICKET MATCH Annual School v The Club, is scheduled for Wednesday 13th July, at the Weymouth Avenue Recreation Ground. Please contact Tony FOOT for more details or to offer to play
Tel 01305 250137(home); 01305 251400(work); 07812 516345(mobile)

CONCERT IN AID OF THE CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION at the Thomas Hardy School on 2nd July 2005. Please see the President's appeal (repeated from the previous issue of the newsletter) on the following page.

SITUATION STILL VACANT!! Hon. Treasurer - Hardyans Club. As you will read in the AGM minutes, Colin LUCAS has agreed to remain as the Club's Acting Treasurer until a replacement is found. If anyone is interested in helping the Club in this capacity please get in touch with Colin - for contact details see the London Dinner Booking Form at end of this issue.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE If your details have changed our records may need updating. Please complete and return the form you will find towards the end of this Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT – JOHN PEARSON

SEEKING MUSICIANS

Most of you will know that the Hardyans' Club exists not only to help former students from all the Dorchester Senior Schools to keep in touch with friends but equally importantly to raise money for the Hardyans' Club Charitable Association. This association aims to provide funds to help selected students under 25, but more particularly, those just leaving school, in the costly business of their tertiary education. From starting to raise money in 2000, we have been able to help 10 students so far with up to £500 per year for their 3 years at college or university. To increase both the amount that we can award each year and to increase the number of students benefiting, we have to continue to raise funds to this end.

This year our main effort is in the form of a musical concert to be held at the Thomas Hardy School on Saturday 2nd July 2005 at 7.30pm. This is to be held in a large marquee seating nearly 800 and the evening will conclude with a firework display.

In co-operation with the present Staff and Students of the school, we hope to attract former students of varied musical talent back to this concert both to participate and enjoy an evening of choral and instrumental music from Bach to Bertwhistle; Tallis to Timberlake or Gershwin to Bebop or whatever form of music **YOU** might be able to provide. The general theme of the evening will be a Last Night of the Proms with a celebration of the considerable breadth and talent of past and present musical students combining under the overall directorship of Mrs Kirsty BARRY, the present Head of Music at the School.

Can you help us either by offering your instrumental talent; musical direction; your voice as a soloist or as part of a group or expertise in sound engineering to help in the production of a spectacular concert to raise money to help less fortunate students?

If you can, please contact me, John Pearson jjscp@onetelnet (01305 259431)

THE EDITOR WRITES

A FEW REFLECTIONS ON THE CENTENARY DINNER

Once again I was privileged to be able to make some recordings at the event for the Club's archives. A marvelous moment I captured for posterity was with George FOLEY looking at the archive display before dinner. Of particular interest was the photograph from the Old Hardyans book of three generations of Headmasters, namely HN KINGDON (1883-1898) HA FRANCIS (1907-1927) and RW HILL (1927-1955). George recalled being present when the photograph was taken during an Old Boys Day. George recorded further school memories to add to those that he kindly gave me at the 2003 dinner.

Bishop Stephen VANNER was most interested to recall his part in the Hardy's School production of The Winslow Boy, in which he played Grace Winslow, a fact he amusingly referred to in his speech. Glancing at the Athenaeum feature in the 1962 edition of the Durnovarian, Rex TOMPSETT wrote that "the main female roles were very well done by S VANNER and D STOCKMAN". After Dinner Stephen VANNER kindly recorded further conversation with me about his work at Canterbury Cathedral and his part in the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams.

My final recording of the evening was with Dr Iain MELVIN and we reflected on the continuity of the school's history through 100 years from 1905-2005.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

From the Dorset Evening Echo of 15th April 2005 via the Press Officer - Michel HOOPER-IMMINS

Headline: **Scarf proves how high Magpies really can fly** by Echo Reporter Richard Hogg A Dorchester Town FC fan trekking through the Himalayas was amazed to find a Magpies Club scarf pinned up in one of the mountain lodges.

Alan ATTRYDE who works at the British High Commission in New Delhi was trekking to the Mount Everest base camp and stopped at the last lodge on the route. There he found a Dorchester scarf covered in good luck messages pinned above the doorway. The scarf had been put in the lodge by Puddletown trekker Stuart Baker-Brown, who trekked more than 200 miles last year to reach the base camp of the world's highest mountain to raise awareness of mental health charity Rethink. Stuart said "It was hung in the eating area and is one of the last things people will see on their way up to Everest."

As an avid Dorchester FC fan, Mr ATTRYDE follows the club's progress through the season, and has occasionally even managed to get back to watch them. He traveled back to the UK in 2003 to see the Magpies cruise through to the next round of the FA Trophy when they beat Leyton 5-1. Mr ATTRYDE said "I have been following the Magpies' season with great interest from here in India and wish them all the best in their remaining games. I hope they climb the peak and get into the Nationwide Conference next year. Whatever the case, everyone connected with the Club can be rightly proud of what they have achieved. My message has been slightly tempered on seeing the news of the sad loss of chairman Peter Aiken. He was a great servant to the club and the town itself. He will be sadly missed and my thoughts and condolences are with his family."

Alan's father Neil ATTRYDE was Dorchester Mayor in 1981. He played at left half for Dorchester in the late 1940's.

The article was accompanied by a photograph of Alan showing the scarf pinned over the door of the lodge

YOU WRITE

L.R.N.(Bob) MILLS (1927-1934) 54, Petters Road. Ashted Surrey KT211NE, 01372 272100

Having seen mention of John GILLINGHAM in the Spring Issue of the Newsletter prompts me to put pen to paper, or rather fingers to keyboard. We were contemporaries. He, Dennis STEVENS and I went around together and were known as the Three Musketeers, with E.C. (Flynn) VOSS as D'Artagnan. There cannot be many of our vintage left although I note that George FOLEY still attends the London Dinner.

I had many friends whilst at the School, not because of any special qualities of mine, but because I had a very attractive sister. None of my friends won her however, she eventually married a Geordie.

I, like John, owe a lot to the school and Monty, also Sam FOX. My school career was not very striking, nor were my achievements at sports. I hated cricket but once surprised everyone, including myself, by running out a batsman with a wild lob from the boundary.

I cannot match John GILLINGHAM's illustrious career. I was a Post Office engineer and spent the War organising complicated communications facilities for the armed services. My one great peace time achievement was to disfigure the countryside with a lot of hideous microwave radio masts and towers in the interests of distributing colour television.

I recall one of the pre-War London dinners which D.S.LIDBURY attended. He had come up for the day and was due to go home on the 10.30pm Mail Train from Waterloo. He left a bit too late however, missed the train and returned to the venue seeking hospitality for the night. He was worried that as he had no luggage, no hotel would take him in. He was even more worried about what his wife would say next day about him staying in London overnight.

I very much look forward to receiving the Newsletter, and send best wishes to all those concerned with producing and circulating it, and to the Club.

Peter JAMES: (1959-1967) prbmw.james@virgin.net , who emailed as follows:

Just for interest. In the article about the General Synod in The Times on Tuesday 15 Feb there was a splendid picture of Kit LASH, in his persona of Archimandrite Ephrem, sitting in the Synod - not mentioned by name, however.

[Editor: The March 1966 edition of the Durnovarian reminds us that "At the end of July (1965) the school said Au Revoir to Mr C.J.A LASH, who had been a member of the Classical Staff and House Tutor at Southfield for three years. He will be remembered for his many-sided enthusiasm and his wide interests in all the better things that go to make up a school. Many School Societies and in particular the Hardye Society received his support in a very generous measure. He has left the teaching profession and is at present in Paris studying for the Roman Catholic priesthood." Reference is also made to his considerable input to the Royal Artillery section of the CCF.

OBITUARIES FROM COLIN LUCAS

Jonathan ADAMS

It is again sad to report the passing of one of our distinguished former students. Jonathan attended the School 1964-1970 and in his final year was Head of House at Southfield. Academically bright and a good athlete he was highly thought of during his time at the School. He was a member of the MCC and was very involved in theatre and opera production and was responsible for revitalizing the Avenue Theatre in Sittingbourne. He was married to Rosemarie and both were in the teaching profession. In 1992 they decided they would like to see more of the world and together took teaching appointments in Sri Lanka, Dubai and Qatar. It was whilst he was directing a production of Twelfth Night in Qatar that a disturbance at the theatre caused him to investigate. Unfortunately it was a car bomber. Our sincere condolences go out to Rosemarie and his family.

W.M.THOMAS. Headmaster 1974-82.

We learn sadly of the passing of former head teacher Mike THOMAS. He succeeded A.N. HAMILTON and this was a period when the Education Authority was reorganising for comprehensive education. Several changes were initiated by him notably the change from hooped rigger shirts to plain blue and the introduction of anoraks as part of the school uniform. It was on 2nd July 1977 that the last Saturday morning school day took place with this fitting tribute by Mike THOMAS - "O Tempora ! O mores ! Quando in temporibus futuris tantam rerum scholasticarum diligentiam aspiciemus? Ita per ignem dis ferialibus condimus in perpetuum 'Ludum Diei Saturni' Requiescat in pace; neu minuat industria nostrum (Oh Times ! Oh Customs! When in future times shall we see such great diligence in scholastic studies. Thus with fire we entrust to the gods of holidays for ever Saturday morning school!) During his time at the School he was held in high esteem by Governors, Staff, Parents and Pupils. He left the School to take up an appointment with the Baptist Church in America and became a Missionary in South America and China. He returned to the United Kingdom for his retirement but still continued to serve the Missionary movement. Our sincere condolences go out to his family.

**THE HARDYEANS' CLUB
THE DORCHESTER THOMAS HARDYE SCHOOL
QUEEN'S AVENUE
DORCHESTER
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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 19 March 2005 at 5.25 pm in the Sixth Form Centre at the School. There were nine members present.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Alf Barrett, Tony Foot, Peter Lewendon, Pat Pollard, Peter Powell, David Lacey and Clinton Grassby.
2. **Minutes of the AGM held on 20 March 2004** were proposed by Gordon Crocker, seconded by Jack Westlake and unanimously adopted.
3. **Matters Arising** - There were no matters arising.

4. **President's Remarks**

The President, John Pearson, reported on an unremarkable year for the Club. He thanked Gordon Crocker for all his hard work during his three years as Chairman of the Charitable Trust. Gordon had put a huge effort into trying to raise more funds: one notable success was a donation from the Prince of Wales, enough to put one student through her time at University. Finally, he thanked Colin Lucas for all his hard work during his many years on the Committee – as Governor, Treasurer, President and Secretary and also in gaining the support of the School. On behalf of the Club, he then presented Colin with two decanters and a bottle each of port and whisky.

5. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman, Bob Rench, reported that Club membership now stands at about 1,000, largely due to the fact that all leavers now join the Club automatically, paid for by the School, for which the Club is very grateful. The number of Newsletters being sent by e-mail is increasing. The Charitable Trust is doing well, thanks to Gordon Crocker and others. A concert is being held at the School on 2 July 2005. Last summer's Cricket Match against the School was won by the Club by 49 runs, their fourth win in five years. Last November's Armistice Day was attended by 2,160 students, 214 staff and many Club members, and cameras from South West TV companies were present: he hoped that Southern area TV cameras might attend this year. This year's Dinner is reputedly the 100th, with 160 attending: the Speaker is Stephen Venner, the Bishop of Dover. The monthly luncheons continue, arranged by Peter Lewendon, with about sixty attending the Christmas function. A few members make the trip to London to attend the London Dinner in November, arranged by Hugh Griffiths. The Treasurer, Ken Pearce, has moved to Hampshire, so his duties have been taken over temporarily by Colin Lucas. It was hoped that someone else would be found to take over during the course of the evening. Ken was thanked for his efforts over many years. He also thanked the President, John Pearson, Michel Hooper-Immins for his publicity efforts, and Colin Lucas, and welcomed Tony Day as his replacement as Secretary.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Acting Treasurer, Colin Lucas, presented the accounts and explained that income under Annual Dinner included some receipts for the 2005 Dinner which had been paid before the end of December 2004. Also the School now paid for all leavers to join the Club and all reproduction costs of the Newsletter, which helped the finances. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Michel Hooper-Immins, seconded by Jack Westlake and unanimously carried. Michel thanked Colin for doing the accounts.

7. **Election of Officers and Committee**

Chairman	-	Bob Rench
Secretary	-	Tony Day, proposed by Colin Lucas, seconded by Bob Rench
Treasurer	-	Colin Lucas agreed to carry on until someone else can be found
Minutes Secretary		Felicity Murray
Committee	-	Alf Barrett, Clinton Grassby, Tony Foot, John Stephenson, Gordon Crocker, Andrew Gillett, Pat Pollard, Peter Powell, Michel Hooper-Immins, John Pearson and Jack Westlake

The above were unanimously elected.

8. **Recommendations from Council** - None.

9. **Charitable Association**

The new Chairman, John Pearson, reminded everyone of the Last Night of the Proms style Concert to be held at the School on Saturday 2 July 2005, followed by fireworks. The money donated is invested in Government gilt-edged securities and gives an annual income of about £1,725. Three students are sponsored for a three-year award, although at the moment two sets of twins share two awards. Now that investments have built up, it was decided at the earlier AGM that the amount awarded should be increased slightly from the £500 currently awarded, rather than increase the number of students receiving grants, as had been hoped. As well as thanking Gordon Crocker (see item 4 above) he also thanked Leigh Meyers for preparing the accounts and dealing with the time-consuming demands of the Charity Commission.

Next year's meetings will be as follows, to coincide with Council meetings: (to be decided) May 2005, 19 September 2005 and 23 January 2006.

10. **Any Other Business**

Colin Lucas thanked everyone very much for his present – he was overwhelmed. He said that in 1998 the Club changed its name from 'Old Hardyens' to 'Hardyens' but the bank details need to be changed to match the new name. The bank signatories are unclear, but he suggested that the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer should be the designated signatories, with any two of the three able to sign. This was proposed by John Stephenson, seconded by Gordon Crocker and carried unanimously.

Colin said he has 100 Centenary ties to sell at £10 each. If he can sell them he will donate £100 to the Charitable Association.

Michel Hooper-Immins expressed the view that the good Dinner held at the School last year had helped to produce higher numbers for this year, and this was agreed. It was also agreed that the venue is ideal because the meeting room seats about 100 and the dining room about 160 and the Club is grateful to the School for its use.

The meeting closed at 6.00pm.

HARDYEANS' CLUB CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION REPORT OF AGM **By Colin LUCAS**

The attendance was small and consisted mainly of Trustees many apologies were made because of the Centenary Dinner. The Minutes of the previous AGM 2004 were presented by the Secretary. These were proposed, seconded and approved nem con. There were no matters arising.

The Secretary presented a written report by the Treasurer setting out the financial activities of the charity funds. It gave details of awards granted to applicants during the last year. This revealed that eight students were awarded benefits during the past year totaling £3000.00. The Chairman Gordon

Crocker stated that although income had slowed down this was a remarkable achievement. The Secretary moved the adoption of the accounts, this was seconded by John Stephenson and agreed nem con.

The Chairman in his Annual report stated that many organizations, businesses and leading citizens had been approached during the year for support. This was a little disappointing but on the bright side the Duke of Cornwall had supported the Charity and there was a feeling of great optimism for the future.

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank the Treasurer and his colleagues for carrying out their duties with such efficiency. The accountants Edwards & Keeping had a long association with the School & Club and we were indeed fortunate to have their support. The Secretary confirmed having sent a letter of appreciation to them.

The Chairman as previously stated would not seek re-election this year, but would continue to pursue the approaches for support already in hand. John Pearson (Club President) thanked Gordon for his hard work and concerted efforts in seeking support for the Charity not only during his chairmanship but from the commencement of the Charity - a job well done. It was agreed that the funding of awards would continue this year as in previous years, but in future we should investigate the possibilities of increasing the amount of the award to take in to consideration the increased costs now placed on applicants, rather than to increase the number of awards made. This received the full approval of those present.

Election of Officers - Chairman John Pearson was elected to succeed Gordon Crocker
All other Officers were re-elected en bloc:

Treasurer Leigh Meyers ; Secretary Colin Lucas ; Investment Advisor Ian Brown.
Trustees John A. Stephenson, David Lacey, Mrs June Salt and Gordon Crocker.

In accepting the Office of Chairman John Pearson spoke of the support he required in respect of the Summer Concert 2nd July 2005 he was arranging with the school. Sponsorships would be required and should be sought from former students and local businesses. This would be a mammoth operation to raise funds for the Charity **YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED**

Future meeting would be held	Selection meeting	6th May 2005
	Trustee Meetings	19th September 2005
		23rd January 2006
	Annual Dinner and A G M	18th March 2006

FROM THE PRESS OFFICER

THE CENTENARY DINNER by Michel Hooper-Immins

Sir Frederick Treves, who was taught in Dorchester by William Barnes and later became King Edward VII's famous surgeon, was the first president of the Dorchester Old Grammarians 100 years ago. They had first met in 1904 at the King's Arms in Dorchester, with writer Thomas Hardy as the guest. The association of old boys has continued for 100 years through the establishment of Hardye's School in 1929 and then with the new Thomas Hardy School from 1992.

A record 160 Old Hardyeans attended the landmark centenary dinner of the Hardyeans Club. Held in the sixth form centre at Thomas Hardy School and served by students, there was again wide praise

for the quality of the meal.

Guest speaker was distinguished Old Hardyeans Rt. Rev. Stephen Venner, Bishop of Dover. In a humorous and topical speech, he talked of his time at Hardye's School in the sixties, always keen on music and art. "Teaching citizenship in its widest sense was an important aspect of our education," he told the gathering. "I too am impressed by the modern Thomas Hardye School's results, but also by what the school is adding to the lives of its pupils. Looking back at my schooldays, I perhaps appreciated most the gift of space, the opportunity to ask what your future life would be. The teachers gave us space, time and encouragement."

He remembered going to school from Weymouth by train every morning and having to choose between the 8.15am diesel and the 8.25am steam train! The steamer would sometimes stall in Ridgeway Tunnel and result in a late arrival at class. Bishop Venner spoke of his life and career, beginning as a teenager in Weymouth and now in a "hugely rewarding job" as the Archbishop of Canterbury's assistant. "The whole world comes to Canterbury."

"Old Hardyeans make an enormous contribution to the community," he concluded to great applause, "we all owe a lot to the school that nourished us."

Thomas Hardye School headmaster since 1988, Dr Iain Melvin warmly welcomed Old Hardyeans to the School. "We are top of every league table Tony Blair can create," continued the headmaster, "and keep expanding. We now have over 2,200 students here and there are further plans to enlarge the buildings. Thank you for continuing to support the school."

Nonagenarian George Foley, the club's oldest member, cut the centenary birthday cake and all diners enjoyed a slice with their coffee. He had studied at Dorchester Grammar School in South Street from 1925 and transferred to the new Hardye's School in Culliford Road in 1929. George now lives at Royston in Hertfordshire.

Club president John Pearson proposed the loyal toast and the toast to "the School." Past president Gordon Crocker proposed the toast to absent friends. A spontaneous toast was begun by Richard Samms, drinking to the good health of retired schoolmaster Peter Lewendon.

At the earlier Annual General Meeting, many tributes were made to the retiring Club secretary. "Colin Lucas has served as school governor, president, chairman and secretary of the Hardyeans Club," president John Pearson told the annual general meeting. "His whole life is dedicated to Dorchester. He is the lynch pin around which the club has revolved." "Colin Lucas has done so much for the club and the school," echoed chairman Bob Rench "and we thank him for all his work with the Hardyeans Club Charitable Trust as well." These were two of many fulsome tributes paid to Colin Lucas on his retirement as club secretary. He was presented with two handsome decanters and two bottles to fill them!

Retired senior policeman Tony Day, clerk to the governors at Thomas Hardye School, was elected as the new secretary of the Old Hardyeans Club.

Treasurer Ken Pearce had moved to Barton-on-Sea and with no replacement in view, Colin Lucas continues temporarily to look after the finances until a permanent successor is found.

In his annual report, chairman Bob Rench spoke of his delight that the Remembrance Day parade, where the whole school of about 2,200 stands at the memorial gates, was covered by both regional television companies for the first time.

President John Pearson thanked newsletter editors Peter and Heather Foster for all their much appreciated efforts.

Peter Lewendon continues to organise the monthly lunch on the last Thursday of the month at Dorchester Conservative Club, where Old Hardyeans are always welcome.

The new centenary tie, costing £10, was unveiled, a smart addition to the wardrobe of all Old Hardyans.

The Charitable Trust had given £6,000 in grants to eight students entering university. A "last night of the Proms" concert at the school on 2 July will be the Trust's principal fundraising event this year. John Pearson was elected chairman of the Trust in succession to Gordon Crocker.

Bob Rench was re-elected Chairman of the Hardyans Club. The committee includes Alfred Barrett, Gordon Crocker, Tony Foot, Andrew Gillett, Clinton Grassby, Michel Hooper-Immins, Pat Pollard, Peter Powell, John Stephenson and Jack Westlake. Felicity Murray is Minutes Secretary.

Photographs:



1. Hardyans Club president John Pearson [left] presents one of two decanters to retiring secretary Colin Lucas [centre.] New secretary Tony Day [right] holds the second decanter.

2. Rt. Rev. Stephen Venner, Bishop of Dover [centre] with headmaster Dr. Iain Melvin [right] and Hardyans Club president John Pearson [left.]

Photographs by Michel Hooper-Immins. NB More photographs of the occasion appear on the club website.

FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

The Hardyans Centenary Dinner that took place at the school on Saturday 19th March was a resounding success and all involved in its organisation deserve congratulations. It was suitably well attended with the Sixth Form Centre struggling to cope with over 150 guests and our catering and serving staff tested to the limit. It is a tribute to the organization and skill of Mrs Thompson, Mr Machin and their teams that they coped superbly. The centenary birthday cakes (numbers necessitated two!) were a particular testimony to the skill of the former carrying the design of the school and the Hardyans crest. Many colleagues brought memorabilia and there were two small exhibitions of photographs. The atmosphere reflected the event – sparkling with enthusiasm and memories.

Stephen Venner, the Bishop of Dover was a quite exceptional guest. His words were enthralling and gave us all a perspective on the importance of education and the need for organisations such as the Hardyans to maintain their positive and supportive relationship with schools.

The event also marked a milestone in the contribution of Colin Lucas who retired as Secretary of the Club. I have known Colin during all my tenure as Head of the school. He has been unstinting in his support and totally positive in his attitude to the changes that have taken place. I am very grateful to him and he along with others deserves all of our gratitude for sustaining the Hardyans in somewhat difficult times and developing the flourishing organisation we have today.

Before leaving the Dinner I must mention the remarkable tribute that was paid by so many ex-students

to Peter Lewendon. The spontaneous rendition of 'For He's A Jolly Good Fellow' was a moment of great emotion which struck even the fifteen sixth form students present. Peter was and is a remarkable teacher and to use a phrase that is now deeply unfashionable – a remarkable 'schoolmaster'. We may never see his like again.

Within the school this is a time of tension and expectation, the demands of coursework and preparation for examinations becomes all consuming. The expectation upon the school in terms of results is immense, after so long at the top. Every strategy and tactic is brought into play to try and maintain our position – time will tell.

I am once again grateful to the Trustees of the Hardyens Charity for making an excellent decision at their meeting on 6th May and awarding their annual bursary to a very deserving student. As ever it was a difficult decision but I can assure all Hardyens that the support has gone to a student who is in need and will use it wisely. The school continues to be grateful to the Club for their exceptional support of this Trust.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you of 'The Last Night of the Proms' at 7.30pm on Saturday Second of July in aid of the Trust. This concert and firework display should be a wonderful event, tickets are available from the school (010305 266064).

Finally, I must end upon a sad note. Mr Peter Aiken, Chairman of the Thomas Hardye Trust and a Governor of the School recently died. Mr Aiken was a very strong supporter of the school and as Chairman of the Trust was responsible for guiding a charity and tradition that stretches back well over 400 years. He was not an old boy of the school but without his support and wisdom the school would not have the financial and educational strength it boasts of today. He will be greatly missed.

REMINDER

There must now be many more club members who have Internet connections and could receive the newsletter by e-mail. If you know of anyone please pass the word and ask them to let Tony Day know by e-mail at : secretary@hardyensclub.com

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS - UPDATE

In some cases we do not have complete records on file, especially e-mail, fax and telephone details. It would be a great help if members could complete the following form and mail it to: The Secretary, Hardyens Club, c/o Clerk to the Governors, Thomas Hardye School, Queen's Avenue, Dorchester, DT1 2ET or E-mail the details to the Secretary at : secretary@hardyensclub.com

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I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER (tick one)

BY POST [] BY E-MAIL []

LONDON DINNER - TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2005

Hugh GRIFFITHS has made arrangements for the London Dinner on 1st November 2005 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 TO ATTEND.

LONDON DINNER BOOKING FORM

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

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Please send. ticket(s) for the Hardyans' London Dinner on 1st November 2005, for which I enclose ?., by cheque, payable to H. D. Griffiths (?30.00 per head) Please help Hugh by sending a stamped, addressed envelope..