

# *The Hardyens' Club Newsletter*

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## **HARDYEANS BEAT THOMAS HARDYE SCHOOL BY ONLY FIVE RUNS IN CLOSE RUN CONTEST**

*Hardyens XI 179-9, Thomas Hardy School XI 174-8*

In the dramatic final two overs, Thomas Hardy School needed just ten runs to win with four wickets left, in the annual cricket match against the Hardyens Club. A School victory seemed certain. However, tight bowling by the experienced old boys resulted in the School XI still needing five to win off the last ball. A fine stumping by Nick Roe saw the Hardyens Club secure victory by the slender margin of just five runs.

Despite heavy downpours the previous day, the outfield was dry and the sun shone all afternoon, which made for an excellent day's cricket. As tradition dictates, the old boys batted first, but were soon in trouble losing Dorchester CC Captain Simon Mitchell early for one, to a sharp delivery from George Foot. James Dunham [31] and Josh Foot [27] batted sensibly, putting on 50 for the next wicket. A mid order collapse then followed with Matt Porter, Sam Roles, Steve Clifford and Dan Belt all going cheaply. A late revival by Martin Richards [34 not out] and Simon Joslin [29] took the Hardyens to a respectable 179-9 off the full 30 overs. The School had bowled well in batting-friendly conditions- Nick MacCloud was the pick of the bowlers, taking 2-19 from his six overs. George Foot took 2-30 and Dan Stephens 2-26.

After a superb tea, Thomas Hardye School set about the challenging total with gusto, opens Ben Macklin [31] and Jonny Stewart [51] putting on 70 for the first wicket in just nine overs. Orlando Bailey [43] played well in the middle order, with George Foot [13] hitting a huge six into the School. The introduction of off-spin however turned the game, with Josh Foot taking 2-34 and Sam Roles 2-27. Two sharp run outs also helped the Hardyens' cause. Needing just ten to win off the last two overs with four wickets left, it seemed a School victory was certain. Tight bowling meant that they still needed five to win off the last ball. A fine stumping by Nick Roe saw the Hardyens Club secure victory by the wafer thin margin of just five runs, with the School at 174-8.

"This was an excellent performance by a young School team, who pushed our experienced Hardyens Club side to the very last ball," comments Hardyens' captain Tony Foot. "Despite very few cricket fixtures on the calendar these days, due to other school pressures, Head of Sport Geraint Hughes continues to produce cricketers of real skill and composure."

At the end of the annual fixture, Hardyens Club President Tony Day presented the Colin Lucas Cup to old boys captain Tony Foot, playing for the 41<sup>st</sup> year since leaving Hardye's School in 1976.

#### Photographic detail

*The Hardyens Club and Thomas Hardye School teams: [left to right:] Harry Dike [Umpire,] James Dunham, Tony Foot, Josh Foot, Sam Roles, Simon Mitchem, Martyn Richards, Dan Belt, Simon Joslin, Tony Day [Old Hardyens President,] Ben Macklin, George Foot, Orlando Bailey, Oliver Osborne, Jonny Stewart, Sam Critchell, Nick Roe, Dan Stephens, Nick MacCloud, Matthew Porter, Will Morgan, Dave Webb, Steve Clifford, Charlie Chaldicott, Frank Dike [Umpire.]  
Photograph by Michel Hooper-Immins.*

## Forthcoming Club and other events

**Remembrance Commemoration Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017** The Annual commemoration will take place at the School Gates, Queen's Avenue from 10.30am. All welcome. Tea / coffee usually available afterwards in the Headteacher's office.

**Monthly Lunches** have recommenced at the Poet Laureate, Pummery Square, Poundbury on last Thursdays of the month, next ones are October 26<sup>th</sup>, November 30<sup>th</sup>. There is free car parking. We hope to see as many of you as possible for a very informal get together from 12.30pm. All are welcome, younger or older, ladies and men, and do please bring your guests.

**The Christmas Lunch** will again be at the **Colliton Club** in Dorchester, on **Friday 15 December**. With its convivial hospitality, the Colliton Club has been the venue for two years already and one attraction is the range of splendid real ales on offer. Please see end of this edition for the **Menu and booking details**

**Annual Dinner 2018 will be on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018** - full details in next issue.



## *From the Headteacher*

It is hard to believe but we are within a week of half-term; what happened to summer? We were exceptionally pleased with our examination results, particularly since this was the first year of some fairly radical changes to the curriculum. It also marked a change from letters to numbers for GCSE maths and English, with other subjects to follow in 2018 and 2019. Woodroffe School had marginally better results at GCSE but we remain the outstanding A Level centre in Dorset and indeed much further afield. Our A Level results consistently place us in the top 10% of schools in the country, continuing a long tradition of outstanding post-16 education at Hardy's.

We welcomed 450 new students into Year 9 and turned away many more who would have liked a place. Several of our feeder schools have expanded to accommodate the local growth in housing and the next 'bulge' will hit us in 2020. We also welcomed 350 students into the Sixth Form from almost 30 different schools as far away as Poole.

Performing arts and sport are the heartbeat of any school. The most outstanding achievement from last year was winning the Natwest Vase at Twickenham but I should also point out that we have a very successful equestrian team. We have had several teams competing at Bicton Manor over the summer and we have qualified for the National Schools Equestrian Association Championships at Addington Manor during half-term. On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November we have our annual concert at St Mary's Church with the Imperial College Symphony Orchestra (tickets £10). Forty students took part in an expedition to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands over the summer supporting valuable community projects and drawing rave accolades from local people. We look forward to another exciting and successful year.

Best wishes

**Mike Foley**

Headteacher

## **Thomas Hardy School Community Lectures**

**Community Lectures** take place at the **School Theatre**, These lectures are free but tickets must be booked with the school, call in or Tel: 01305 266064

The latest Community Lecture, the 2017 Clinton Grassby Memorial Lecture "Saving Our Bumblebees", took place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. The next one shown in the School Calendar is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm. "Climate Change, Dolphins, Spaceships and Antimicrobial Resistance: The Impact of Bubble Acoustics," Professor Tim Leighton FREng FRS, University of Southampton. Do check the School website for further information.

### **'Any Questions' visits Thomas Hardy School**

On Friday September 15<sup>th</sup> Thomas Hardy School was the venue for a Live Broadcast of 'Any Questions' for BBC Radio 4. The Panel and Jonathan Dimbleby arrived around 6.30pm. They were greeted by sixth form students and head teacher Mike Foley. The Panel members were: Caroline Flint - MP for Don Valley; Vince Cable - Leader of the Liberal Democrats; Simon Boyd - Local Businessman; Sir Patrick McLoughlin - Conservative Party Chairman.

[ More details of the BBC visit on the School website in the News section ]

## *Chairman's Notes from Godfrey Lancashire*

### **Letter from your Chairman**

Dear Friends,

I hope you all enjoyed a great summer wherever you were, whatever the weather.

First, I would like to say welcome to our 300 new members who have just joined us since leaving school last term. You are now full members of The Hardyans' Club and as a result will receive our regular newsletters by email. Please remember to advise us of any change to your email address!

You are also most welcome to join us at our Christmas Lunch and Annual Dinner at school in March, more news later, and these occasions are a great way to keep in touch and meet up with your friends and contemporaries.

To all members, old and new, I am also writing to advise you of some changes to membership eligibility. For far too long now we have been staring at the obvious but just continued as we always did – waiting for leavers to apply to join rather than, as many other schools, automatically enrolling anyone who has ever been to school (unless of course they do not wish it)

Therefore with immediate effect all leavers will automatically become full members of The Club. There will no longer be any need for “associate members”. Also your Council has agreed to immediately abolish all membership fees. Simply, with all communication now electronic we have very little cost and all social events are budgeted to break even.

Therefore if any member wishes to cancel their membership standing order, please do so. If on the other hand you might wish to continue your £5 pa then please accept from me thanks, on behalf of the school, as any such fees and any surplus including old life membership fees will be used to help school from time to time eg helping to buy equipment or to boost our own charitable funds to assist students in financial hardship. Either way, we understand.

To everyone, do please remember to email the editor or me with any news of yourself or other former students, is there any topical news, any educational, career or sporting achievement? we always love to hear from you, it is after all your newsletter.

Do please remember to advise us of any changes to your email address, we are not mind readers – the onus is on you.

Finally, congratulations to all students who sat A levels this year and achieved such remarkable success.

Very best wishes,

*Godfrey*

*Treasurer's Report* : The Club's Annual Financial Report for 2016 is available if anyone would like to e-mail Alan Brown to ask for a copy. [alan@ajbrown1946.plus.com](mailto:alan@ajbrown1946.plus.com)

### *Membership Update*

Since the last newsletter was published **Owen Davies** has been retrieved from the Lost Legion after getting in touch with Bob Rench. Welcome Back!

**Recruitment** Do you know any sons and daughters, or indeed mothers or fathers who went to the school who would like to join – sign them up !

This includes former students of Dorchester Grammar School for Boys which became Hardye's, Dorchester Secondary Modern, Dorchester Grammar School for Girls (The Green School), and Castlefield, all of whom contribute to the origins of the modern Thomas Hardye School. Dorchester.

### *Hardyeans' Club contacts*

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[www.facebook.com/groups/Hardyeans](http://www.facebook.com/groups/Hardyeans) is the official Club facebook page for news of Club members and friends. and check out the School site [www.facebook.com/thomashardyeschool](http://www.facebook.com/thomashardyeschool) which links into the main school website [www.thomas-hardye.net](http://www.thomas-hardye.net) on which can be found news of events at the school including the Community Lectures.

See also [www.facebook.com/groups/452234394961667/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/452234394961667/) for news of Dorchester Secondary Modern; Thomas Hardye School Dorchester, Dorset. There are other Thomas Hardye School-related facebook sites.

**Your Newsletter** – Thank you to those who have commented favourably on the newsletter's new look – **please let us know** what features you would like to see in it. It will evolve with time. Our newsletter is now only sent by email but can always be viewed on our website. We value your contributions, ideas and suggestions. Remember, it's *your* newsletter.

## You Write

First of all many thanks to **Kevin Kibbey** who responded to Bob Rench's Membership Report in the last Newsletter by doing some sleuthing and re-establishing contact with Owen Davies and Tim King. Sadly Howard Charter is believed to have passed away in October 2015. However Revd Philip Hewett is still with us, in Vancouver] The main problem with other Lost Legion members seems to have been email providers such as Demon and Orange withdrawing their services.

As the Chairman says above it is vitally important that contact details are kept up to date, and the onus is on you to make sure we have the right information. Many thanks to those members who have been in touch.

### ***A big welcome to Col Rob Davie, who has recently joined the Club and writes:***

*I was at Hardye's from 73 to 77. Having retired from the Army in 2014, my home is in Salisbury. .. my background is laid out in the attached [See Below]. I also had the great honour in 2014 of conducting the school's CCF Inspection; this was an occasion I hugely enjoyed and I was superbly looked after by the Headteacher and all of the team.*



*Many thanks.  
Regards*

Colonel (Retd) Rob Davie

Late Adjutant General's Corps (Royal Military Police)

Colonel Rob Davie was born in 1959, educated at Hardye's School and Loughborough University, where he read Economics with Political Science and served in East Midlands UOTC and 15 PARA(V). He commissioned into The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment in 1981, serving with 1 D and D in GB, Germany, Kenya and Northern Ireland. Post transfer to the RAEC in 1985, he served at Junior

Leaders Regiment RA and then 1 PARA, including again in Northern Ireland. Still somewhat fickle in his 20s, post Junior Command and Staff Course he transferred to RMP in 1989 and became Second in Command 176 Provost Company, Londonderry. Initially in Acting rank, he commanded 170 Provost Company, Edinburgh, also becoming Close Protection trained, and then 115 Provost Company, Osnabruck, before becoming SO2 Provost 1<sup>st</sup> (UK) Armoured Division, a post that became double-hatted as Second in Command 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Royal Military Police. 1 RMP deployed on Op RESOLUTE in 1996 and won the Wilkinson Sword of Peace. In 1997 he became SO2 Manning Policy, focused on future structures, in the Directorate of Manning (Army), returned to Northern Ireland in 1999, as Second in Command 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Royal Military Police, then returned to Upavon in 2000 as SO2 Operations in Provost Marshal (Army).

On promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in 2001 he became the first Commanding Officer of 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Royal Military Police. His tour saw 5 RMP conduct a deployment to the Oman, 3 sub unit 'surge' deployments to the Balkans and deployment back to the Gulf in January 2003 for Op TELIC 1, where his Regiment became Joint and he was double-hatted as the Joint Force Provost Marshal. In late 2003 he returned to Provost Marshal (Army), as SO1 Force Development. Following a further TELIC tour, as Provost Marshal Multi-National Division (South East), he assumed the appointment of SO1 Plans Regional Forces at HQ LAND in 2005. In late 2007 he deployed on Op HERRICK as Provost Marshal Regional Command (South). In 2008

he became Provost Marshal 4<sup>th</sup> Division and SO1 Resilience, and, subsequently, on promotion, Deputy Chief of Staff 4<sup>th</sup> Division, before being appointed Provost Marshal Allied Rapid Reaction Corps in late 2009. In early 2011 he deployed on Op HERRICK again, as Provost Marshal ISAF Joint Command. On completion of his 9<sup>th</sup> operational tour he was delighted and honoured to assume the appointment of Colonel Adjutant General's Corps in August 2011; also appointed ADC, he enjoyed the immense privilege, as Corps Colonel and Head of Arm, of representing the some 9000 Regular and 1000 Reserve serving members of the Corps. On retirement in May 2014 he commenced an FTRS (HC) RSG Commitment as SO1 Organisation in Directorate Army Legal Services in Army Headquarters, Andover.

He has gained a postgraduate Diploma in Management Studies from Kingston Business School, Membership of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development and a Masters in Security and Risk Management from the University of Leicester. He is married to Clare, who works as the EA to the CEO of SWAN, an advocacy charity, their home is in Salisbury, and they have 2 daughters, Jemma, post Exeter University is now at the Met Office and Sophie, post Durham University, is now in London with PwC. His leisure interests remain primarily sporting, having played rugby and soccer at Corps level. He runs, cycles and swims and occasionally still tries to keep up with his daughters at orienteering.

**Mike Stabler** writes:

I was at the school between 1945 and 1952. Just to confirm I am still around at age 82.

Briefly, my history from when I left was quite simple. After National Service in the RAF (1952-1954) I worked in the then Surveyors Department In Dorchester for two years before spending 8 years in commercial management. Finally I became an academic after obtaining a degree in Economics and Statistics at Southampton University as a mature student. I joined the University of Reading as a lecturer in 1968, specialising in environmental economics, retiring in 1992, but continuing as a Research Fellow writing and publishing papers and books on my chosen topic until 2010.

I would like to inform you that sadly, my cousin, **Roger Parker**, five years younger than me, who also joined the then Dorchester Grammar School, being notable for his sporting skills, died after a lengthy illness on 9<sup>th</sup> April this year aged 78.

Yours sincerely  
Mike J.Stabler

### *Press Officer gleanings from Michel Hooper-Immins*

A few members have been in touch with Michel over the last few months.

**Ian Carr** from Williamsburgh, Virginia, wrote in June

Dear Michel, as I was putting together a possible submission to the next Hardye's NewsLetter, discussing the unique sets of cards Mother Nature deals us, I came across your contribution in the Dorset Echo obituary of Leonard Burt.

Leonard was one of my class-mates at St, John's Church Elementary School.

Back-then, when we were less than 10 years old, he already displayed his natural leadership qualities, and I remember him vividly. I was usually the youngest-in class; I now realise Leonard was less than 6 months older than I was.

When I lucked out in the 11-plus I was still 9, but Leonard was still 10.

I went on to DGS. Leonard went on to the Central School, on Cromwell Rd., in Westham; apparently he then went to the South Dorset Technical School, near WGS?

Obviously, in spite of the stratification-by-snap-shot of the 11-plus Leonard just couldn't be held back and I was as impressed by him back-then as much as you Penny Streeters were. (I lived across the William St. hill by St.John's, at 10 Waterloo Place. Memories..!)

Best wishes,

**Ian Carr** (1942-51)

*Michel responded by sending Ian some present-day photos of the area where he used to live in Weymouth*

**Julian Ross** wrote in July

I will be visiting UK (from Australia) in September and would like to meet up with old friends (and new). I understand that there is a regular lunch date on last Thursday of the month which I would like to attend.

Old friends include: Roger Gould who I have tried to contact through Facebook but not received a reply, Mike Warby, Keith Allard, Ray Bartlett, Roger Bonfield, Richard Todd & Simon Frampton. I have seen Roger Gould and Mike Warby 5-6 years ago but ago but none of the others since school.

Please contact me and let me know of any other events where I may say "hello" to other members.

Regards Julian (59-64)

*[Editor: It was great to see you at the September Lunch at the Poet Laureate in Poundbury]*

**Michael Stanton** The attached from the Daily Telegraph was sent to me for interest from my brother Kent Stanton residing in Cornwall. I was at Hardye's in the late fifties and was of the opinion that the Weymouth students came to Hardye's as a privilege. How wrong I was. I wonder how many other of my contemporaries thought the same. Worthy of a mention in the next newsletter I daresay or even contact the author Roy Hawkes.

Thanking you

Mike Stanton (Wollaston 1956-58)

Transcript of Roy Hawkes' Letter to the Telegraph:

Privilege and Penalties of Travelling First Class-

Sir - In the Thirties, Weymouth grammar school did not accept the sons of tradesmen.

Consequently, a large number of us travelled daily by rail to Dorchester, where the local grammar school was less choosy. At peak travel times - in order to relieve congestion in the corridors, and on promise of good behaviour - the train guards would shepherd us into the otherwise empty first-class compartments. In subsequent years my late brother, a commander in the Navy, applied the same principle while commuting to the Admiralty in civilian clothes on the Brighton line. As you reported at the time, he was fined a considerable sum. How vindicated he would feel now.

Roy Hawkes, Devon

**Michel** commented:

...I was a Weymouth boy that came up to Hardye's [1958-65] on the train, 8.15am or 8.25am and we always thought we were superior to the plebs who went to Weymouth Grammar School!

**Jonathan Pullen** (1958-65) also saw Roy Hawkes' letter in the Telegraph, forwarded to him by fellow Hardyean Adrian Stear (1948-57), :

Just a footnote to Roy Hawkes' recent DT letter, firstly concerned with tradesmen's sons being considered ineligible for entry to pre WW2 Weymouth Grammar School. I met Monica TARRIER -in the news recently in respect of a 'Wrens' gathering in Greenhill Gardens... She claimed that Roy H. should have referred to Weymouth College which closed in 1940. Apparently, Weymouth College accepted sons of tradesmen as

boarders but not as day boys. Whether this is correct, I know not but it seems more feasible than Weymouth Grammar School.

I vaguely remember Wellingborough School named one of its houses 'Weymouth' so I suppose some boys transferred thither following the closure of Weymouth College. Still going, apparently. <http://www.wellingboroughschool.org/Weymouth-House>

Thanks to all correspondents – your letters and emails always welcome! - Editor

## *THS staff* – pen portrait –



***Mrs Natasha Bousfield is Deputy Headteacher*** with overall responsibility for the Sixth Form. She is in charge of the strategic leadership of Post 16 provision in addition to other whole school responsibilities. She teaches History, Sociology and Government and Politics.

I have been at THS since September 2014 as Deputy Headteacher. Before this I was Vice Principal at the John Madjeski Academy for 2 years, promoted internally from Assistant Head, and Director of Sixth Form before that. In total I was at JMA for 7 years.

Originally born in Birmingham, where I lived until my parents relocated to Swindon when I was 16 years of age. (I then returned to the University of Birmingham to study Modern History and Political Science)

I absolutely loved school and enjoyed every subject however my favourites were History, Graphics and English Literature.

My parents often remind me that as a young child I would pretend to be a teacher of a make believe class and mark invisible work! However later on as a teenager I was convinced I would join up to the Police Force after university. Yet when the time came I decided that shift work wasn't for me and was advised by my University lecturer that I'd be well suited to a career in education and that I could make a real difference to young people's lives. It seemed like the right thing to do.

As a busy mother of 3 the majority of my time outside school is spent with my young family enjoying the great outdoors or elbow deep in paint, glue or some other crafty medium.

I am also a long suffering Birmingham City fan after being indoctrinated from an early age by my father. I have carried on this tradition with my own children, with my daughter often asking the question "why do we support a team that loses so much?".

**How former students 'Old Boys' (and Girls) can help with career advice for those about to leave school**  
Former Old Hardyeans are a fantastic help in preparing students for the world of work. The one to one interviews and guidance they offer gives students a unique opportunity to practise vital interview skills. Also the success and life stories of old Hardyeans has helped to raise aspirations and widen students horizons to the vast range of career paths available. Not to mention the vast experience of Old Hardyeans and their connections with a huge array of different employment sectors.

### **Current successes at Thomas Hardy School**

The ethos of the school of relentless optimism and learning being at the centre of everything we do means there are so many successes. However I am particularly proud of the hard work and achievements of the Sixth form team, teachers and students for continuing year on year to raise standards. This year we have achieved an ALPS 3 year T score of 2, which shows that we have provided outstanding provision consistently and are within the top 10% of schools nationally for student progress; a truly amazing achievement especially considering the amount of students we work with and the comprehensive nature of our intake.

*Julia Moore, Chairman of the Hardyans Club Charitable Trust, writes with news of some of the students helped by the Trust*

Last year, for the first time, the Hardyans Club Charitable Trust was approached by two former students, both at university, who had applied and been accepted on very interesting and worthwhile internships. The trustees, aware that it is often young people with connections who manage to participate in internships, were only too pleased to be able to help these young people with their requests for financial assistance. This summer we received another request for an ex student in a similar situation. Below please find their thoughts about their experiences in Beijing, Palm Beach County, Florida and Kosovo. I am sure that you will agree that through these young people some of the money in the Trust was put to very good use.

Julia Moore  
Chair, HCCA

*Recipient One:* I am currently a BA Journalism student at Brunel University London and I was fortunate enough to gain a prestigious place on an internship with CRCC Asia and was given the opportunity to live with people from all over the world on a two month work placement in Beijing over the summer.

For the first month I also was given intensive Mandarin lessons which allowed me to fully integrate with the incredible culture across China, lessons that I am continuing at Brunel University. I worked with two media companies, giving me a broad spectrum of media in China. These internships allowed me to not only further my career, but put the skills I have learned in University into real world practice. I was also able to attend the Foreign Correspondents Club and network with Journalists from the top news companies in the world who gave me invaluable advice. During my weekends I was able to travel around China with my new friends. I explored Shanghai where I learned the difference in culture and environment to Beijing, and also Dandong in the North East of China along the North Korean border. Each place I visited increased my love for this incredible country and the people that live there and welcomed myself and my peers so completely.

The one experience that truly stands out is my time hiking on the Great Wall of China. We were fortunate enough to hike a part that was completely empty and I cannot describe the beauty of this incredible monument I honestly never thought I would be so lucky to see.

I want to thank the Hardyans Club Charitable Trust for their more than generous donation that enabled me to go on the experience of a lifetime. I really could not have gone without you.

*Recipient Two* Last spring I applied to be a fellow on an internship programme run by the Florida Democratic Party, and after submitting a series of written answers and two online interviews I successfully received a placement in Palm Beach County. Living with a host family, one of whom was a paid staffer with the Democrats, I worked 6 days a week (sometimes 7) in a large office environment which covered a section of this large and highly populated county.

My work largely orientated around two tasks: registering voters and building up a large local network of volunteers.

Registering voters was seen as a crucial task for the summer, meeting the autumn deadline, and ensuring all likely Democratic voters were able to vote. This meant working with groups with historically lower voter turnout - Hispanic, African-American and LGBT communities. This meant holding large public events (such as on July 4th) and attending community groups, such as at local mosques and LGBT rights groups.

Organising volunteers was seen as crucial to building a strong campaign team for the final weeks of the campaign in October and November. This meant calling upon volunteers from previous elections, but also reaching out to new individuals who could help the campaign team. Part of the

ethos of the office was to “organise yourself out of a job”, the simple idea being that you establish a network of volunteers who are able to self-sufficiently campaign in their neighbourhoods. The work proved very engaging and exhausting. Everyday conversations with Americans helped me gain far greater insight into the politics of the United States, whilst also offering inspiring stories as to why people got involved with a political campaign. I also acquired a wealth of IT knowledge when learning to use a complex piece of data collection software. My confidence was also strengthened by working with a team of people I had previously not know. Finally, I felt very much enthused to become more involved in politics in the future, especially in campaigning and election strategy.

I hope this information begins to explain what my internship involved. If there is any other information I can provide you and the HCCA with then do get in touch. I am always keen to get back involved at Hardye’s, as the school helped and pushed me so much during my short time studying there. I am still fairly flexible with my time, and if ever required can be back in Dorset to work with students or similar in any way that may be of help!

*Recipient Three:* Between the 12th and the 22nd of July I had the pleasure of attending the Kosovo International Summer Academy (KSA), in Pristina, Kosovo, with support from the Hardyans Trust. KSA is an annual programme aimed at increasing understanding of post-conflict peacebuilding and statebuilding, as well as of the unique predicament Kosovo finds itself in. Kosovo, formerly part of Yugoslavia, then Serbia, declared independence in 2008 and is thus Europe’s youngest country, though the war fought there in the 1990s and poor relations with Serbia still overshadow much of their progress. KSA brought together local academics and government officials as well as representatives of the international organisations operating in Kosovo (the European Union, OSCE). As someone who intends to write my dissertation on the situation of Bosnia since the war there in the 1990s, and who hopes to potentially study in the former Yugoslavia in the future, this opportunity proved invaluable.

At this summer academy we were able to hear from and ask questions of officials including several government ministers, a former President of Kosovo and former President of the Constitutional Court, as well as the heads of the OSCE’s mission in Kosovo and the European Union Rule of Law mission. This was an insightful experience that meant I could understand in far greater depth the difficulties facing the post-conflict states in the Balkans, where the hangover from the wars of the 1990s is still very present. A visit to Mitrovica, a divided city in northern Kosovo made this very visible. Mitrovica, sat across a river, is divided between a northern, Serb-dominated part, and a southern Albanian-dominated part. The tensions in Mitrovica represent merely the tip of the iceberg in the wider region.

I also had the opportunity to meet not only Kosovars, and discuss with them the realities of living in a state only partially recognised - they cannot, as a very simple example, visit Spain, as Spain does not recognise Kosovo’s independence nor the passports the government issues - but meet other students and young people from around the world, and understand their perspectives on the processes of reconstruction and reconciliation that Kosovo is striving towards.

This opportunity, to visit Kosovo, attend KSA and learn in more depth about a conflict and its tensions that are ongoing on our continent to this day, is one that I have found invaluable, for it will no doubt help my further studies, as well as give me an understanding I would not have achieved from just reading a book. For the support of the Hardyans with this I am very grateful.

## *OBITUARIES* - contributed by members

### **Norman Baker 1924-2017**

Norman Baker was a member of Staff at Hardye's School from 1975 to about 1989, teaching Science.

I am sorry to have to tell you that Norman died on Monday evening, 2nd October. He was 93. He had been unwell for a very short time, and slipped away peacefully, and with dignity. He had been living near us in Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire for about two and a half years, and really enjoyed his care home.

Cremation service was due to be held in Amersham, Bucks on Tuesday 17th October.

**On Saturday 4th November at 2.30pm**, there will be a Celebration of Life service at St Mary's, Winterborne Stickland, Dorset followed by the interment of ashes (family only), and refreshments at the nearby Crown Inn in Winterborne Stickland from about 3.30pm onwards. Once again, all are welcome.

In case any Old Boys would like to come, and for the sake of planning numbers for refreshments, could people please let me know by e-Mail if they plan to come along, partners or spouses welcome. *[Please contact the Editor for email details]*

We would be more than happy to see any pupils (or staff) you can think of who Norman taught, or ideally were in his Tutor Group at some point.

If anyone would like to post any online memories or amusing stories about Norman, they can do so here, and there is an opportunity to donate to a charity close to Norman's heart :

[http://memorials.hcgrimsteadfuneraldirectors.co.uk/memorial/02-10-2017-NormanLeonard-Baker?\\_ga=2.145731508.1004385615.1507205917-1089642145.1506019876](http://memorials.hcgrimsteadfuneraldirectors.co.uk/memorial/02-10-2017-NormanLeonard-Baker?_ga=2.145731508.1004385615.1507205917-1089642145.1506019876)

Kind regards,  
Martin Baker (son)

**Ian Liddiard** passed away at the beginning of September 2017. Remembered with sadness by friends including Godfrey Lancashire, who says 'I was quite a good friend of Ian "crab" Liddiard who was a good sportsman and his parents used to come and watch all the matches, lived on the Came estate. I even visited him at college in Oxford but then lost contact. The nickname 'crab' was because Ian could form a crab bending his body backwards in gym !'

**Roger Parker (1950–55)** died earlier this year at the age of 78. [Cousin of Michael Stabler, see You Write]

**The Club extends sincere condolences to the family and friends of those mentioned above**

## *In and Around the School*

Following 1610's decision to withdraw from managing the sports facilities on the Thomas Hardye School site, the school will be directly managing all bookings for the following: Two Sports Halls; Two Activity Studios; Grass Pitches; Classrooms for training

All will be available to the public from 6pm to 9pm on weekday evenings and 9am to 9pm at weekends and during school holidays. Our commitment to community groups using these facilities at preferential rates remains paramount. 1610's management of the sports centre, swimming pool and 3G pitches is unchanged.



### *The Main Pool at the Sports*

**Centre** available for use by public and School, as is the Astroturf all-weather football pitch which is FA-certified for competitive league games



# *Hardyeans Club Christmas Lunch 2017*



**FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER**

**THE COLLITON CLUB, COLLITON PARK,  
DORCHESTER [OPPOSITE COUNTY HALL]  
12.30pm for 1pm.**

The traditional Christmas Lunch is once again at the award-winning Colliton Club in Dorchester, with a choice of all three courses. However, choices must be made in advance and notified on the booking form.

The popular Colliton Club bar will be open, with a choice of six excellent real ales and a large variety of wines and spirits. Wives and partners are most welcome as always.

**Closing date Saturday 9 December– no bookings accepted after this date.**

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU**

### ***STARTERS***

HAND-BREADED HADDOCK GOUJONS  
SOUP OF THE DAY  
DORSET PATE

### ***MAIN COURSE***

ROAST TURKEY OR ROAST BEEF, WITH CARROTS, SPROUTS, PARSNIPS  
and all the seasonal trimmings  
HAZELNUT MUSHROOM BRIE & CRANBERRY WELLINGTON  
served with all the trimmings  
SALMON WITH HOLLANDAISE SAUCE and all the trimmings  
(SUPPLEMENT OF £1.50)

### ***DESSERTS***

CHRISTMAS PUDDING WITH BRANDY SAUCE  
INDIVIDUAL TARTE AU CITRON  
GLUTEN-FREE STRAWBERRY SWIRL CHEESECAKE  
CHEESE AND BISCUITS

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FOLLOWED BY COFFEE OR TEA AND MINTS

**COST: £22.00**

[INCLUDING A GLASS OR TWO OF WINE]

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2017 BOOKING FORM

Name :.....

Home address :.....

Lunch @ £22 No's required :.....

Years at School to [e.g. 1958 to 1965]:.....

### **Please indicate choices and numbers from the menu:**

\*Haddock Goujons..... Soup..... Dorset Pate .....

\*Turkey..... Beef Wellington..... Salmon.....

\*Christmas Pudding..... Tarte au citron..... Cheesecake.....

Cheese & biscuits.....

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

E-mail address for confirmation [and receipt if paying by cheque]:

.....@.....

**CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS AND PAYMENT: SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 2017**

Please make cheques payable to The Hardyans Club, and send to Alan Brown,  
40 Valette Road, Moordown, Bournemouth, 8H9 3JD.

If you wish to pay by Internet Bank Transfer, the bank Sort Code is 30-92-69,  
Account 00403528, Account Name: The Hardyans Club.

Please, if possible, quote your surname as a reference and e-mail Alan Brown at  
alan@ajbrown1946.plus.com to let him know when you have paid and to give him  
your menu choices.

**BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE - NO PAY ON THE DAY!**