

# *The Hardyans' Club Newsletter*

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## HEAD TEACHER SAYS ENGLISH EDUCATION IS HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM IN CHINA - HARDYEANS MEET AGAIN AT THEIR ANNUAL REUNION DINNER



**“Having visited several schools in Shanghai in mid-March- I feel we have plenty to learn from the Chinese, but without any need to feel in awe of their education system or to suffer from any inferiority complex. In fact, I found English education is held in very high esteem,” Thomas Hardye School Head Teacher Mike Foley told the Annual Reunion Dinner of the Hardyans Club.**

Mike Foley had just returned from a trip to China with three other UK Head Teachers, invited to look at the Chinese educational system. He quickly discovered his hosts knew all about the successes of Thomas Hardye School. In a passionate speech, Mr. Foley continued: “The Chinese have problems with creativity and individualism, but do have an amazing hunger for education. In China, becoming a teacher is held in the same esteem as being a doctor. We hope to start a pupil and teacher exchange with China next year.”

“There is a crisis in teacher recruitment in this country, we find it very difficult to bring in good teachers,” Mr. Foley concluded. “We are an outstanding school, but only because we have outstanding people working here! Thomas Hardye School is always looking to go forward and looks to the future, but never forgets where we came from.”

Over 75 pupils and ex-pupils gathered at the Thomas Hardye School's Sixth Form Centre for the Annual Reunion Dinner of the Hardyans, the old boys of

Hardye's School. alongside some former scholars of the Green School [Dorchester Grammar School for Girls] and the Secondary Modern School, as well as students of the modern Thomas Hardye School, all under the wider auspices of the Hardyens Club.

Hardyens President Tony Day rose to welcome the representatives of Thomas Hardye School staff and pupils. "I thank Mike Foley for his most inspiring speech and want to thank members of the Hardyens Club Council for all their work during the year." The President revealed that the Hardyens Club Charitable Trust had awarded 38 bursaries to pupils, totalling £79,000. In the coming year, the bursary will be increased to £1,000 a year and will be awarded to ten or twelve pupils.

Guest speaker Nigel Jones, a Yeovil surveyor living at Cattistock, was Head Boy at Hardye's School in 1974. He recalled it was 50 years since he joined Hardye's Junior School, then at at Wollaston House. He ranged over a number of old school magazines - the *Durnovarian* - from that era, one mentioning that life membership of the Hardyens then cost seven pounds, seven shillings! In 1968, he recalled former Prime Minister Harold Macmillan had been the guest speaker at the annual prize-giving.

Master of Ceremonies and Chairman Godfrey Lancashire oversaw toasts to The Queen, Thomas Hardye School, the Hardyens Club and Absent Friends.

"The Annual Reunion Dinner draws and unites former students from this country and abroad, who travel to Dorchester to meet their contemporaries," comments Hardyens Secretary Michel Hooper-Immins. "I left Hardye's School 52 years ago in 1965, but one of the great successes of the Hardyens old boys' association is that so many of those friendships made over half century ago are still going strong. A dozen of the current school join us and get on well with those who were at Hardye's School 40, 50, 60 or even more years before them. Long may we continue these splendid reunions and remain such firm friends."

*Photo shows: Guest speaker Nigel Jones [right] with Hardyens President Tony Day [centre] and Thomas Hardye School Head Teacher Mike Foley [left.] Photograph by Michel Hooper-Immins.*

## Forthcoming Club and other events

**Monthly Lunches** have recommenced at the Poet Laureate, Pummery Square, Poundbury on last Thursdays of the month, next ones are June 29<sup>th</sup>, July 27<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. **Menu and more information in the September Newsletter**

**Annual Cricket Match** : Club v THS is provisionally scheduled for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, at the Recreation Ground. Please contact Tony Foot for confirmation of venue and to take part: mob 07812516345 or [tonyfoot@maxgateproperties.co.uk](mailto:tonyfoot@maxgateproperties.co.uk)

## Thomas Hardye School Community Lectures

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

The 2016/17 series of Community Lectures has now concluded but do check the School website for further information.

## *From the Headteacher*



No-one reading this newsletter will be surprised to learn that the highlight of the term was the victory for the U-15 team at Twickenham. Indeed, I would go so far as to say it was a career highlight. This is a very special group and the PE staff, unusually for them, were supremely confident that they would be able to win. In fact, the closest we came to losing was in one of the very early rounds away to a team in Cornwall. It was lovely to bump into some Old Hardyans who had made the journey to Twickenham and Tony Day was able to join me in the Royal Box!

Exams have just started - one of those parts of school life that really hasn't changed down through the years. However, it is quite some sight to see a room full of 500 desks. There is huge pressure on students to perform and it is important to remember that this is the most highly tested generation we have ever known. For example, Year 11 students will sit nine papers in science alone, on top of practicals and investigations. This year there will be a change in the way performance is reported - numbers from 1 to 9 in maths and English (where 9 is the highest) but letters for all other subjects. Over three years we will gradually move to numbers for all subjects. I am sure someone somewhere could explain the rationale to me....I just haven't come across them yet.

As I look out the window, Maiden Castle is shimmering in the sunlight. I hope the sun is shining for you wherever you are.

Best wishes

**Mike Foley**

Headteacher



# CONGRATULATIONS!



## NatWest Schools U15 Vase

On Wednesday 10th May, Dorchester's Mayor Cllr Tim Harries gave an official reception for the successful Under 15 rugby team in the Town Hall. [Photo courtesy Town Clerk Adrian Stuart]

The scoreline was 62-7 at Twickenham as the Thomas Hardy School team triumphed over Dr Challoner's Grammar School in the U15 NatWest Vase Final on 29<sup>th</sup> March.



On Tuesday 25th April, Golfers from The Thomas Hardy School went down to compete in the Dorset Schools Golf Competition at Weymouth Golf Club. It was an extremely successful day for Alex Johnston who is now the U16 County Champion, but technically he outscored an U18 opponent making him the best U18 Golfer in Dorset, an outstanding achievement.

The Thomas Hardy School students excel not just in sport but in Performing Arts. The [UK Rock Challenge](#) is a registered charity and gives youngsters the chance to create their own production. This involves coming up with the original concept to the live performance and then perfecting and performing it. The Challenge itself, involves a series of performing arts events which promote healthy life choices. Thousands take part, initially in regional events.

The **Dorset event** was held at the Bournemouth Pavilion Theatre, where more than 1,000 people attended. Ten Dorset schools, including Thomas Hardy, were there to show off their fantastic routines.

Despite fantastic competition from all the schools, the Thomas Hardy School team won First Prize in the Dorset Regional Finals of the event.

At the **Southern Finals** in Portsmouth the THS team gained 6 awards including the following : Creativity; Video; Lighting; Music.

The performances and support were created, arranged and rehearsed by the students themselves, under the guidance of Miss Higgins and Miss Lockwood. As a result The Thomas Hardy School was also awarded for "Student involvement".

All schools at the final had to vote for the "Spirit of Rock Challenge". And again Thomas Hardy was overwhelmingly voted for this award. This was the award the school came home with after the heat in Bournemouth too. [Courtesy of the THS website and Facebook page]

*Lots more news about THS students' achievements can be found on the school website under the School and Community tab – News*

More recently, singers and instrumentalists from the Thomas Hardy School 6<sup>th</sup> Form took part in a *Springtime Recital* at St Peter's Church in Dorchester. This concert was recorded to relay to patients listening to **Ridgeway Radio** in Dorset County Hospital.

## *Chairman's Notes from Godfrey Lancashire*



I was in school on 8<sup>th</sup> March for a Year 9 Careers Day and there was a group photo of all the Hardyans who helped [Photo by Richard Scott, THS]

Once again the School is extremely grateful for members' contributions on the interview panels for years 10 and 12 who all receive a 20 minutes one to one Mock Job Interview.



The students derive huge benefit and the panel also finds the exercise stimulating. There are 400 approx. students in each year so it is a considerable logistical exercise. Well done to Catriona Brady and Katie Taylor, the staff members responsible. This year interviews are again being conducted in July. My thanks to all Club members who have volunteered and so generously given their time.

The Chairman was interested to have news, via Membership Secretary Bob Rench, of Nicholas Lee who was at the school from 1955–62. He has moved from Wiltshire to Bedfordshire. His father Bernard Lee was head of the Junior School at Wollaston House in the 1950's but had to retire due to ill health. Bernard died in December 1989 aged 78. He used to play golf with Godfrey's father, Walter Lancashire

*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 from Bob Rench*

Since the Last newsletter we have been joined by 2 new full members:

**Jeremy F. Pretty** (1957–64) from Broadmayne, Dorchester

**Andy Joslin** (1976–82) from Dorchester

Welcome to them both.

Sadly we have received notification of 1 member who has passed away \*see also below

**Edward Storkey** 50–57 from Bangor, Wales

6 members have been added to our lost legion due to failures of emails, which I have not been able to rectify.

**Dr. Rev APB (Phillip) Hewett** (36–43) from Canada – it is possible that he has passed away.

**Michael Bates** (57–63) from USA – bulk emails blocked, no reply to personal emails over several years.

**Major Tim King** (57–62) from Oxford, mail rejected

**Daud A Rashid** (73–78) from Weymouth, mail rejected

**Howard Charter** (72–79) from Horndean, mailbox unavailable

**Owen Davies** (67–73) from Ivybridge in Devon. Left company no new email address

The following 6 members have been members of our Lost Legion for over 3 years. If I do not hear from them before September this year, they will be removed from the Club database, although details will be kept on a separate list.

**Nicholas Boulwood** (53–59) last known living in Hanover, Germany

**Tim Bowen** (51–57) last known living in Yate, Bristol

**Sean Gowans** (88–91) last known living in Ilkeston, Derbyshire

**Brian Hoare** (84–89) last known living in Quorn Leicestershire

**Ian Smith** (78–84) last known living in Aylesbury, Bucks

**Nigel (Ted) Sutton** (74–78) unknown address.

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!

*Note: Notifications of 3 additional members who have passed away, added by newsletter editor*

**Edward Williams** (1941–47) from Wool

**Rt Reverend Michael Perham** (1959–65) from Wells in Somerset

**Ralph W H Morley** (1933–42) from Liskeard, Cornwall

**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.

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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.

Currently on the Club's Facebook page you can find Youtube links to the U15 Rugby Final and also memories from contemporaries of the late Bishop Michael Perham.

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.

### **Graham Allen**

As always, I was delighted to receive my latest copy of the Newsletter. A number of points spring to mind:

- 1 – Is there any way that technophobes like me can access material concerning Hardye's School (in particular) stored in Facebook without being a member of the Facebook community?
- 2 – I was interested in the comments from Mike Betts, whom I remember from my Hardye's days, and who has contributed some 1950's photos of school drama productions to my website at <http://oldhardyeans.webs.com/> (just thought I'd sneak a plug in here!). On my website there are several photos of school staff, including Bertie Cruse (sic), "Steamboat" Steemson and S A Fox, as well as a movie clip featuring several staff members (with sound) around 1945. I had the great fortune to be the only Sixth Form pupil to study A-Level Applied Maths, and so had one-to-one coaching from Sam Fox in my first year (I was joined by another boy in my second year). I was somewhat petrified at the start of this course, for Mr Fox was known to be rather strict and not suffer fools gladly. However, after some time I was able to be more relaxed during lessons as he and I developed a bond. Regarding Mike Betts' comment about Sam Fox: far from being exempt from First World War service, to quote from my website: "Born in 1898, he joined the Worcester Regiment at 18 and spent two years in the trenches, where he was badly gassed". Mr Steemson was another staff member who suffered from the effects of gas attacks during that war.
- 3 – Many of my contemporaries would be sad to hear of the death of Mike Morgan, after many years suffering from multiple sclerosis. Originally from the Poole area, he was at Hardye's between 1953 and 1958, boarding at South Walks House, and spent most of his working life in Australia.

Many thanks for the Newsletters past and future. Keep up the good work!

Graham Allen (Southfield House 1953-'60)

### **David Culver**

Sad to see that Philip Swindells has also passed away, but nice to learn that Mike Betts is still going strong – if you get a chance, you might remind him that Ticker Cole, Steamboat, Saffy Fox, Bertie Cruse and Dunc Lidbury were all too old for service in WWII. Indeed, Dunc served in the trenches in WWI – for all I know, some of the others may have as well.

Thanks again, and hope to see you in 2017,

Yours,  
David Culver

**Bob Howell** (1933–40) has recently been in touch (via Membership Secretary) from New England, USA and would like to say Hello to any old friends.

### **Brigadier (Retd) M H Turner**

...You were asking for reminiscences of the School and I thought I should put pen (actually a voice to type device) to paper. So: I was born in Dorchester in April 1936 and started at

Wollaston House in, I believe, 1947. My first Form Mistress was Miss Hill, the Headmaster's sister; she was known as "Fanny" Hill although I very much doubt any boy in the Junior School knew why! I remember her even now as a wonderful teacher of English and I still owe her much: although she was a strict disciplinarian she brought literature and poetry alive and gave me a lifelong interest in both. I also acquired an interest in painting from Stella, the junior school art mistress, and later Mr Batty and that has been a hobby ever since. What hours of enjoyment I have had as a result of their efforts.

When I moved up to the Senior School I was taught Chemistry by "Ticker" Cole, Biology by an Italian master called Giuseppe, who left in a hurry and who was replaced by John Hale, and Physics by a master called Mr Walton. Mathematics came from Mr Lancashire and I, too, learnt my Latin from Mr Steemson. The latter also taught me how to improve my handwriting and to plan my answers to examination questions and these were perhaps the most important lessons for the future as both helped me get through many of my subsequent examinations. He was an inspired teacher and I remember now him acting out Big Ajax and Little Ajax, climbing on a stool whilst translating the story. Thanks to him I scraped through O level Latin which I needed subsequently to get on my Degree course.

I became a boarder when Heathcote House opened under another marvellous man called JO Roberts and his wife Gwen: I left the School after A levels in 1953 to join the Army, was commissioned from Sandhurst in 1955 and retired after nearly 34 years' service. Thanks to "Steam-boat" Steemson I had accumulated a Law degree and I had spent all my military service in the transportation world and so I became the Traffic Commissioner for Metropolitan London and the South-East. Sadly I was diagnosed as having Motor Neurone Disease nearly 2 years ago which has rather cramped my style.

As a side-note I should say that I married a Green School girl, Heather Napper, and we were happily married for 34 years with three wonderful children. Sadly she died in 1993 but I am still in touch with several of her contemporaries at DCSG including Jennifer Trehwella (now Vaughan) and Anne Whitaker whose father, Jimmy Whitaker, was one of the English masters at DGS for a very long time and was in charge of the CCF. We have just lost Jenny Sleeman (Turnbull) whose father was the Midland Bank Manager in Dorchester in the 1950s.

I have lost touch with so many of my own contemporaries although I still correspond with Michael Betts, whose career took a similar course to mine, and I recently had contact with Geoffrey Goss who started at Heathcote at the same time and subsequently followed a career with the Metropolitan Police.

It was and still is a wonderful school.

Yours sincerely,  
Michael Turner.

## *THS staff* – pen portrait – Dr Tim Ennion

We began this feature in the last issue with Head of PE Geraint Hughes – in this issue our subject also has Welsh roots, Assistant Headteacher Dr Tim Ennion. Tim joined THS as an NQT in September 2000. He left in December 2008 to take up a job in a school in the New Forest and then returned to THS in 2012.



He comes from Denbighshire in North Wales, and went to a bilingual school in Ruthin, studying Welsh until Year 9.

Asked what were his favourite subjects at school he says : I've always loved the physical and environmental sciences, especially Biology and Geography. I also enjoyed Economics and Art at school.

All through my time at school I wanted to be a meteorologist or a vet, but I didn't want to do physics, maths or chemistry at A Level, so the door closed on those ambitions! I didn't consider teaching until taking up a part-time lectureship in the Geography Department at Bristol University when I was completing my PhD. I found the teaching much more fun than the research, so I decided to do a PGCE.



My three children take up most of my time outside school, but I love getting out and about with them. We enjoy lots of trips to our fantastic local beaches and long walks with the dog. My eldest son, Isaac, is a keen cricketer so I am finding myself spending more and more time on the cricket field and in the nets. I also enjoy the relaxation of gardening and wine (although our dog, Herbie the bonkers Labrador, does a thorough job of destroying the garden – wine calms me down).

One of my roles at THS is to lead on our work as a Teaching School with my colleague, Laura Cheney. Together we are involved in various exciting projects involving professional learning for staff, training new teachers joining the profession and offering support to other schools. We do a lot of work with our partner DASP schools, which is very important to the Teaching School.

My interest in science draws me to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and I am always so impressed at the huge range of opportunities colleagues at THS provide for the students in this field. 'Genderisation' of some STEM subjects is a concern to me, especially the lack of girls opting for subjects such as Computing and Physics, and we are working hard to tackle this.

THS is a terrific place to work and learn – there are so many successes! The school is a truly inclusive community that thrives on high expectations and tolerance. Our success is very much a reflection of a massively dedicated staff who will always go the extra mile for the students. I am also proud of the DASP partnership and very much support our investment in the grass roots – setting a firm foundation for our children is so important.

**Picture by Michel Hooper-Immins shows Tim at the 2015 Annual Dinner when he represented Head Teacher Mike Foley, with Speaker Rev Canon Vicky Thurtell and the then President Peter Foster**

## *OBITUARIES* - contributed by members

### **Jonnie Lloyd King 1963–68**

David Gargrave wrote:-

I thought this an appropriate moment to let you know of the loss of one of our peer group 63 – 68, Jonnie Lloyd King

During his time at Hardye's Jonnie lived at the Old Malthouse, Nottingham and was a "Weymouth train" participant. As with many of our group he was passionate about all things mechanical, ranging from a BSA 650 motorcycle, a three wheeler Bond and finally a Sunbeam Alpine – all this in between the usual rigorous academic studies. After school Jonnie had a brief spell at Metalbox before embarking on a career as a croupier at the Playboy Club in Mayfair. He quickly rose through the ranks to become an inspector staying at the club for a number of years. As far as I know he was and probably still is the only Old Hardyean to have worked at the Play Boy Club! Latterly he was living in Cornwall with his family and the news of his death was relayed to me by another of our contemporaries, Alastair Whalley, with whom Jonnie had maintained contact.

### **Ralph William Henry Morley (1933–42)**

It is with much sadness that I write to inform you at Reading University and Hardyes in Dorset that my dear and much loved father Ralph passed away on the 25th January. I understand that as a past student of both faculties he continued to receive newsletters and kept in touch.



He lived with my husband and I in SE Cornwall and led a very interesting life surrounded by a large family including 4 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren and was known as Grandad Maximus to the little ones. He was still agile enough to sail with us during the summer (see picture) and was a very popular member at the

sailing club and over the years sailed with all the children on his own boat. He remained very fit, healthy and active during his retirement and just two days prior to his passing was keeping busy in the garden. Unfortunately, he contracted a nasty flu virus and silently and so suddenly an aggressive pneumonia took him from us, and he is so sadly missed.

The picture (right) was taken in November 2016 on the occasion he was presented with a certificate for his flower garden from the Mayor of Liskeard in Cornwall) coincidentally myself, his youngest daughter).

I shall be grateful if you will be kind enough to inform any surviving members who were in his year group.

Kindest Regards -

Jane Pascoe, Liskeard, Cornwall



## **MICHAEL PERHAM - LATE LORD BISHOP OF GLOUCESTER - WHO NEVER FORGOT HIS ROOTS IN DORCHESTER AND HARDYE'S SCHOOL**

by Michel Hooper-Immins

**Rt. Rev. Michael Perham MA Hon. DPhil passed from this world on Easter Monday, a near contemporary of mine, who as Lord Bishop of Gloucester, spoke at the Old Hardyans' Annual Reunion Dinner in March 2012. He bravely revealed last year that he was suffering from a malignant brain tumour and knew his days were limited. He is the only Old Hardyean to be a member of the House of Lords, one of 26 Archbishops and senior Bishops in the Upper House.**

*In 2012, Old Hardyans then President Michel Hooper-Immins [centre] greets Rt. Rev. Michael Perham, Lord Bishop of Gloucester [left] and newly appointed Thomas Hardy School Head Teacher Mike Foley [right.] Photograph by Heather Foster.*



I kept in touch with Bishop Michael over the years, more recently from his new home near Wells. "I have been doing fairly well the last few weeks, now that the radiotherapy and chemotherapy is over," he wrote to me in January. "There is no obvious reason why I may not be stable for some weeks, but there are of course some days better than others. Sometimes I am content, nearly always positive, usually regarding the path of this tumour as an adventure and not something to fear. All the thoughts and prayers continue to be wonderfully sustaining and our family goes on being the principal joy. Anna is to be married in Wells Cathedral on 4 February and my immediate focus is on walking her down the aisle and then having the energy to preside at the nuptial mass! There will be life beyond 4 February, but it can wait."

Born in Dorchester, Michael Perham was at Hardy's School from 1959 to 1964. He always delighted in hearing from Old Hardyans and enjoyed reading Peter Foster's amazing *Newsletter*, in which he recognised many names. I was pleased that during my term as President, he was able to come to our 2012 reunion dinner and deliver a most interesting speech which enthralled his audience, young and old. "One morning, Tony Blair woke up and abolished the office of Lord Chancellor, which had existed for over a thousand years," Bishop Michael told the dinner, "but then Tony Blair had no sense of the importance of history."

*Enthronement as the 40th Bishop of Gloucester in Gloucester Cathedral in May 2004 was the culmination of Bishop Michael's vocation in the Church of England. He went to Keble College, Oxford in 1971 to study theology and later became Chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester. Michael Perham returned to Dorset as Rector of Oakdale, Poole, in 1984, moving on in 1992 to become a Residentiary Canon and Precentor at Norwich Cathedral. He became the Provost of Derby in 1998, before being appointed Dean of Derby Cathedral in 2000. In January 2004, he was named by The Queen as the next Bishop of Gloucester. In retirement, he was still very active and was appointed Assistant Bishop of Salisbury last year.*

I wrote to Dr. Alison Perham in April. "Old Hardyans all over the UK are saddened to hear of the passing of Bishop Michael, who never forgot his roots in Dorchester and his education at Hardy's School. He was a near contemporary of mine, born in the same year and I was delighted he was able to accept my invitation as guest speaker at our Annual Reunion Dinner in 2012. Many of us still remember his thoughtful and topical address on that occasion. The Old Hardyans send you and the family our sincere condolences at this sad time and we can all rejoice in remembering the considerable good works that Bishop Michael promoted in his lifetime. The Old Hardyans will always treasure his memory."

## Edward Williams

I write to tell you, and any of his contemporaries who may read this, of the passing of Edward Williams at the age of 87, (born 1929 so at Hardye's 1940– 1946?). He was born above the bakery at Wool in Dorset and died, at home with his wife of 62 years, Betty, by his side on 21st December 2016, about 100 yards away. He had been ill for 6 months.

Edward followed his father into the bakery business after doing his national service at the end of the second World War although he originally wanted to go into teaching. He worked in the bakery until well after his retirement and still went to the bakery every day until August, his constant whistling always lifted the mood of those working there.

In his career he rose to become the National President of the Bakers Association in 1989, when there were thousands of small bakeries in England not the few hundred that there are now. He also was a founder member of the Bakery Supplier BAKO Western which is still a friendly society working for the good of small bakers throughout the South West of England. His love of education meant that he spent nearly 20 years on the national Education Committee helping to set up courses and training to bring new blood into the industry with a solid foundation.

Outside of his work he was a constant giver to the community, a church warden for 25 years, parish councillor for 20 years, Rotarian for 40 years and father and grandfather for 62 years! He is sadly missed by his family and many of the people of Wool.

Bruce Williams (1970 – 1977)

**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



## Sports Facilities

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.

***In the Next Edition, due end of September, look out for the Christmas Lunch Booking details, School news update, more of the regular features.....and especially.. You Write!***