



## *The Hardyens' Club Newsletter*

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### **Thomas Hardye Remembers**



The sun shone on Thomas Hardye's Remembrance Day Commemoration and, as usual, the students shone with the respect and dignity they showed in this annual event. There was not a sound to be heard during the two minutes silence from more than 2000 young people who listened with great respect and attention, as the names of past students who lost their lives in armed service were read out. Head Teacher Mike Foley praised the students as they were dismissed back to classes after the event. Readings were by Alice Padgett, Olena Milan, Joe Smith, Liv Mallows, Sam Winstanley, Millie Fermeux, Leah Miller, Dom Nugent.

The trumpet for the last post was played by Tom Stevens.

The army and Air Force CCF marched up Queen's Avenue to begin the event and wreaths were laid by students, and representatives of the school governors and Hardyens' Club at the school gates. Staff and students can be proud that this important day is always commemorated so well by the Thomas Hardye School.





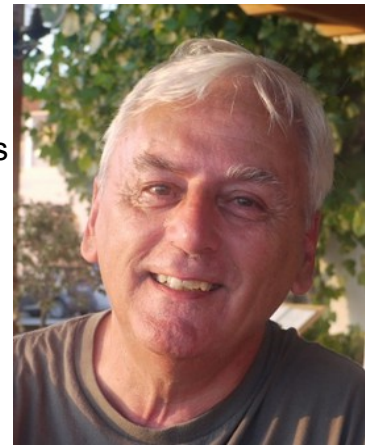
Pictures and some text from the School website (above) and Club President Godfrey Lancashire (left)

## *Staff Pen-portrait* – Richard Scott

Richard has been at Thomas Hardye as Media Development Manager for almost 10 years now. However, for about 10 years before that he was E Learning Manager for DASP and was based at Thomas Hardye (but usually out and about in DASP Schools).

He grew up in Feltham in West London and came to Dorset in 1987.

At school favourite subjects were Art and History - it was such a long time ago that we didn't have computers then, he says, and on first leaving school he worked at the Royal Court Theatre in London, initially as an actor and then in Stage Management. This was a short career and after a period of 'resting' he found himself working in public libraries. This developed into a career and after qualifying he went into secondary school libraries in the Inner London Education Authority, which he did for 10 years. Increasingly there he became involved in information technology and also became network manager of the school he worked at. He acquired a qualification in Educational Technology at Roehampton.



In 1987 he came to Dorset to work as part of the Dorset Schools IT Advisory Team as IT Information Officer, working with the inspirational Martin Graham. This was initially working across a County that then included Poole and Bournemouth! This was also one of the most exciting times as new technologies arrived in schools. He was involved in training teachers and working with children from ages 5 to 19. He also created the IT Team's website, one of the first in the Education sector. He worked as part of that team for around 14 years before joining DASP as E Learning Manager, supporting schools with ICT and other new technologies. He now works at the Thomas Hardye School, as Media Development Manager. This involves maintaining the school website, acting as Data Protection Officer (as part of GDPR), He also maintains a social media presence for the school with Twitter and Facebook (although the sixth form maintain their own). He also acts as 'official' photographer for a range of events and also sometimes videos them, also liaising with the local press when needed.

### *Hobbies, interests, currently, outside school*

Apart from family, his three main interests are music, railways and Chelsea Football Club. He's a member of the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust and an Associate Member of the Guild of Railway Artists.

As he nears the end of his career, he considers himself incredibly fortunate to have ended up at what is surely one of the best schools in the country. And has no regrets about a long career in education.



## *From the Headteacher*



Old Hardyans never cease to amaze me! Daniel Needham (2005-10) visited the school to give an assembly to Stratford College detailing his journey from Stratton to New Zealand by bike. He travelled about 28,000 miles and visited 32 countries across three continents in two-and-a-half years. Along the way he was detained at gunpoint in Azerbaijan, harassed by the Chinese military and had a close call with some aggressive kangal dogs in Turkey. Before this he had never left Europe! He would be an excellent speaker at a future dinner although this week he has returned to New Zealand - by plane this time - and won't be returning until next Christmas.

Just this week I was informed that Phoebe Beer (2008-13), studying medicine at Bristol, has progressed from university rugby to Bristol Bears playing in the English Tyrells Premiership. We hope to see her progressing to first 15 in the near future. Staying with rugby, Harri O'Connor (2014-17) is in the Wales U-20 six nations squad and won his first cap last week. He is part of the 'golden generation' - the U-15 team that won the NatWest final at Twickenham in 2017. Three other members of that team have been offered contracts at Bath and we look forward to following their progress in years to come.

The school year is in full swing and despite it only being February, we are entering the run-in to examinations. Year 11 only have nine school weeks left before study leave and Year 13, ten weeks. We have had a good range of offers for Oxford and Cambridge and other top universities and look forward to another successful summer. Numbers applying to enter the school at age 13 and at age 16 continues to grow. There are already 494 applications for 450 places in Year 9 for next September, the result of growth in and around Dorchester and the school's outstanding reputation.

Thomas Hardy is the lead school in the Wessex Multi-academy Trust, a group of schools working together for common purpose, almost a mini local authority. We are joined by Bere Regis Primary school, Damers First School and St Osmund's Middle School. Demand to join is high and we are expecting other at least two other schools to enter the MAT by the end of the year. Through our teaching school, we are also doing extensive outreach work with other schools as far away as Bedford and we are training close to 20 newly qualified teachers every year.

Next month is the annual dinner held for the first time in the new dining facilities. I look forward to meeting up with many of you then.

Best wishes

**Mike Foley**



*From the Press Officer* - Damien Lewis writes :

*The Magnificent Seven:*

### **Seven Thomas Hardy Year 11s Playing Dorset & Wilts Rugby**

Seven pupils from Thomas Hardy have been selected to play for this year's Dorset & Wilts squad, representing a huge achievement for the school. They are Louis Allum (No. 8 & Hooker), Sammy Lambourne (Prop), Jacob Wryde (Centre), Cohen Emery (Scrum Half), Ellis Kershaw (Second Row), Sam Matthews and David Lewis (Flank Forward). The seven were selected in a fiercely fought competitive environment which saw some 160 of the two counties finest fifteen and sixteen year olds compete for places in the squad, which numbers some sixty strong. Six of the players selected also play Club rugby for the Dorchester Rugby Football Club team, which has been four-times Country Cup winners consecutively.

There are two teams fields by Dorset & Wilts for all matches, the Vikings and the Warriors, and the Hardye's boys have played across both. After intensive training sessions held at the Trowbridge and Melksham rugby grounds, the Dorset and Wilts players faced Hampshire in their first match of the season, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January. Both the Warriors and the Vikings secured convincing wins. In their second match of the season, they faced Cornwall, on the 19<sup>th</sup> January, and secured even more convincing wins.



On having a clean sweep so far this season, David Lewis (of Napier house) remarked: 'It's a huge honour to play for the County, but it's also great fun. We know most of the players anyway, from Club rugby, and we've all played hard, tough games against each other, but now we've gelled as one team – and that's the great spirit of the game. The morale couldn't be higher right now.'

In their next two matches, they face Somerset and Devon, which both promise to be tough games. 'We're aiming for a clean sweep,' said Louis Allum (also of Napier). 'At one stage when facing Cornwall we were down to thirteen players, but our defence stood firm and we didn't let a try through. That epitomises the spirit of the squad.'

[pics - above :The D&W squad below: D&W Warriors]

*The Press Officer submitted the following article to the Dorset Echo recently*

### Hardye's Charity Tops £100,000 in Grants to Needy Students

Formed in 2000, and funded mostly from donations from past students of Hardye's School, the Hardyean's Club Charitable Association (HCCA) has just reached a major milestone – over £100,000 pounds given in grants to needy students, to further their education in positive and innovative ways.

The aims of the HCCA is to further the education of students and former students, who've gained place at college or university, but due to financial hardship need help taking up those places, or expanding their educational horizons. Beneficiaries have to be under twenty-five years in age, and the majority have been from single parent families, or those in receipt of free school meals, or facing other known hardships.

A 2019 university beneficiary, studying at a Theatre Arts College, wrote: "In February I was awarded an A for Contextual Studies, A for Jazz Artistry and B for Jazz and Tap Dancing. The bursary was very beneficial because I had to pay for specialist dance and sports clothing, shoes as well as academic books and stationery essentials."

Since being established, the HCCA has raised £259,000, and it grants bursaries from earnings on investing that money. In the last two decades £102,945 has been disbursed, to 55 students, and at present each student in higher education is given £1,000 at the start of each of the three years of their course. There is also a new HCCA scheme to support students or ex-students traveling for educational benefit, or internships. Applications to that can be received at any time.

A beneficiary of a 2019 travel bursary remarked: "I have just come back from an amazing trip to

Japan, where I participated in the UK-Japan 2019 Young Scientist workshop, and I would like to say a huge thank you for your contribution, which helped make this happen. I will remember this trip for the rest of my life!"

Applications to the HCCA for support are open all-year, and students generally apply via the Heads of Sixth Form, who will verify the financial need. After interviews from the HCCA trustees, awards are given out in August each year, being conditional on education achievement and exam grades. HCCA asks in return that those securing a bursary write a short report on how the money assisted them in furthering their education.

A beneficiary of a HCCA high education grant echoed such enthusiasm: "Thank you again for the bursary and all you do for me! I am in the third year at university and this is my Placement Year, where I get to work in industry! I am so excited to see where this year takes me and what else I will be doing!"

The HCCA is the Hardyean's Club's charity, and alumni are encouraged to donate to it, or provide legacies, so that the scope and breadth of bursaries can be widened.

## Thomas Hardy School Community Lectures

### Spring Term 2020.

**Monday 9th March 2020** to celebrate British Science Week      *'The Crowd and the Cosmos'*  
Professor Chris Lintott, University of Oxford.

**EXTRA! Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm:** 'Science on the moon - My personal story' Keith M Wright      see the School's Community Lectures webpage for more information...

*Venue: All lectures will take place in the School Theatre*

*Time: All lectures start at 7.00pm*

*Admission: Free of Charge, tickets available from school reception (or ring 01305 266064) and Tourist Information Centre (in Dorchester Library) from 9.00 am on release date (normally 2 weeks prior to each lecture). Maximum 4 tickets per person.*

*Donations are welcomed at the end of each lecture. (The money raised goes to charitable causes.)*

### **Also check out the school website for other public events that may be of interest including a new series of History Lectures**

Ideal for A-level students, and members of the public with an interest in history. an exclusive opportunity to hear Southampton University's world class experts discussing their cutting edge research.

**NB These lectures begin at 18:00** in Thomas Hardy School's 6th Form Centre.

**Entrance is Free**, with the option to make a donation to charity. Doors open 17:45

**Wednesday 18th March 2020** – Dr Annelies Cazemier - 'Cleopatra: Queen of Egypt'

### ***Other Events* in the THS Theatre:**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 'Pollution Solution'** – The THS Rep Company 7.30pm (Tickets £3)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March -1940s Dinner Dance** featuring the THS Big Band and Concert Band – 7.00pm (tickets £16 from the School Office)

## Forthcoming Club and other events

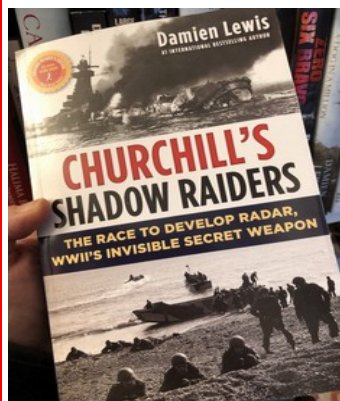
**Monthly Luncheons** take place on the last Thursday of the month at the Poet Laureate pub in Pummery Square, Poundbury. These are informal gatherings, 12.30pm onwards. Do come along!



**Date for your diaries: 2020 Annual Dinner** is scheduled for **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. Our guest speaker is now **Dr Daniel Lock** of Bournemouth University.

Dr Daniel Lock is a Principal Academic at Bournemouth University in the Department of Sport and Event Management. He is also an Adjunct Associate Professor in Sport Management at Griffith University in Queensland, Australia. Daniel spent 12 years living in Australia, during which time he completed his Ph.D at the University of Technology, Sydney.

[pic courtesy of the Bournemouth University website]



### **Competition and Prizes !**

Bestselling author and old Hardyean Damien Lewis has kindly donated ten copies of his newest WWII book, Churchill's Shadow Raiders, to be given away to the first ten couples who book tickets to this year's Annual Dinner, which is to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020. These are the American edition of the book, and constitute rare advance proofs – the book does not go on sale in the USA until 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020! Mr. Lewis has kindly offered to sign and dedicate the copies to the lucky winners on the night of the event, where the books will be available.

**NB** The Annual Dinner this year will take place **in the new Dining Hall facility**. Parking is plentiful to left and right of the Queens Avenue entrance. Walk through the Memorial Gates and bear left to take the lower path. There will be signage on the night.

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[www.facebook.com/groups/Hardyean's](http://www.facebook.com/groups/Hardyean's) is the official Club facebook page for news of Club members and friends. and check out the School site

[www.facebook.com/thomashardyeeschool](http://www.facebook.com/thomashardyeeschool) 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 Hardy School, Dorchester, Dorset. There are other Thomas Hardy School-related facebook sites.



Among recent posts:

**Chris Emblen** posted a 1979 school photo and **Nigel Terry, John Barrett, Adrian Tindall** and **Richard Ferne** got in touch

*Do have a look - make contact with old friends!*

*Lost Legion:* Membership Secretary Alan Brown has recently sent out letters to the following members whose email addresses have failed. If you can help trace any of these, or provide any other information, please get in touch with Alan:

Miss R L Blunt (1994-2000); PJ Hawkins (1941-1949); Richard Niblett (1984-1989); Godfrey Moffatt (1951-1955); Colin Norman (1938-1945) Richard Salter (1998-2004); David Deaves (1971-1977); Dr David W F Phillips (1980?)

## *You Write*

**Bill Caselton** (1950-57, *Boarder at Southfield*) writes:

### 'FAKE NEWS'

President Trump thinks that he alone has the handle on FAKE NEWS, not so, Hardyes outdates him by 60 years!

In 1956 a Film entitled Rock around the Clock featuring Bill Haley and the Comets found its way onto our cinema screens. The reaction of young people was explosive.

Young teenagers danced in the isles of cinemas and seats were torn up together with other riotous behaviour.

Knowledge of all of this reached the owners of the old Palace Cinema in Dorchester who resolved to ban the film.

Upon hearing about this as a public spirited 6<sup>th</sup> former (!) I decided to write a tongue in cheek letter of reaction to the local Echo under pseudo name and false address not thinking for a minute that it would be published.

In my letter was the protestation that it was "An insult to the youth of the County"

Imagine my astonishment on discovering that not only was my letter published but there was a banner headline across the correspondence page "Insult to the youth of the County". Angry reader etc

This was red rag to a couple pf mischievous bulls in Geoff Hutchings (later to become one to the country's leading character actors- now sadly no longer with us. More about Geoff next time) and myself.

We sat down at a table in the library in the old Main School and together we composed a retort from Geoff as an elderly spinster under a fictitious name and address.

Such was the vehemence of "her" reaction that this was published in the next edition of the Echo

This went on for number of weeks becoming a feature in the correspondence section of the paper with as I remember it with other sadly misled innocent readers lapping it all up and making their own contributions.

Our cover was eventually blown out letters ceased to be published- but it was good whilst it lasted.

So, President Trump, do not delude yourself, Hardyes was way ahead of you!



**John Pearson** sent in this photo of Mixed Hockey (!)

I found this photo taken outside the Sports Pavilion at Hardyes one Sunday in the Easter term of 1961. We organised a mixed hockey game between Hardyes and the Green School (without teacher approval). The girls were brutal with their sticks and I am pretty sure beat us hollow!

I can remember most of the boy's names but not the girls. I think - left to right back row: Kevin Milner (Goalie) , Mickey Davies (RIP), Peter Warrack, John Pearson, Joe Hunt, Tony Davies,

??, Roger Davies, Roger Pinney, ??, ? Fenemore. Boys time at Hardyes 1954 – 1961.

Might be fun if anyone recognizes the girls.....?

## *Around and about the Thomas Hardy School*

*thanks to the THS website and 6<sup>th</sup> Form webpages*

### A View of the new Dining Hall

On Thursday 16th January, Ruth Boyce from the University of Winchester visited the Sixth Form to deliver a talk to Year 12 students on studying Sociology, Psychology and Criminology degrees at university. The talk was very popular, with 66 Year 12 students attending to hear about the range of options available to them across these three subject areas, from Forensic Psychology to Liberal Arts.



The Year 12 Futures programme continued on Thursday 23rd January with a talk on healthcare degrees by Plymouth Marjon University. Kari Eilersten, student recruitment officer, told students about the range of healthcare courses on offer at degree level, including dramatherapy and sports therapy.

[Just two of several events planned as part of the Futures Programme You can read more in the News pages of the Thomas Hardy School website]

### *Students represent the school at the Holocaust Memorial Day*

Four Year 12 students represented the school at the Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration in the Dorchester Corn Exchange on Friday 24th January 2020. The event was part of a nationwide network of events acknowledging the 75th anniversary of the Holocaust and the 25th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia.

Olivia Page, Jack Follas, Ellen Hubbard and Elizabeth Fox created a presentation on the theme of 'Standing Together', a theme common for all HMD presentations taking place across the country. The THS students spoke about the genocide at Srebrenica in Bosnia in 1995, where many of the victims were the same age as Year 12 students, and highlighted the need for united international community actions to prevent crimes against humanity. They also recognised the role that people have in coming together to create a powerful voice such as the Mothers of Srebrenica organisation that work to highlight the genocide experienced by them.

## *Obituaries*

Notification has been received by Alan Brown as Membership Secretary, as a result of sending out letters where email addresses have failed, that the following member has passed away:

**Colin Holland** (school years 1964-1971) possibly in 2013

### **John Mainwaring (16 March 1931 – 6 October 2019)**

John was born on March 16<sup>th</sup> 1931 in Bedford to Eric and Nancy Mainwaring.

As a young schoolboy, John and his family moved to Dorchester where Eric worked as a school dentist.

John went to Dorchester Grammar School where he had many friends and, as well as studying, he represented the school at rugby and cricket.

He achieved a place at Downing College Cambridge in 1949 to read medicine. On graduation, he was House Surgeon at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington. While still a student at St Mary's, John met his wife Marian through the Dramatic Society. They married in 1957, a marriage that lasted happily for 62 years. They had two daughters.



His National Service was deferred while he completed his training but he spent the next two years as a National Service doctor in the RAMC, which included postings with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hussars and the Royal Scots Greys (later to become the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards) in Germany. Once his National Service was complete, John came to Cosham, Portsmouth to join a GP practice, where he worked until his retirement.

John's hobbies included playing Bridge, listening to music, history, art appreciation, the theatre and photography to name but a few. Above all, he enjoyed being in the company of his family, especially his wife Marian.

*The above obituary was kindly sent by John Mainwaring's daughter, Frances Clements*

#### **Rex Shutler (1944-51)**

News of Rex's passing was received from his widow by Club President Godfrey Lancashire, shortly after publication of the last issue of the Newsletter in November 2019.

*We extend sincere condolences from the Club to family and friends of the above*

## **Annual Dinner** **Saturday 28th March 2020**

, 7.00pm for 7.30pm,

*Thomas Hardy School*

**in the New Dining Facility**

*Tomato and Mozzarella Salad (V and GF)*

*Or*

*Sweet Potato Soup (V and GF)*

*Chicken, Stilton and Bacon Roulade poached in Red Wine,  
Roasted New Potatoes and Green Beans (GF)*

*Or*

*Wild Mushroom Risotto topped with Mixed Leaves (V and GF)*

*Treacle Tart with Dorset Clotted Cream*

*Or*

*Fresh Fruit Salad*

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*Tea or Coffee and Mints*

**As usual you are invited to bring your own wine - Dress - lounge suits and club ties**

**£28 pp**

**BOOKINGS CLOSE ON Saturday 21st March STRICTLY!**  
**NB Full Payment must be made in advance – NO Pay-On-The-Day !**  
*It will not be possible to contact the Treasurer after 21<sup>st</sup> March.*

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### **BOOKING FORM**

**Please print out this form and return to the Treasurer (address below) or email the details**

Name.....

Home address.....  
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Annual Dinner £28.00 No's required.....Please indicate menu choices below

Starter choice(s) **Tomato & Mozzarella salad**.....**Sweet Potato Soup**.....

Main Choice(s) **Chicken+Stilton+Bacon Roulade** .....**Mushroom Risotto**.....

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Dessert Choice(s) **Treacle Tart**.....**Fresh Fruit Salad**.....

E-mail address for confirmation.....

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

For payments by Internet Bank Transfer, the bank Sort Code is 30-92-69, Account No. 00403528, Account Name "The Hardyans Club". Please e-mail Alan Brown at [alan@ajbrown1946.plus.com](mailto:alan@ajbrown1946.plus.com) if you pay by this method so he can check the payment has come in. PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO TELL ALAN, IN THE EMAIL, WHAT YOUR MENU CHOICES ARE!

**IMPORTANT and absolutely Essential:** The closing date for payment is **21st March 2020**  
**Requests received after this date will not be successful.**

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