

CHALOBS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2005

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Please remember to pay your subs for Nov 2005 – Nov 2006

(In fairness to all paid up members it will not be possible to continue to distribute the Newsletter to those whose membership appears to have lapsed. Naturally, this will only be done after a reasonable period of grace. The subscription seems a small amount to pay to continue to enjoy the fraternity network of old boys.)

AGM AND XMAS LUNCH

(Changed to the second Saturday in December this year)

CHALOBS **AGM** will be held on **Sat 10th DEC 2005** at the old school library at **10.30am**

And will be followed by a **reunion Xmas luncheon** at **THE SHIP HOTEL** North St Chichester:

XMAS LUNCH DETAILS

THE COST will be £20 per head and will include coffee/tea and mince pies in addition to the 3-course meal. Christmas crackers will also be included

TIMINGS 12 NOON FOR 1PM

CONTACT Geoff Wills if you wish to attend the lunch

Applications (form at end of newsletter) and cheques please (made out to CHALOBS) to :-

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Boulivot Farm
Grouville
JERSEY JE3 9UL

Tel : (mobile 07797 711413) 01534 857225 (home)

Fax : 01534 857884 (currently out of action!)

e-mail : gwillis@jerseymail.co.uk

Application form at the end of this Newsletter

OTHER PLANNED SOCIAL EVENTS

SUMMER LUNCHEON

The success of last years function at the Spur in Slindon has encouraged the Committee to repeat it – probably some time in July.

GOLF DAY

It is proposed to organise a golf day for CHALOBS members some time in 2006. Details will be promulgated in the Spring Newsletter.

CANAL CRUISE Sat 2nd September 2006

Following the success of the CHALOBS Summer Lunch in Slindon it is propose to hold a get together in September

At the last CHALOBS Committee meeting it was proposed that a CANAL CRUISE for its Members/Wives etc be arranged. The date of **Saturday 2nd September 2006** has been booked with the aforementioned Society. It will be an evening gathering, say 6.30 to 9.30pm, and it is envisaged that a light buffet will be provided including wine. The boats hire comes with a 'hostess' i.e. another gallant lady volunteer who will ply us with tea/coffee throughout the trip.

At present the provisional cost looks like being £12.00 per head.

It is hoped that this outing will appeal to CHALOBS Members and anyone interested can contact Colin Snook in the coming months on 01243 545550 or email strails@tiscali.co.uk

Background

As pupils of Chi High we all knew of its existence as its just skirts part of the old School's boundaries. It consists of a three and half mile stretch of water, originally via two locks, down to Chichester Harbour and includes a one and a half mile spur terminating in the City's Southgate area. It formed part of the Arun/Portsmouth canal system.

Its primary purpose was to allow the transport of coal to the Gas Works, which many of you will remember was just south of the Stockbridge Road railway crossing. Like many of the canal systems its use was later usurped by the coming of the railways with the last commercial cargo being delivered in 1906. Having been taken over by the Chichester City Council it had been largely abandoned in 1928.

Since its change of ownership post Second World War to the W.S.C.C. a large band of enthusiastic volunteers have successfully dredged and cleared the banks to keep it navigable.

For a number of years the Canal Society has operated a small 12-passenger vessel 'The Egremont' for leisure trips.

However, anxious to keep this part of the City's heritage 'afloat' a much larger vessel 'The Richmond' was commissioned early this year. Having a length of fifty feet with eleven foot beam, this twenty seven ton boat, costing in the region of six figures, is proving extremely popular for leisure hiring. With a maximum of forty passengers on board plus crew it is extremely well equipped including variable seating for everyone, a cafe bar, toilet, sound system and 240 volt power supply.

At present trips have to terminate at the Hunston Jetty but as we go to print a 'windey-hole' is being dug out to allow the Richmond to turn-about at the Donnington Road Bridge which will add another half a mile to any return trip.

RESUME OF CHALOBS COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN 2005

At the meeting held on 15th April (in brief)

- The Committee agreed to co-opt Martin McGranahan (1965) and Harold Taylor (1941)
- The Treasurer was worried that to date 80 – 90 members had failed to renew their membership and that membership stood at 100 fully paid up members. He thought it important to recruit from the leavers of 1960's and 1970's to help secure the future of the Society.
- In addition to the regular fixtures of Remembrance Day and the Xmas Lunch, the President suggested that a Summer Function be held. Colin Snook offered to organise this.
- John Child briefed the Committee on school matters:
 - The new Headmaster recently appointed was Mr John Robinson
 - Michaela Ellison was to be congratulated on reaching the final six in the national competition to find the CCF's Cadet of the Year
 - The Year 7 Presentation Ceremony would be held on 15th July and Doug Murgatroyd agreed to present an Old Boys prize and address the boys attending.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee on Friday 30th September 2005 (In full)

Present: Doug Murgatroyd (Vice-President and Newsletter Editor)
Ron Martin (Hon. Secretary)
Graham Fielder (Hon. Treasurer)
Colin Snook (1950-1960 Group Co-ordinator)
Peter Simmonds (Lancastrian representative)
John Child (Deputy Head/School's staff representative)
Maurice Hall
Martin McGranaghan

Apologies for absence: The President (Geoff Wills), Peter Arnell and Tony Deacock

18. President – It was explained that the President was regrettably unable to be present

because of an unavoidable business appointment. The Vice-President (Doug Murgatroyd) thereupon took the Chair.

19. Co-opted Members – In the first instance the Chairman took the opportunity to welcome Martin McGranaghan who was in attendance having accepted the invitation to be a co-opted member of the Committee. No word had been received from the other invitee, Harold Taylor, but it was agreed to keep the invitation open for the time being.

20. Minutes – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held at the School on Friday 15th April 2005 were approved and then signed by the Chairman.

21. Bank Account and Finances – The Hon. Treasurer reported that he had been able to transfer another sum of £300 from the current to the deposit account as a result of the substantial influx of subscriptions from members who had been in arrear. The balance of the Society's current account with the HSBC Bank stood at £590.69 whilst the deposit account was £1320.22.

22. Chalobs Membership – Following on the reminder note sent out with the last Newsletter a goodly number of members in arrear with their subscriptions had now paid up. This had resulted in the paid up membership being increased from 100 to 150 leaving only some 39 still in arrear which was a most satisfactory improvement. There was obviously always a need to recruit new members from the 1960/1970's et seq to keep membership figures constant or better of which the Committee were always aware.

23. The Christmas Luncheon and the Annual General Meeting – The Hon. Secretary reported that the President had been in touch with him about these functions and had let him have a report about the arrangements he had been able to make. Unfortunately it had not been possible to book anywhere for the date originally agreed for the Luncheon and he had had no alternative but to make arrangements for a week later on Saturday 10th December 2005 at the Ship Hotel North Street Chichester (the Goodwood Golf Club no longer being available for

hire because of major alterations being undertaken to the Clubhouse for the Richmond Estate)

The cost this year would be of the order of £20 per head. Because of these arrangements it was necessary also to alter the date of the AGM to the same day instead of 3rd December 2005 as originally agreed and John Child confirmed that there would be no problem about accommodating this at the School as before. Details of both events would be given in the Autumn Newsletter to be published in October. The Committee noted and concurred in these arrangements and put on record their thanks to the President for his efforts in arranging the Christmas luncheon.

24. Future Programme – There were the regular events in the calendar, namely the

Christmas Lunch, the Remembrance Day ceremony, and the various School events. In view of the success of this year's Summer luncheon at The Spur Slindon it was agreed unanimously that a

Summer luncheon on the same basis be held next year. Colin Snook kindly offered to under

take the organisation again. Colin also mentioned that he had recently enjoyed an evening

cruise function on the new boat recently put into use by the Chichester Canal Society. It had been a most successful and pleasant occasion and he wondered whether such an event would provide another function for the Society in the late summer. He would again be happy to undertake the organisation. The Committee were only too happy to agree with Colin and thanked him for his suggestion and offer to organise both the Summer luncheon and the Canal evening. Colin would report on proposals for both events to a later Meeting.

Another suggestion was made by Martin McGranaghan that a Golf Day be held in the Summer which he would be pleased to organise. The Committee accepted with enthusiasm and thanks to Martin. He also would report on his proposals to a later Meeting.

25. Newsletter and Publicity – The Committee expressed their thanks and congratulations to Doug Murgatroyd for the Spring Edition of the Newsletter which was full of interest. Doug asked for any material for the Autumn Edition (to be published in October) to be sent to him in good time.

26. School – John Child gave a brief resume of matters of interest at the School making reference to

- The success of two students who had been accepted for RAF Cranwell,
- The forthcoming Ofsted inspection in two months time
- and the hope of the provision of a dedicated Sports Hall within two years.
- He also mentioned that he would like to see the cabinet donated by Maurice Hall for memorabilia put into use but it needed substantial refurbishment before this could be done. He estimated the cost at some £200, which the Committee agreed to meet from Society funds. given the substantial balance currently in hand. In this respect the Members were mindful that very shortly renewal subscriptions would be received for 2006 again thus adding to the sum already in hand. Whilst ensuring a sensible balance it was surely not the intention to hold on to funds when more could be done for the School albeit in a small way.

- It was therefore also agreed that a sum of £125 be earmarked for the award of prizes/grants to deserving students in the ensuing year at the discretion of the Chairman in consultation with John Child. Should that sum turn out to be insufficient then the Committee could consider an increase in the global sum as necessary.
- Members would be most welcome at School events/presentations; they need only let John Child know that they wished to do so.

27. Next Meeting – The date of the next Meeting was fixed as Friday 27th January 2006 at the School at 3.30pm.

News of Old Boys

Keith Snowball (1949-55)

Keith has written from Melbourne, Australia where he has been living since 1972. On leaving CHSB in 1955 Keith completed two years of National Service in the RAF. Following this he moved away from Littlehampton to take up employment in the pharmaceutical field in Kent. During his time there he completed a B.Sc. in Chemistry as a part time student at London University. In 1967 he was transferred to Fort William in Scotland and remained there until deciding to emigrate to Australia in 1972 as one of the last £10 Poms. At this time he was married with 2 children. In Australia he moved into Personnel / Training work and remained in that field until ill health forced an early retirement in 1988.

Since retirement both Keith and his wife have been very active in their local church (over 1000 members) undertaking Pastoral / Counselling roles. However, they are planning to move from Melbourne to the country in Victoria to be nearer their daughter and grandchildren. He continues to be amazed at the distances in Australia. There are still has moments of homesickness and the family continues to have a traditional roast dinner at Christmas rather than the popular BBQ. A keen rugby player in his younger days, he was delighted that England won the World Rugby Cup in Australia in 2003. Keith has returned to the UK on a number of occasions and hopes to visit again before long. He has good memories of his time at CHSB.

His older brother John K. Snowball (1942-50) read French at Bristol University and still lives in Belfast where he originally went in 1957.

Christopher Funnel (1940-42)

At the time he started at CHSB Christopher lived in Westgate, Chichester. He remembers several of the members of staff including 'Killer' Colgan, with whom no liberties were taken, and Eric Smedley who 'kindled and developed' his interest in the French language. He has memories of suffering at the 'dreaded' Prefects' Court. In 1942 family circumstances made it necessary

for him to transfer as a boarder to Midhurst Grammar where he continued and completed his schooling. On leaving school he became a French teacher and also met and married his wife (a Staff Nurse from the former Royal West Sussex Hospital) in 1956. His first teaching post (13 years) was in Potters Bar but he then moved to Belmont, Mill Hill's preparatory school where he spent 20 years as Head of French and, later, as Deputy Master. On retirement from Belmont he continued teaching in Hamstead for a further 5 years full time and 2 part time. Even after eventual retirement at 67 he was asked to cover for maternity leave at a girls' school (Queenswood) – a short period which he enjoyed immensely and left him wishing that he had always taught girls.

Christopher has a son (doing research at Keele University) and a daughter with two grandchildren.

He would be pleased to hear from any former old boys and should anyone wish to contact him his address is:

15 Penshurst Road
Potters Bar
Herts.
EN6 5JP Tel. 01707 657813 e-mail: jamlou24@aol.com

Robert McGill 1934-39

Robert wrote tells us that he left school in 1939 and became a "Farm Pupil" in Westbourne until the age of 18 when he volunteered as aircrew. He was categorised initially as a wireless operator/air gunner. The selection board suggested he joined the Air Training Corps for tuition in Maths and Navigation. He decided, however, to go back to CHSB where he was told by Geoffrey Marwood that he would be welcome to sit in on any classes he wished. Robert went on to serve in the RAF becoming a Flt Lieutenant with Coastal Command. He attended the school Remembrance Service last year on 11th November where he was presented with a Veterans Badge and was also invited to attend the 60th Anniversary Commemoration Event at Westminster Abbey on 10th July



Sir John Herbecq 1930's (Past President)

Recalls fondly KD Quick. He visited Edinburgh Castle in the Summer and found his name recorded in the Book of Remembrance in the War Memorial. "KENNETH DOUGLAS QUICK RAF PILOT OFFICER DIED APRIL 1942"

Keith Lintott 1954-61

Remembers

- Bonzo Hulbert with all those fountain pens with different coloured inks each one for a different purpose or task
- Tich Morris whose explanation for tying his shoes with half a shoelace was that they would last twice as long
- Oscar Lloyd getting his classes to "access" their homework and mark them themselves!
- Seeing Monk Watson long after his retirement striding through his village with long shoulder length flowing hair, battered old trilby with a pheasant feather stuck in the band – "a far cry from the person who could instil fear into a first former at 20 paces"
- Baldy Ashton and his passion for giving handbell concerts
- That he was the first boy along with John Hardy to be caned by KD Anderson on his first morning at the school "for larking about in the corridor before assembly"

He still sees Mike Woolven, Ken Kendal, Martin Swateridge, Frank Meaby and occasionally Malcolm Withnall and Henry Potter.

Keith has been married to Jennifer for many years and has 2 married daughters. He works in Horticulture and heads a team of plant breeders for a jointly owned Dutch/British company. This takes him abroad fairly regularly to USA AND Europe mainly. In his spare time he researches petrol engined submarines 1902-18 and volunteers himself to the RN Submarine Museum in Gosport as a member of their Archive Working Party.

CHALOBS Summer Lunch 2005

This year the Committee decided to provide a further opportunity for members to get together by adding a new event to the programme in the form of a Summer Lunch.

Such gatherings are important to the life of the Society, but it is recognised that travelling distance and other commitments limit the ability of many members to attend events in the Chichester area. However, this lunch did coincide with a visit to the U.K. by Ian Masterson (1960-68) from the USA who was able to attend and also join the Society.

The lunch was held at The Spur, Slindon on Saturday, 2nd. July and 36 members and wives attended. A pleasant hour of mingling, drinking and talking in the bar was followed by a most enjoyable three-course meal in a section of accommodation set aside for the members. During the course of the meal Geoff Wills (President) welcomed members and their wives and

thanked Colin Snook for his efforts in finding and booking a suitable venue and dealing with members wishing to come to the lunch.

Time passes quickly when people are enjoying the occasion and all too soon it is time to disperse. There never seems to be enough time to meet and talk to more than a few of those present. The general opinion is that the event was very successful and this probably borne out by the lively conversation evident everywhere on the day. For next year Colin Snook has another idea up his sleeve but members must await developments.

SCHOOL NEWS

CCF

Places on the Officer and Air Crew courses at the Royal Air Force College Cranwell are highly prized and are very competitively sought after. Guy Gibbons(1997-2003), after completing his university course, has gained a place on this November intake, as has Will MacDonald (1998-2004) who as gained a place by direct entry, ie.straight from school.

Guy Gibbons, and Will Macdonald appear below with John Child (Deputy Head)



OBITUARIES

Ted Walker 28/11/34 – 19/3/04 CHSB Schoolmaster during 1960's and 1970's

Ted Walker died last year aged 69 in Valencia Hospital, Spain, where he had lived for 8 years,. He was one of the foremost young poets of his generation, receiving many awards and was a regular contributor of poetry and short stories to The New Yorker. He wrote for the Chichester Observer and wrote plays for TV and radio with BBC Bristol. In recognition of his talents he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Chichester Institute (now University College) His first wife Lorna died in 1987 and he is survived by his four children, Edward, Susan, Margaret and William and by Audrey, his second wife.

Peter Sykes (1928-33)

One of the original intake of boys in 1928. Died, age 87, at St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, on 16th. March 2005. During his working life Peter was involved in the family drapery business in South Street (later St. Pancras). In retirement he remained actively involved with environmental projects, walking and travelling. He always attended the Annual Remembrance Service at the School in November.

Alan James Martin (1939-43)

Died 18th. May 2005 after a long illness. Lived in Bournemouth. For his funeral his daughter contacted the school seeking the words of the prayer of St. Richard of Chichester, as this was one of his favourite prayers remembered from his days at CHSB.

XMAS LUNCH APPLICATION

No acknowledgement will be made but cheques will be banked at an early date. No seating plan, other than the top table, but name cards will be issued on arrival for placement according to choice.

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CHALOBS XMAS LUNCH APPLICATION
(Chichester High and Lancastrian Old Boys Society)

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