

CHALOBS NEWSLETTER SPRING 2005

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SUMMER LUNCH GET-TOGETHER

Following the continued success of the CHALOBS Members Christmas lunch the Committee have decided to hold a Summer Lunch gathering the proposed details of which are as follows:-

The Occasion Summer Lunch for CHALOBS Members and PARTNERS

The Date Saturday 2nd July - 12 noon for 1.00pm

The Venue The Spur Hotel/Pub - London Road - Slindon – W. Sussex.

This is a very comfortable Freehold establishment presenting excellent food and it has an ample car park. It is located on the A29 just a mile north of the Fontwell roundabouts.

NOTE: If approaching the Hotel from Fontwell go past the Slindon crossroads and as you go up the rise be careful to take the SECOND of the two right hand slip lanes which is on the crest of the hill.

The Menu CHALOBS has selected a three course & coffee meal which offers a choice of three starters/four main courses (including vegetarian) / three sweets.

The Cost £19.75 per person –
Please make cheques out to 'CHALOBS'

We shall take over the separate Restaurant area - capacity of 50 persons plus. From here the Party can spill out onto the front lawn to enjoy their pre-lunch drinks.

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You are cordially invited to join us with you partner on 2nd July. Remember the seating capacity is approximately fifty

COMMITTEE MEETING AND AGM

CHALOBS AGM 6 th December 2004

The meeting was held as usual in the Old School Library and, in brief, this is what transpired.

Geoffrey Barnard has retired from the Committee and we are seeking replacements. Apart from Geoffrey standing down the Committee remains unchanged. The Meeting agreed to amend the Constitution and Rules to allow the President to serve more than one year in office. So Geoff Wills is into his second year. Ron Martin announced this would be his final year as secretary - so a volunteer is needed to take over!

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee held at the High School Kingsham Road Chichester on Friday 28th January 2005

Present: Geoffrey Wills (President)
Ron Martin (Hon. Secretary)
Graham Fielder (Hon. Treasurer)
Tony Deacock (1928-50 Group Co-ordinator)
Colin Snook (1950-1960 Group Co-ordinator)
Peter Arnell (1960-1970 representative)
Peter Simmonds (Lancastrian representative)
John Child (Deputy Head/School's staff representative)
Maurice Hall

Apologies for absence: Doug Murgatroyd (Vice-President and Newsletter Editor)

The President Geoffrey Wills – In the Chair

1. Minutes – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held at the School on Friday 1st October 2004 were approved and then signed by the President.

2. Bank Account and Finances – The Hon. Treasurer reported that the balance of the Society's current account with the HSBC Bank stood at £941.45 whilst the deposit account was £704.21. There were no outstanding claims to be met. On the face of it these figures were quite good but 70 members had still to renew their subscriptions despite the request for payment made in the Autumn Newsletter - in financial terms a loss to the funds of some £500. He also mentioned he had incurred some expenses in connection with the Treasurer's office which the Committee wholeheartedly agreed he should reimburse from Society funds whenever so incurred.

3. Chalobs Membership – As mentioned by the Hon. Treasurer in the previous item the paid up membership had reduced substantially presently numbering some 107 members. Graham again emphasised how important it was to keep membership figure up. He would arrange to have a reminder inserted in the next Newsletter to be sent out in the Spring, together with a form for arranging direct debit payments through the Bank.

4. Future Programme – The Committee considered suggestions for future events bearing in mind that there were already a number of regular events in the calendar, namely the Christmas Lunch, the Remembrance Day ceremony, and the various School sports events. However there was a need to keep an open mind on other possibilities so as to maintain the momentum. The President mentioned that he had given a lot of

thought to this and had in mind a Summer lunch basically for members of the Committee and their partners but also to include other members of the Society who might be interested in such an event and particularly those known to be living locally. There was general support for the President's suggestion and a Sub-Committee consisting of the President, the Treasurer and Colin Snook was set up to pursue the matter and to agree a suitable date and book the venue. A note would be included in the next Newsletter.

5. Newsletter – The Editor Doug Murgatroyd was not able to be present at this Meeting because of two family bereavements and the Committee extended their sincere condolences to him. He was known to be anxious to press on with gathering material for the Spring Newsletter. The President, Graham Fielder and John Child each said that they had some items for Doug and they would pass these on to him. Other Members were encouraged to do so with anything they might have in mind. The Committee took the view that target dates for the Newsletter should be the end of March for the Spring edition and the second week in October for the Autumn edition.

6. School – John Child gave a brief resume of matters of interest at the School (and the New Head Teacher (see item 7 below) making particular reference to the success of a member of the School's Combined Cadet Force (Michaela Ellison) in reaching the final six for this year's Cadet of the Year. If successful it would be the second successive year that this honour had been won by a student of the School, which would be a great achievement and honour for the School. Sports Day was to be held on Wednesday 15th June 2005 and the Presentation Ceremony on Friday 15th July 2005, which Members of the Committee were most welcome to attend. He also mentioned that the School's kitchen area was in course of being refurbished and when complete would be a great improvement on the current facilities.

7. Head Teacher – John Child reported that the new Head Teacher appointed to succeed Diane Dockrell, Mr John Robinson, had been in the School several times already this term albeit he was not due to take up his new appointment until the start of the Summer term in April. The Committee extended their best wishes to him and hoped they would be able to meet him at their next meeting.

8. Committee Membership – The Committee were mindful that by the resignation of Geoffrey Barnard they had lost a stalwart and most knowledgeable member and that the average age of Members was such that it would be desirable to recruit younger members to serve on the Committee to preserve continuity in the future. Members would be thought to the possibilities and approaches would be made to Society members now suggested. Again mention could be made of this in the Newsletter.

9. Next Meeting – The date of the next Meeting was fixed as Friday 15th April at the School at 3.30pm.

DIANE DOCKRELL

The school's first female Head, was interviewed by the Chichester Observer last summer just before she left to take up a post working for the Government as a Consultant Headteacher. Here are a few extracts of what was said.

"I'm going to miss the boys, the staff, the work and the challenges of running a busy school but it is time for someone else to take up the reins. When I was given the job a few eyebrows were raised because I was a woman taking over an all boys school – that was really unheard of. Some of the parents were not quite sure of me to begin with but I think since then I have won their acceptance.

What the school has achieved since then has made me very proud. We have gained specialist school status – one of my main priorities. We have had a lot of new facilities built or in the pipeline and exam results have risen every year.”

..... memorable highlights included the school’s production of ‘Bugsy’ and the Armistice Day commemorations which Diane found “so poignant”.

“As a Headteacher it can be strange, one minute you are dealing with multi million pound contracts and the next telling off a small boy for being naughty. But that has been one of the joys of working here.

She went on to talk about the great camaraderie amongst the staff and felt sure she would keep in touch socially. Finally, referring to her new post she said, “I am nervous and excited all at the same time but I am sad to be leaving such a great bunch here”

The CHALOBS committee and members owe her a debt of gratitude for her encouragement of and support for the Society and wish her happiness and success in her new venture.

The CHALOBS Committee dined her out in July by way of “thanks” and she responded afterwards with a letter to Geoff Wills, our President.

Dear Geoffrey

Thank you

This is just a quick note to say thank you so much for the wonderful lunch earlier this week. Not only was the food superb but the company most charming.

I suspect there are very few schools, let alone Headteachers, which have benefited from the support of an “Old Boys” association such as CHALOBS. I congratulate you on your achievements and I’m sure you will grow from strength to strength.

These last few days have made me reflect on just how special the High School is and I will now be joining you as I experience the feeling of being an “Old Girl” of CHSB.

Best wishes

Diane

OLD BOYS PEN PICTURES

Dr Alan Polson (1955-62)

Contemporaries of Alan will remember him as an outstanding rugby player, playing Fly Half for the school 1st XV as a fourth former through to the upper sixth (with Bas Cooper as his Scrum Half throughout). After qualifying in Dentistry in the late 1960’s Alan moved to the States where he has concentrated on research. He is now a recognised world leader in periodontology and is currently Professor of Periodontics and D Walter Cohen

Chair, Associate Dean and Director of the Clinical Research Centre at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine.

Alan's career has taken him to Colorado where he was Director of Clinical Research at Atrix Laboratories Inc., Rochester, where he was Chairman of the department of Periodontology at the Eastman Dental Centre, the Armed Services where he has been a Consultant for the US Army and Navy in Periodontal research.

Alan has over 140 publications in scientific journals to his credit and has made over 180 presentations in his sphere of expertise worldwide.

Looks like Britain lost a good man to the "BRAIN DRAIN" as well as a great rugby player! It was great to see Alan at the 75th anniversary celebration in the early summer of 2004 when he combined the reunion with a visit to his father, Crom, in Wales, a great supporter of school rugby and regular referee for school matches.

Tony Instone (1959-63)

Joined in his second year and went on to the then new Chichester Coll. of FE to study Building Construction. He then spent 4 years in the Weights and Measures Dept of W.Sussex CC followed by careers in Security, Oil and Banking. Tony is married to Jackie and lives in London. He loves Golf.

John Lloyd (1946-54) can be reached at jwlloyd@bham.ac.uk

I completed a degree in Geology at Bristol Univ. directly after leaving Chichester and worked in British Guiana for 3 years where I met and married my wife. We moved to London for a year where I studied Engineering Geology at Imperial College. We then spent 7 years in Jordan where our daughter and son were born.

It was during my time there that I developed an interest in "Arid Water Supply" and after a year in Bristol we moved to the Atacama desert in Chile. In 1973 I joined the Staff of Birmingham Univ. and was appointed Professor of Hydrogeology in 1982. This post has enabled me to travel worldwide working on groundwater projects in the Middle East, South America and Australia. I am now semi retired living in Warwickshire.

WJ Ainsley (1950 – 56)

I left in the lower sixth and did a 5 year apprenticeship with the Bristol Aeroplane Co at Filton. During the last year I was employed in the Aerodynamics dept. of the Guided Weapons Division and stayed until 1965. I then worked for Canadair in Montreal until 1969. A short stay with Handley Page back in the UK followed before joining the Concorde flight test team at Fairford until mid 1970 when I went back to my old dept. at the Guided Weapons Division, relocating to Lockheed Missiles in California on behalf of Bae, taking part in a joint US/UK missile programme. I was posted back to Filton in 1981 working on the project until 1993 when I took voluntary redundancy – on terms too good to pass up! In my 19 years on that project I was involved in more than 30 missile firings from Cape Canaveral. Since

retiring I've been active as a consultant in my field and only finished altogether in June 2004 (at my wife's insistence!)

Ken Clinch (1933 – 1940)

Passed scholarship to enter CHSB and started in 1A. Took Higher School Leaving Cert in 1940 and worked in local government in Chichester before being called up in 1941. Spent the next 5 years in the Royal Signals as an Operator, all of it abroad in Iraq and India. (He won the Burma Star and Africa Star admitting he never heard a shot fired in anger!)

Demobbed in 1946 he became a photographer with the Civil Service for 15 years, serving all over the UK and in Malta.

In 1961 he began training for the Church and was ordained in 1964 in the Church of England. Ken has served in Shoreham, and at St Johns in St Leonard's where he spent 15 happy years, retiring in 1988. Ken is 82 and pleased to be in good health and still works at various local churches around Hastings when the opportunity arises.

Des Hoare (1952 – 58) in responding to a letter from Eric Smedley says

He left school in 1958, working variously as an articled accountant, a clerk with the Inland Revenue and working for his father in his Selsey landscaping business.

Although already married with 2 children he began training as a teacher at Eaton Hall in Retford in 1963, qualifying in 1966. He taught Rural Science in a Secondary Mod for 7 years, eventually becoming HOD. In 1973 he joined the Prison Service at HM Prison, Ranby, Notts where he became an Education Officer, working there until his retirement.

Eric Smedley had asked Des about his sporting talents which had been not inconsiderable at school and Des replies: " I never quite continued with as much zest after leaving CHSB. I did play for Selsey and Chichester at soccer and dabbled in most sports over the years but never to the level I had aspired to. I continued to play football until one Boxing Day, aged 40, playing against the prisoners, age told my body to give up!"

Other activities took a more important role in his life, notably involvement with teaching unions and local politics and eventually he became Mayor of his district. Latterly, Des has been full time Deputy Leader of the District.

Des now lives in the Limousin between Limoges and Angoulême, fulfilling a life long dream to settle in France in 1995, where, he says, he feels fully integrated. He has become a conseiller municipal and also serves on the committee des fetes.

Finally he thanks Eric for all his encouragement all those years ago, which helped to make him a better teacher, person and citizen!

And in a separate pen picture to CHALOBS has fond memories of:

- Captaining an outstanding Colts X1 which was never beaten, even by the school 1st X1, and its coaches, Messrs Elliott and Wright

- Oscar Lloyd's afternoon snoozes in HISTORY but being alert enough to prevent his class from fooling around by accurately propelling a wooden board rubber at any pupil stepping out of line.
- KD Anderson's idiosyncratic mannerisms
- Friends he has lost touch with - like Roger Lowsley, Ed Kitching, Bill Barrow, Malcolm MacDonald, Mick O'Hagan
- Gert Lewis, the only female teacher in the school during Des's time.

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SNIPPETS FROM FRIENDS REUNITED WEBSITE 1955 AND 1965

1955

EDWARD COOPER: I am retired and live in Birmingham - in the same house that we bought in 1963

GRAHAM FIELDER: Went to Southampton University in 1957 after National Service. Followed by 3 years in local government finance with WSCC. Career change took me into Further Education as a lecturer where I remained before retiring as Deputy HOD in August 1996. Married with two daughters and living in Chichester area.

JOHN PELHAM: Retired after a career in scientific research (genetics and plant breeding) and health service (data protection administration).

Married to Pam. Now have two daughters, each with two children of their own.

KEITH SNOWBALL: On leaving school did national service. Then joined industry as a lab tech. Did a chemistry degree at London. Moved to Australia in 1972 having moved out of the chemical field into personnel work. Retired from full time work taking up a post as a pastoral care pastor in our church from which I retired in 2001. Married with two children and 4 grand children. live in Melbourne a very nice city .

ALAN SPOONER: Retired and living in the Nottingham area.

1965

JOHN ANDRE: retired fire officer ; married to Marion with 3 children and 4 grandchildren; would love to hear from anyone who remembers me; I'm into golf, fishing and DIY.

PETER ARNELL : At present living in Midhurst, Chartered Bulding Surveyor with business in Petersfield. Long time married with 2 boys, 1 girl, youngest boy still at University.

PETER BINGHAM: Schooling at Queens Rheindahlen, Windsor Hamm, Whitley Bay Grammar, Hastings Grammar, Chichester High. Joined RAF as pilot in 1965 and served on Hercules and VC10 aircraft. Overseas tours

with USAF as a pilot instructor and in North Africa as attache. Left in 1996 now live on the Isle of Wight where we are restoring an old farmhouse. Working part time and sailing a lot! Two daughters both grown up.

ALAN BISHOP: Currently both a company director and a local government officer. On one hand helping to run an international organisation for shiplovers publishing magazines and books and on the other planning, organizing and promoting rural bus services throughout West Yorkshire.

PETER BUDD: Left kcps and went to Chichester High School. Graduated from Bristol University in veterinary science in 1971 . In general practice in Somerset until 1995. Sold my partnership and now manage RSPCA wildlife hospital near Taunton. Married Jane in 1971 and have 2 grown up children. Still very interested in photography.

GARRY COLLINS: Left Chi High 1965, became a Quantity Surveyor and have been one ever since. Married 1974 (just celebrated 28 years), one son Tom aged 21. Took up rugby after I got married and played from the age of 26 until I was 40, never having played much at school and much to my wife Carole's bemusement. Since 40 have been involved in amateur dramatics. Have dabbled at singing throughout the years, singing anything from rock to choral, but never had the nerve to make a career of it. Have lived in a village near Stockbridge, Hampshire for the past 25 years and currently work just outside Guildford.

MIKE GREEN: Southampton Uni -Degree in Physics, followed by a teaching Diploma (but never entered teaching).

ICL (UK flagship computer company but now wearing the Fujitsu flag).

Technical documentation and middle management.

Freelancing (and recovering from being middle manager!)

1995: Married Nancy - now Prof of Applied Maths at Reading University - no kids.

Tech writing again, for AIT, a software company in Henley on Thames

Spent most of the last year in Cleveland USA, where Nancy was on sabbatical, and I worked part time for AIT.

Now made redundant from AIT (along with many others!) and job hunting.

Living in Winnersh, near Reading, but why not email to keep in touch

MIKE HANCOCK: Father in RAF. Went to Great Rissington (Martin Hill), Lyneham (looking for Ian Driver, David Elvin, Flo & Bob Hicks, Alyss Cooper, Ron & Bonnie South and others), Upavon (Pewsey?), West Malling/Mereworth Primary (the Warwicks, Valerie Rashley & Melanie Young(mother Binky, brother Stefan)). RAF Nicosia Bilateral School from (Phil Humphries, Paul Williams, Lynda Dawson, Pat Brewster), then to Chi High (any one know of Nigel Keates' whereabouts). Played in pop band (Codas) . Lived at RAF Thorney Island. Left in 1965, joined RAF as Intelligence Analyst. Formed and played in Orange Box and Koff. Looking for any old mates from Thorney and anyone from Chi High that remembers me. Now married with 2 grown up kids and a granddaughter! Like to hear from anyone who remembers me. I like Music (playing & composing), languages, crosswords, pubs And am into 10-pin bowling, cricket, rugby

ANDREW HOWARD: Nowadays a school bursar in Redhill. Married 32 years to my schooldays girlfriend Judy.

CHRIS JOLLY: I now live in Spain having lived in Germany, Norway, Thailand and Kenya. I am married to Lyn and between us we have 4 children all of whom live in England. I play the guitar for a living in hotels and restaurants. I enjoy Music, travel, cultures and customs and football

MARTIN KORONKA: married with 3 children, 7, 5, 3. Living near Arundel West Sussex

TONY LEE: Living in US 20 years now in Connecticut, VP sales & marketing for a trade show and exhibition management company been in the industry for 25 years. Wife two daughters 18 and 17. College is expensive here! Family still in England near Chichester.
Follow English soccer, (football) big Portsmouth fan. Coach boys and girls with my daughters as assistant coaches. Love to hear from anyone who remembers me.

GEOFF LINK: Following a glittering career in the real world of manufacturing business, now running teams of Business Advisers at the Chamber of Commerce in Derby.

Looking forward (quite a long way) to retirement, now that two grown up daughters have flown the nest.

Still musically inclined, but crap at golf!

Living in Chesterfield in Derbyshire, but still have family in Sussex.

JOHN MARDLE: Moved away from Luton in 1963 - went to live in Bognor Regis (the last resort). Also lived in Brighton, Portsmouth, Oxford. Now in Wallingford. Worked in banking, catering, now a manager in the distribution industry. Have 4 kids (that's enough) by 2 marriages (and that's enough). Does anyone at Maidenhall remember Michael Cheshire, Keith Sawyer, Jennifer Cross, Jacqueline Smith? Is anyone still living in Luton - and why?! Does anyone at LGS remember Keith Ward, Rob Marrill? Does anyone at Chi High remember Tim Farrow, Martin Humphries,

MARTIN MCGRANAGHAN: Retired accountant and likes skiing and golf

BILL OVERTON: University lecturer in English literature

MIKE SCOTT: I spent eight summer seasons at the Festival theatre in Chichester before deciding to do something sensible. Instead I came to Birmingham to train as a primary teacher, and have been here ever since; I now live in Yardley.

I taught in three primary schools in deepest Brum, and took early retirement after a health scare in 1994. I now work from home doing genealogical research for anyone who is kind (mug) enough to employ me.

My wife still teaches in Birmingham, and my two daughters are at secondary school. I didn't rush into family life.

I keep in regular contact with Barry Harmer, and Brian Cornick, who also taught in Birmingham.

My mum and brother still live in Sussex, and I get down there a few times a year. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who remembers me.

DAVID SHIRT: Recently taken early retirement from a career laying transoceanic telephone cables under the seas all over the world. Married with 3 daughters, who have all now flown (well almost!). Thoroughly enjoying this new life of leisure. Currently living in West Berks, but contemplating a move to Devon

JEREMY SMITH: Living in Langley, near Vancouver BC. Emigrated to Canada in 1970. Married with 3 children, one still at home. Self Employed (in a field totally unrelated to my education).

TONY STEPHENS: After a career as a microbiologist travelling the world, I settled for an easier life as contracts manager for the Natural Resources Institute in Chatham. Having taken early retirement I have taken up a post with Transport for London in their communications centre. Still have family connections in Chichester and visit from time to time. I enjoy Choral and pipe organ music. Still play the organ twice a month at St John's Seven Kings (Ilford) and Rugby Union but purely as a spectator these days.

DAVID THATCHER: I live in Rustington, West Sussex, with my wife Heather. I am the leader of Arun Community Church, a church with about 400 people on a Sunday. I have 5 children and 10 grandchildren. One of my sons and 3 of my sons in law are part of a band called Delirious? who have had several top 20s, and are often on tours across the world.

RAYWORTH TURNER: now married with 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren. Have been running own carpentry business for 30 years and still live locally.

Anecdotal memories -

“Spiv”

Norman Siviter is remembered with affection (in hindsight!) by Graham Fielder as his Form 3B Form Master. During morning registration prior to morning assembly Norman had his own idiosyncratic system of punishing misdemeanours (such as talking, lounging, slouching, smirking, wrong uniform etc). There was inevitably some unfortunate who couldn't resist a whispered aside after “Spiv” had called for silence or who had put on coloured socks as an act of non conformist defiance. Spiv's system was not the traditional “lines” – I must notetc but to copy out hymns from “Songs of Praise”. The process usually went like this.

SPIV : X, come here and bring your hymn book

X complies and Spiv opens the book randomly

SPIV: You will write out hymns 25 ,26 and 27

X: Oh, please, Sir

SPIV:and 28 and29

X: Oooh, Sirrrrr (Urgent plea for mercy)

SPIV:and 30 and 31

At this X would usually acquiesce and accept the inevitable and, knowing the task to be irksome, was suitably deterred from offending again. Norman kept a list of offenders on a piece of paper in his locked desk and each morning would check that the imposition had been done. The whole process was ritualistic and effective – Graham does not recall anyone failing to complete the assignment. Norman was a great character, gruff on the exterior but with a dry sense of humour – which many of us came to know and understand later on in our school life and after leaving school.

“KILLER”

Mr Colgan always took the new boys for PT and Graham Fielder remembers thinking during his first year how he acquired his nickname. It wasn't until his second year that he discovered the answer when all those in A and B forms took a second language, Latin or German. Graham chose Latin and discovered that “ Killer” was his teacher.

He turned out to be incredibly demanding and intolerant of lack of application. The class was terrified of him and on the train travelling to school a small group of “Killers” budding classicists could invariably be found testing one another prior to the inevitable Latin test that day. When it was time for Latin with “Killer” Graham remembers trembling with fear and his legs feeling like jelly as the class stood up as he entered the class. There would then be “ I hope you have all learnt your Latin homework ” followed by the grammar and vocabulary test. Failure to answer anything that had been covered to date would result in the miscreant being called to the front of the class and being given an extraordinary tongue-lashing or sometimes worse.

Mr Colgan was a keen collector of china and the class would attempt to dangle his hobby as a red herring in the hope of a much needed break from the rigours of Latin. It occasionally worked but never for long enough!

“Killer” was a prime exponent of what we would now refer to as “traditional” methods and, as Graham admits, they were very effective at getting students to learn simply because the consequences of failure were dire.

CHSB IN THE WAR YEARS – by Geoff Wills

Preparations for war

As early as 1938 measures were underway to prepare for war with the construction of air raid shelters adjacent to Kingsham Road (still in situ!) At

the time of the Munich Crisis in Sept 1938 school was suspended for 4 days for year 3 and above who were employed assembling 10000 respirators. The school was also cleared to act as a billeting station and for possible evacuees from London. The Munich Agreement, however, brought a return to reality. By August 1939, with war imminent, teachers were recalled early from their summer holiday and the process of creating a clearing station out of the school was again underway. Prefects and staff acted as billeting officers. When the boys returned to school there were air raid practices, gas mask inspections and equipping air raid shelters with water buckets, candles and water jugs. The Head issued instructions to be followed in the event of an air raid. Mr Watson was to be seen in the observation post near the school tuck shop and on the school field on air raid lookout duties as soon as war was declared and for much of the war.

The school shared its accommodation with Henry Thornton School from Clapham, evacuated from London from 1939 until 1943. Interestingly, Jimmy Hill of subsequent football fame was a pupil, and two members of staff who stayed on at CHSB after the return of Henry Thornton in 1943 were Messrs Hail and Collins.

Sharing a school brought a strong rivalry and frustrations, some healthy competition and, naturally, occasional sparks flew. Notwithstanding this, E. Wilson, HENRY THORNTON School Captain spoke of "great friendships and friendly rivalry" between the schools in a charming letter of thanks to the editor of the Martlet on their return to Clapham.

Old Boys in the Armed Forces

A Roll of Service of Old Boys was started and maintained throughout the war listing the growing number of old boys serving in the Armed Forces. By the end of hostilities in 1945 a total of 430 were known to have served and some twenty received decorations for distinguished service. Occurring frequently in the Headmaster's Notes in 'The Martlets' for the war years are references to the tragic loss in action of old boys serving in one of the Services. A Memorial Service was held in 1948 and the Memorial Plaque in the Entrance Hall of the old school lists the names of 61 old boys who gave their lives.

The School helps out

Throughout the war the school regularly subscribed to appeals and collections were made for Poppy day, Red Cross POW fund, Merchant Navy, etc. Senior boys were asked to volunteer for work with the Post Office during the Christmas period and at other times of the year boys were encouraged to assist on local farms.

In an attempt to alleviate one aspect of the shortages caused by the war a scheme was started whereby second-hand articles of school uniform from boys who had outgrown their clothing or had left the school were sent to parents unable to locate item of uniform.

Sports activities

From the outset in 1939 sports activities were seriously curtailed. At first, Football was largely confined to playing repeated matches against the Henry Thornton School. No hockey matches appear to have taken place. Similarly,

cricket was restricted in the summer of 1940. The cricket notes in The Martlet for July 1942 comment that “so far we have had a very successful season in spite of difficulties due to haymaking on the ground early in the term” Despite the constraints imposed by wartime conditions, the Annual Athletic Sports continued to be held in June throughout the war years.

However, from the autumn of 1943, the situation began to improve with increasing opportunities to play former opponents.

Formation of ATC Unit

In 1941 the school responded to the appeal of the Air Minister for the formation of flights in units of the ATC for boys 16-18. CHSB became the 3rd. Flight of the No.461 (Chichester & District) Squadron that had its HQ based at the school. Through affiliation there was close co-operation with RAF Tangmere. Mr. Stephenson was appointed as Flt. Lt. i/c the Flight and Messrs. Marwood, Pasquill, O'Brien, Lambert and Harvey were made Flying Officers. The school tuck shop was set aside as a store and a room allocated for Flight recreational use. Older boys from both schools were encouraged to join. In the autumn of 1941 the Flight was divided into two Sub-Flights (A & B) to provide for established and new cadets.

For training purposes cadets were divided into two groups: (1) Air Crew and (2) Ground Staff. All cadets learned administration, drill, PT, aircraft recognition and Morse code. In addition, according to their group category, cadets learnt something of aircrew duties and ground trades.

In addition, there were occasional talks to the school by visiting Service personnel. This was probably intended to give the boys an appreciation of the contribution being made by the different branches of the Armed Forces and also recognised that the war would not be over quickly and that many of the older boys would be called up on leaving school.

Clubs and Societies

The outbreak of war had seen the complete suspension of after-school activities in order to accommodate the guest school and to enable boys to get home as early as possible during the dark period of the year, which was compounded by the blackout regulations. This largely remained the situation until the autumn term of 1943 although the Chess Club had been revived in 1941. With the easing of the enemy threat there was a resumption of some school societies and the appearance of others. Mr. Ashton revived the Choral Society in 1942 and Mr. Buxton restarted the Orchestra. A Musical Appreciation Society was formed and some former clubs and societies reappeared and operated over the remaining period of the war – Debating Society, Scientific Society, Field Club (1944), Physics Society (1943), Chess Club.

As a consequence of the aviation interest generated by the war a Spotters' Club made its appearance in the autumn term of 1942. Activities included talks, aircraft recognition, model making and producing its own magazine 'Aircraft'. Members were able to take the National Association of Spotters' Clubs tests in aircraft recognition and obtain certificates. By the spring of 1943 members were assisting American soldiers to learn aircraft recognition. The club appears to have ceased after the conclusion of hostilities.

Accommodation problems

Throughout the period of the war the accommodation problem remained acute. Initially, there was the need to accommodate the Henry Thornton School (until 1943) and this was compounded by the steady increase in the number of CHSB pupils from 380 in 1939 to 658 in 1945. Every available space area (including the Changing Rooms) was put to teaching use. By 1942 a Staff room built for 10 people had to accommodate 32 from both schools. Even after the return of the Henry Thornton School to London the continued growth of the school created considerable accommodation problems necessitating classes in the Library, Hall, Dining Room, Locker Room and the Dark Room. The ATC and Recreation Room was converted into a temporary form room. The strain on staff was considerable.

Staffing problems

Obtaining teaching staff was a continuing problem. Inevitably some members of staff (e.g. Smedley, Stables, Colgan) were called up for war service and the problem of teaching cover was compounded by the unavoidable illness and consequent long periods of sick leave required by some members of staff e.g. Messrs. Pelham & Holland. Staff shortages necessitated some members of staff having to turn their hand to teaching other subjects e.g. Marwood & O'Brien to Physics.

In some cases temporary staff appointments were necessary to meet the teaching requirements. It is a tribute to all those staff that the school was able to maintain the standards it had set and boys continued to enter and succeed in the public examinations.

The war progressed to its now expected favourable conclusion and in May 1945 the school was allowed to take two days as a Victory holiday.

Wartime conditions undoubtedly imposed constraints on both staff and pupils and so, in some ways, changed the nature of the normally expected experience. Nevertheless, life at the school during those difficult years must have been a memorable experience for the boys.

In this article I have attempted to put together a picture of the conditions and changes imposed on the school by the war circumstances and in doing so I have relied on written sources and the memories of some of those who were present during those times. It has been an interesting task and in some way enabled me to understand those years at CHSB.

Memories of the School Punishment System - by Graham Fielder

Frequently, articles in the national press mention the problem of maintaining discipline in many of the schools of today and the educational consequences that ensue. The position in the past was significantly different.

While pondering my time (1948-55) at CHSB I began to dwell on the institutional methods used to keep the essential order and discipline needed for teaching and learning in a community of boys – the punishment system. Young boys starting their career at CHSB quickly became aware of the way things were done, the standards of conduct expected of them and the consequences of non-compliance. Few would have passed through the school without experiencing at least one or, in some cases, all of the range of punishments available to those invested with authority. Some old boys may like to remind themselves of the system or compare it with their own time. The writer would be pleased to hear of personal memories and experiences.

The personality of individual members of staff and prefects was usually sufficient to maintain the standard of behaviour expected in the school but at some time most would have had to have recourse to the punishments available to them. 'Offences' would range from minor, often unintentional, infringements to more serious breaches.

At a simple and informal level both members of staff and prefects could give a boy an 'imposition'. This usually took the form of 'lines' frequently commencing with 'I must not.etc.' which had to be written about one hundred times.

Its deterrent efficacy was limited but it had an inconvenience side to it that was best avoided if a boy did not want his leisure time eroded. It was given for minor infringements after prior warning to the whole class. However, I remember, as a third year pupil our form master (Norman Siviter) having a much more onerous variant (mentioned in an article on "Spiv" elsewhere in this newsletter) which involved copying out selected hymns from the school hymn book (Songs of Praise).

Putting a boy 'in detention' was a formalised punishment that could be invoked by masters or prefects for more serious misdemeanours ('insubordination' etc.). There was a Masters' Detention Book' and a Prefects' Detention Book. Members of staff would usually tell a boy to go and get the detention book from the Staff Common Room and on his return the details would be entered in the book. Prefects would usually take the name and form number of a boy and enter them in the Prefects' Book back at base. Sub-Prefects could take the name of a boy and request a full prefect to enter it in the detention book.

Detention normally took place after school on the next school day. However, there were cases where some habitual offenders had to be booked in on consecutive days. Boys were expected to assemble in Room 1 and await the arrival of the master who was on detention duty. Names of those present were checked in both detention books – non-attendance was rarely contemplated, as the consequences were likely to be serious. During the period of detention boys were expected to sit in silence for an hour of punishing boredom. Lucky was the boy who had been assigned some work (such as repeated homework) to do by the master.

I have also been reminded that there was a 'Delinquents' Book' (popularly known as the 'Dinky' book) for boys who had committed a serious breach of discipline or whose track record required that they were put 'on report' and so came to the attention of the Head Master for his decision.

A more ominous situation usually awaited the boy who was referred to Prefects' Court, which was held every month under the direction of Mr. A. H. Watson who was in overall charge of discipline in the school. As far as I can remember a boy could find himself in this position if he incurred three detentions within a specified period or, presumably, had committed some form of serious school offence. Fortunately, I never had to experience this court but as a prefect in my last year I remember the prefects sitting around the outside of the room. The offender was brought in and asked if he had anything to say in respect of the charge. He was then taken out of the room and a punishment was discussed and agreed – this was usually a number of strokes (e.g. 3) of the cane. On being brought back into the room punishment was administered by Mr. Watson. It was difficult not to feel for the boy being punished as he bravely bore the stinging pain inflicted by the instrument. All this took place in the days before Human Rights legislation removed these sanctions against recalcitrant boys in the educational situation. The present Head Teacher still has the school Punishment Book, in which details of canings had to be entered, and the school cane from those days. On occasions when groups of old boys are at the school it is made available for inspection to those interested in its contents.

Footnote added by Doug Murgatroyd – this barbaric system came to an end in October 1961 when the Prefects voted to abolish it. KD, I seem to remember, was rather impressed with this altruistic gesture and rubber stamped the decision.

To present day pupils these methods may seem anachronistic but they were standard practice in schools at that time and accepted as part of the system. There always existed an ultimate sanction and that was expulsion from the school and the end of a privileged educational opportunity. I was not aware of that happening during my time at CHSB.

CHSB CCF NATIONAL SUCCESSES

Will MacDonald, a Flight Sergeant with the school's CCF travelled to Cranwell in July 2004 to receive the prestigious Sir John Thompson Memorial Sword. He was chosen as the best individual cadet out of 9500 Cadets in the RAF section of the CCF throughout the UK for his outstanding achievements. Since joining the CCF at the age of 13 he has won a best cadet award at a national leadership course, and been on 2 gliding scholarships. He has also achieved his gliding wings – a rarity for cadets and has been awarded a De Havilland flying scholarship for the second year running.

Will modestly said of his award, "It is not just about what I have done, it's about the people around me as wellMy parents are very proud and will

be going with me to receive the award. I have a lot of support and praise from my teachers as well, especially Sqn Ldr Ray Carter.

Even if you don't go on to a career in the Services the CCF teaches you leadership skills and discipline and gives you the opportunity to fly and shoot as well as get involved with all three services.

Will was taking A level Physics, Geography, History and General Studies as well as the Duke of Edinburgh Award at the time of this interview by the Chichester Observer.

MICHAELA ELLISON (18) It was announced early in 2005 had also won through to the last six of a national CCF final and had won a scholarship for a 15 day professional and cultural exchange trip to the USA visiting military establishments and sightseeing.

LETTERS FROM OLD BOYS

From Tony Instone in May 2004

Tony writes of the kindness shown to him by KD and Kate when he first arrived at the school in the second year. He recalls that his love of "good" music was fostered by George Ayling and how grateful he was to Johnny Godwin for his patience in teaching Maths.

"Spiv"'s accurate board rubber throwing and the knots in the sleeves of his gown to beat on the desks and the uncanny way he could return homework exercise books by floating them from one side of the classroom to soft land on your desk are all aspects remembered with obvious affection.

Why would "Dutch" insist on his idiosyncratic pronunciation of coelacanth – "coilycanthe" (sic); Tich Morris's loving red herrings about his war exploits; Eric Smedley's French songs at the start and end of lessons; raising the Japanese flag outside KD's office; the school photo where one 5th former appeared 3 times by dint of skilful sprinting and timing; idolising Mr Creed – Newton and loving Physics just because he own the car of dreams – a 3.8 Jag!

Roger Pratt (1953 –60) wrote to update CHALOBS on his life to date. In brief he says:

Left school in 1960 to go to Leeds University to study Civil Engineering. On graduating in 1963 he worked for LG Mouchel and Partners but in 1964 won a scholarship at Queens Univ Ontario to study Geotechnical Engineering. After his Masters he took off for BC in the West because all his friends had said how great it was there!

In 1967 he was taken on by BC Ministry of Transport and stayed for 36 years! He has lived in Nelson for 26 years (400 miles east of Vancouver). Roger has never married but has had the same girlfriend, Terrie, for a number of years. Because of his sporting interests he has become interested in skilled massage therapy, notably the work of Antii Joronen, and is working on a book about his methods and even uses the skills he has acquired on those with

sports injuries. In the winter months Roger teaches primary age children to cross country ski.

Roger ends by suggesting that if his many talents are in due course recognised and if he is elevated to a Peerage, he would have to choose a name – has Lord Bognor Regis already been snapped up?

Robert Hatch (1954-61) Lancs and high School

Writes again to update us in the Summer of 2004.

He reminisces about “Tich” playing for the Staff football team in enormous sailcloth shorts which could have come straight out of the Goon Show. A recent newsletter article about “Perce” Pelham jogged his memory of Perce taking him for English A level and explaining the notion of “bloom” (“White barred clouds bloom the soft dying day”) in a poem by Keats. Robert was spellbound and the moment obviously never left him!

He also gives us a brief run down on his career to date: a few years in teaching which he left in 1969 followed by 27 years as a Civil Servant with the Board of Trade (as he puts it “bored with trade”). He now occupies himself as Secretary and Secretary and Treasurer to the London Numismatic Club and the St Pancras Antiquarian Society respectively.

75 th ANNIVERSARY REUNION ON 8 th MAY 2004

Over 90 old boys of Chichester Boys’ High School and the Lancastrian Boy’s School attended a reunion to celebrate its 75th birthday. There was a good representation of the various decades from the 1930’s to the 1960’s and some travelled a considerable distance to be there, one, in fact, from the USA.

Old Boys met in the old school Assembly Hall which had been prepared with photographic displays and various memorabilia, a stall selling the CHALOBS tie and another providing coffee and biscuits. They were met on arrival by the Old Boys President, Geoffrey Wills and those who had turned up who had not yet joined the Association were encouraged to do so!

Both Geoff Wills and Diane Dockrell made welcoming addresses and special mention was made of John Child, the Deputy Head, who was praised for his unstinting support of CHALOBS and for his hard work in facilitating this celebration. Diane Dockrell was presented with a bouquet of flowers and John Child with a bottle of champagne as tokens of the Society’s gratitude.

The School provided escorts from its younger students who ran tours of the two sites pointing out the numerous facilities provided by the School. The Old Boys in turn took great delight in reminiscing and regaling the youngsters (and each other) with tales of school life in the “good old days”!

At 1230 a buffet lunch and wine was provided where members were able to continue catching up with old friends. By 2.30 most were wending their way home with, I am certain, very pleasant memories of the day.

OBITUARIES

Eric Smedley (1915 – 2004) (a précis of the Rev Patrick McManus's address at Eric's funeral with additions by Tony Wheatley and Eric Bassett)

Eric was born soon after the start of WW1 and was part of a large family of 8 of which he was the youngest. Times weren't easy but Eric secured a place at Manchester Grammar School, as prestigious then as it is now, and then went on to Manchester University where he read Modern Languages. In 1937 he was appointed French Master at CHSB.

Eric spent WW2 in the intelligence Corps, spending some of his time as a despatch rider in Wales! After demob he returned to his job at the Boys' High School. Old Boys recall his teaching with affection and respect. His charm, cultured approach and ready smile, his encouragement and gentle cajoling more than adequately communicated the language he loved to those he taught.

He was also an inspirational House Master of St Wilfred's House and took a close interest in its former pupils as is witnessed in a letter to him from Des Hoare elsewhere in this newsletter.

He was married to Emmie and had 3 children, Frank, John and Sybil. Sadly, John's tragic death at the age of 24 affected Eric greatly but family and time slowly healed the wound and the coming of grandchildren, a great source of pride to him, did much to assuage the grief.

The family travelled abroad, especially to France. His mastery of the language is apocryphal and family and students on trips can vouch for the compliments he received for his perfect accent. France, its language and its literature were a joy to him and he was still reading a French tome shortly before his death. Eric loved Golf and was a member at Goodwood for many years where he won a number of trophies. He revelled in the joy of the game without ever seeking hierarchical club status.

Eric had underlined in a book he had been reading: "A thought of good brings forth good just as surely as lighting a lamp dispels the darkness." Eric's life shone in many ways: in education, in the family, in caring relationships, in golf and in music.

Behind this sensitive man, who in conversation in later years referred to "the evils of our time," dwelt a quiet strength and a belief that "all will be well".

At the end of the service the congregation filed out, appropriately, to the strains of "La Vie en Rose."

David Horlock (1953 – 1961) Assistant Stage Manager Bristol Old Vic 1970 – 74, Associate Director 1974 – 77, Artistic Director of the Redgrave Theatre Farnham 1977 – 82, Artistic Director of the Salisbury Playhouse 1982 – 90

TR (Bob) Stephens - Senior Biology Master CHSB Jan 1948 – Jul 1960 – died 11th June 2004 aged 93

Bob Stephens came to the school from Wisbech Grammar School in Jan 1948 and left to take up a post at Loughborough College T.T.C in 1960 He was highly regarded by 6th form Zoology and Botany students.

Bernard died on 10 th December 2004 – aged 88

Bernard Vick (1928 – 33)

The funeral was at St Georges Church in Whyke. He had a daughter and 2 sons. He was one of 63 original boys who came to the school in 1928 and was a lifetime resident of Chichester. On leaving school he joined the Surveyor's Dept of WSCC and remained for the whole of his career. In retirement he worked as a volunteer in the County Records Office

Don Stallybrass(1933 – 39) died 4th Feb 2003

Patrick Hall Smith (1933 – 36) died 2004

Harry J Nicholls (1938 – 45) died 2004

Bert Gill (1934 – 37) died 2004

Stan Walsh (1952 – 59) died 1994

Dave Joyce (1952 – 58) died 1995

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE and presentation of veterans' badges

Ten Old Boys attended the annual Remembrance Day service on Thursday 11th November. The service was conducted by an Old Boy, the Rev. Norman Wyatt (1929—36). Wreaths were laid under the memorial to the 61 Old Boys who gave their lives during World War 2.

Afterwards younger pupils, chosen from the CCF, presented Veterans Badges to former Servicemen, ex pupils of the school who had attended this special remembrance service.

Graham Matthews, a member of the Royal British Legion's national council said Veterans Badges were available to all those who served in WW2.

“ I was able with permission from the Headteacher to arrange for 6 Veterans to be presented with badges at the school”

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