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CHALOBS XMAS NEWSLETTER 2007



EDITORIAL

2007 seems to have flown by, helped on my part by disappearing for the whole of February and March to New Zealand and Australia.

On the social scene CHALOBS has held two very successful events this year; a Luncheon in July at Rowlands Castle Golf Club attended by 28 members and wives and a Golf Day organized by Martin McGranahan in June at Chichester Golf Club. You'll find reports of these inside this issue. Sadly, a repeat of last year's successful Canal Cruise was not to be. Colin Snook took the wise decision to call it off when the take up for the event was too small to make it viable.

The CHALOBS committee has met three times this year and it goes without saying how grateful I am for its support in my first year as President. I was unable to attend the school during its Presentation Week as the Old Boys' representative through a holiday commitment but was very pleased that various committee members volunteered their services in my place.

The AGM approaches and I suppose the debate concerning a change of name for our society will raise its head. All are welcome to write to me expressing their views on this – even better if you can express them in person at the AGM.

The annual Xmas Lunch takes place immediately after the AGM— being held at The Chichester Park Hotel in on the Westhampnet Rd near the crematorium in Chichester . Full details of this are advertised below.

I commend to you the fantastic effort being made by Colin Snook, a stalwart of our Committee. He will be walking around the coast of Britain next year for the charity CLIMB . Do read his letter on page 10

It remains for me to wish all our members best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Doug Murgatroyd

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AGM and Christmas Lunch 1st December 2007 Reminder

AGM

This years AGM will be held at the old school at 10.45 am Sat 1st Dec 2007

Christmas Lunch

The AGM will be followed by a Xmas Lunch at **The Chichester Park Hotel** (Formerly The Chichester Motel) at 12.30 for 1.00 pm

COST £14

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FOR FULL DETAILS



In the early 1930s Frank joined the staff at the Henry Thornton School, Clapham to teach French and Games. He married Rosina Cox (Bunny) in August 1936 and in September 1939 they found themselves evacuated to Chichester with his school.



Staff Profile: Frank Hail (1908-2000)

Boys who attended CHSB at any time during the first 25 years after the Second World War will remember Frank Hail as a very popular and respected member of staff.

Frank was born in Fulham, London on 7 December 1908 and was educated at Fulham Central School where he learnt his lifetime love of poetry. He subsequently went to St. Mark & St. John's College, where he took a degree in French and obtained his teaching certificate. Throughout this educational period he was able to actively pursue his love for football and cricket. He played for Fulham in the late 1920s and captained a successful London team against Paris in 1934.

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in September 1939 they found themselves evacuated to Chichester with his school.

His two daughters were born in Chichester during the war and his son after the war.

Frank was called up for war service with the RAF in Palestine but after the war obtained a post at CHSB from January 1947 to teach French and Games. His wartime evacuation to Chichester must have made an impression on him!

He was to remain at CHSB for the rest of his teaching career. Boys who were successful footballers and cricketers will have particularly fond memories of the man who was responsible for the 1st. XI for both sports and gave up his Saturdays for matches. In those less affluent times Frank supplemented his teacher's income by coaching and making examination papers. He played cricket for

the Nomads, was Honorary Vice President of Priory Park C. C. and worked on the committee of the Sussex Football Association.

After retirement in 1973 he became a guide at Goodwood House, which helped satisfy a life-long interest in history. He had joined the Goodwood Golf Club in 1966 and golf became a new passion that he followed well into his eighties and being President of the Club in 1982.

His wife died in 1986 after almost fifty years of married life. Frank died on 26th. November 2000. They had four grandchildren.



FRANK HAIL WITH 1961 1ST XI

Pete Azzarro Oscar Lake Doug Murgatroyd Keith Upton Bob Pomphrey Trevor Hamilton Pete Hammond

Bob Bearman Gerry Young Ken Hoad Mick Ball Frank Hail John Snow

Joseph Lancaster (1778-1838) and the Lancastrian System

Local people have often been rather puzzled by the use of the word 'Lancastrian' in the names of the former schools that were merged with the Chichester High Schools in the early 1970s. The immediate thought is to believe there is some connection with Lancashire but nothing is further from the truth. In the nineteenth century many schools developed based on what was known as the Lancastrian system, named after Joseph Lancaster.

Joseph Lancaster was born in Southwick in 1778. His teaching career began in 1789 when he asked his father's permission to bring some poor children home in order to teach them to read. After serving as a teaching assistant he decided to set up his own school in Southwick in 1798. Large numbers of children came to him and he devised a workable system to cope with the situation. The methods of instruction he used were based on those initially developed by Andrew Bell (1753-1932), a Scottish clergyman, at an orphanage in India and known as the Madras system. Lancaster had read Bell's 'Experiment in Education' (1797) and subsequently visited him. Lancaster acknowledged his debt to Bell but introduced other features.

Since he could not afford to hire assistants he trained pupils to teach each other under the monitorial system which became widely used to pro-

vide a rudimentary education for large numbers of poor children. Lancaster claimed that, through his system, one teacher could teach 1,000 pupils the three 'r's at a very economical cost. A monitor taught ten pupils and he needed only to supervise. He also introduced other economies including writing slates, reading sheets to take the place of books and a ciphering book with which 'any child who can read may teach arithmetic' since the book explained the step by step method. Prizes were given for special purposes. The rod was replaced by ridicule and other methods of punishment.

Through his school, lectures and his published pamphlet he attracted the attention of philanthropically minded people and this encouraged him to expand the school and set up others. Lancaster opened more schools than he could support from tuition fees and contributions from wealthy patrons. This, combined with his personal extravagance, led to bankruptcy and he spent some time in a debtors' prison. Fortunately, friends of the school paid off his creditors, became trustees and organised the Royal Lancastrian Institution, later known as the British and Foreign School Society (1810). The Lancastrian monitorial system was the basis of the Society's teaching. By 1811 there were 95 Lancastrian schools with 30,000 pupils.

His ideas and methods had spread to America and Lancaster himself emigrated there in 1818. During his period others founded Lancastrian schools in several cities. Lancaster's own projects were less successful and so he welcomed an invitation from Simon Bolivar to move to Venezuela in 1823. However, he quarrelled with the Latin-American leader and returned to North America in 1827 spending the last part of his life in the USA and Canada. He died in New York in 1838.

Under the monitorial system laid down by Lancaster classroom activity was very regimented and no deviations were permitted. The weakness of the system as that it relegated the teacher to a bystander, learning was reduced to drill, memorization and rote learning. The whole process of teaching and learning was routinised and formalized with little opportunity for initiative and creative thinking.

Nevertheless, Lancaster's methods served a useful purpose for the time and did help make education and its techniques a subject of widespread interest.



QUOTES OF JOSEPH LANCASTER

All are agreed, that the increase of learning and good morals are great blessings to society.

Indeed, I am sometimes inclined to doubt whether some men consider youth as rational and intelligent beings, with minds capable of expansion, and talents formed for usefulness.

The complaint of bad pay, and difficulty in obtaining it, is almost generally reiterated through every department of education.

Snippets from the High School

John Child reported to the committee that the much awaited new sports hall is nearing completion.

On the exam front the A level results were very impressive this year but the GCSE results

were not quite as good as last year but nevertheless reasonable.

The school undertook another gruelling 6 match tour downunder to Australia and played some really impressive rugby, winning four of their six matches..



AGM

&

XMAS

LUNCH

This year's AGM will be held at the Old High School building in Kingsham Rd on Sat 1st December 2007 at 10.30 am

And will be followed by **Christmas Lunch** at the **CHICHESTER PARK HOTEL** (the former Chichester Motel)

AGM AGENDA

- 1 APOLOGIES
- 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES
- 3 MATTERS ARISING
- 4 SOCIETY NAME CHANGE PROPOSAL
- 5 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS
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- 11 AOB

XMAS LUNCHEON

COST ONLY £14

Sat 1st Dec 12.30 for 1.00 pm

MENU

STARTERS LEAK & POTATO SOUP or PRAWN COCKTAIL or SPICED CHICKEN SALAD

MAIN ROAST TURKEY or BAKED FILLET OF HAKE or CHINESE VEGETABLE STIR FRY

DESSERT CHOCOLATE MOUSSE or CHISTMAS PUDDING or VANILLA CHEESE CAKE or CHEESE & BISCUITS

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Roger Collins 1958-9 - Old Boy's profile from Friends Reunited

My life was typical of a 'service brat' My mother and father were both full time RAF personnel. I was born in Cardiff in 1946 as my parents were stationed nearby at RAF St.Athan. (paraphrased from the original ~ From 1950 to 1962 I moved 9 times from one RAF Station to another, attending Chichester High School between 1958-9. Following this I was forced to attend Boarding School at King Edwards Witley where I took my O levels and at 16 did not want to hang around to take my A levels - so I was off!.)

I started an RICS land survey course at the S.W. Essex tech at Walthamstow, London- unsuccessfully. So in 1963 I joined a firm of chartered surveyors in Maida Vale, London on four pounds a week. Amazingly at the ripe old age of 18 I was actually head hunted and my wages were increased to an amazing fifteen pounds a week and I joined a firm of land agents by Marble Arch. At 20 I joined one of the city 'whiz kids' David Rowland and I had learnt sufficiently by the age of 22 to start my own residential investment company by Paddington station. We opened an office the following year in Nicosia Cyprus-before the island was divided but for the following 3 years I spent most of my time in Beirut, Lebanon before their civil war. At 22 I married Kay a girl I had met when I first left King Edward's school and whilst I was living with my parents at RAF Northolt. We lived in a Quaker village, Jordans in Buckinghamshire. Sadly after

2 years we drifted apart and divorced-amicably and no kids.

Then my life changed- I married Sylvi-a Playboy Bunny girl who was Norwegian. She had been married previously and I instantly inherited an 18 month old son Nicholas. Initially we lived in Beaumont Street, Marylebone but we both felt it was more suitable to bring up a family in the country so we moved 20 miles west of London to Beaconsfield. In 1976 we had our own son Alexander. I moved my business to Beaconsfield and in the meantime had started a small airline-Macedonian Aviation at Southend airport. We owned 5 Dakota DC3 aircraft all built in 1944 and could carry 36 passengers. It started more or less as a hobby but we increasingly carried out charters for Conoco, and Ford Motors and started a scheduled service between Aberdeen and the Shetland Islands. Eventually it was large enough concern for me to sell as a business in 1974.

In 1980 we moved to a small hamlet-Littleworth Common in Burnham Beeches Buckinghamshire and then both of our sons were placed at Millfield School in Somerset. Alexander did not like to board so in 1987 we moved to Somerton Court, Somerton and I moved my entire Investment business to England's smallest city- Wells Somerset where it is still based, After our sons started at Bath College we sold Somerton Court and moved to a home overlooking the

Chew Valley Lake 15 miles south of Bristol.

Then a further major change in my life. Sylvi said that as she had spent 35 years in England she wanted me to spend (hopefully) the next 35 in Norway. In December 2001 we sold our English home and bought a wonderful 100 year old shipowner's house on an island half a mile off the south coast of Norway called Tromoya near the town of Arendal . It has 3 acres.our own sand beach, 80 metre pier, beach house, guest cottage- I even bought a 26ft long - 40 knot sports boat.

Every second week I now commute between Norway and England . I spend one week at my house in Wells and the next in Norway and so on. My love of aeroplanes still continues and I own BBC Air which operates the ex Queens flight Devon aircraft (11 seats) and 4 Cessna flying training aircraft which operate out of Compton Abbas airfield in Dorset. In 1988 we built ourselves a villa on the island of St. Vincent-100 miles from Barbados although we haven't been there for some time. I will be in the UK every other week for at least the next 8 years.I would love to hear from my old friends !

My plans for the future

Developing my new Norwegian marquee and leisure business which is run for me by my son Alexander. His partner Sarah gave us our first grandchild Philippa in Septembr 2005 - makes life worth living. My web sites are welbeckestate and a-tech.no Plans - no much just keep working - never want to retire as I enjoy it. I love flying in my 59 year old De Havilland Dove and driving my new present from me to me - my Bentley Continental GT

1959 school leavers profiles

Ray Eatwell 1953-1959

Lived and worked around Worthing and [Brighton](#) until moving to Exeter in 1991. Currently working in the IT world of Intra-nets. I still have numerous copies of the Martlet and some photos of a number of school rugby, football and athletic teams if anyone is interested.

Martin Everard 1951-59

After a lifetime career working in broadcast media, I now own two independent television production companies and a UK broadcast television channel, launched on November 20th on Sky Guide 547, called The Business Channel. It's free to air so anyone with a Sky box can watch it - why don't you?

My plans for the future

By making The Business Channel a successful venture and with the support of investors, to float my company, London International Television Ltd., on the AIM market in one to two years time. After that a comfortable retirement perhaps if I lose the enthusiasm for work!

Dave Hampton 1951 - 59

Still in the education system!

Retired from teaching at Littlehampton Community School in [West Sussex](#) but now involved in ICT and Reprographics Member of Ham Manor GC (trying to play off 18) Still playing Bar Billiards - now at the Loci Wick most Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Richard Harnett 1953-59

Still in travel/tourism - coming up to 66 years - should have retired last year - married for 46 years - 3 children - now retired from all sports - last competitive goal scored @ 55 years. Still quite a few of the lads being bumped into in Chi.

Alan Lawrence 1953-59

Qualified as dentist in 1963 at [Bristol](#) Worked in practice then as dental missionary with Anglican Church in Kenya until 1969 when I returned to England Worked since in Community Service and GDS then as Consultant in Dental Public Health in NHS also p/t in Department of Health. Retired slightly early due to back problems but do part time lecturing and writing. Married in 1963 to Judith son John (b 1966) daughter Mary b 1967

Roly Norman 1953-59

Living in Western [Australia](#). Still working in the Construction and Mining industry as the National Plant Manager for a national construction Company. Due to the nomadic nature of the industry have lived and worked in all States but now seemed to have settled in Perth WA. My partner is Rachel Bellamy who was at Chichester Girls. Still in contact with Reg Stewart and now Robin Butcher after too many years.

Tragically, for anyone that knew Tony Cordes, he was assaulted and died of his injuries during May 2006 in Bognor Regis where he lived. Anyone that knew Corky will remember him as a good and decent man. Such a terrible stupid waste. I will miss him

Peter Pearson 1954-59

A semi-retired computer professional now enjoying a better work-life balance in the depths of the New Forest

Nick Perry 1954-59

Now residing in Bracknell Berks. One son 3 daughters 7 Grand children. Now retired as of 30 Nov 2005. Most of my time now spent caring for the missus since her new Knee fitted. It's not been an unsurpassed success .

Arthur Potheary 1954-1959

Lumbered with 6 children 2 wives and a dog. Prefer the dog out of the lot.

Michael Reed 1953-59

Living in [Australia](#) since 1995. Working in training business. Married twice. Two grown up sons in UK. Steve has two kids of his own, and Paul composes music for TV. Also two children from second marriage. Brighde currently working in south-east Asia, while Jack is at uni in Brisbane.

Gerald Reeves 1954-59

Teaching at a primary school in Storrington

Michael Small 1954-59

Contrary to K.D.Anderson's prediction, managed to stay out of prison (joke). Varied career in engineering with Army and local authorities.

Reg Stewart 1954-59

Left school and joined the Navy to see the world, outside of Bognor, and was promptly posted to Chatham! Having reached dizzy height of Leading Hand [corporal], I eventually took on the might of the admiralty who would not release me to go to teacher training college. I enlisted the power of the Sunday Express who ran my story and the next day I was released. Became a teacher (no doubt inspired by Monk Watson!) and retired after 14 years as a Primary School Head. Been married 39 years, 2 sons and 4 grandchildren. I am now working, part-time, as a soccer coach, freelance tour manager and writer. Must have been Miss Lewis' influence, as in my year we had Howard Brenton, and I understand he writes a bit as well.....my work is a little less up market. Still live in West Sussex, just, in Horsted Keynes, 200 yards from the East Sussex border.

Graham Till 1954-

Helping run a small training company plus some publishing consultancy - have worked in publishing, training, management education, distance learning for past 20+ years, before that ELT.

1959 profiles contd



William Waller 1954-59

Living in Bosham, [West Sussex](#).

I am a High Voltage Electrical Engineer with Scottish and Southern Energy based in Portsmouth.

I am divorced with 3 children, 1 living in Sydney Australia, 1 in London and 1 in Chichester

John Wingate 1954-59

Short Details !

Left school in 1959.

Royal Navy until 1988.

Now involved with flight simulation and aviation training.

Very pleased to hear from anyone from school days in Chichester.

CHALOBS Golf Day

On 29th June 10 of us turned up at Chichester golf club at Hunston , despite the threatening weather, to attack the course. However, the weather turned out to be very kind and the rain stayed away. Nonetheless, the Cathedral course at Hunston is a tough one and scores on the day were by and large unimpressive.

The 10 were : Tony Lanaway, Dave Harris, Dave MacCahearty, Doug Murgatroyd, Ken Hoad, Richard Kneller, Maurice Hall, Roger Jackson, Dave Hampton & Martin McGranaghan.

Dave MacCahearty showed us the way it should be done by being the leader in the clubhouse. We then transferred to Roger Jackson's establishment at Halnaker where a number of wives joined us for a very good evening.

In organising the event a number of others showed interest but could not come through prior commitments. I will be organising the event again next year and hope to use Bognor Golf Club as the venue as there are a number of Old Boys who are members so let me know if you are interested.

Martin McGranaghan Tel 02392 257365

Obituaries

Jack L. Shelbourn (1932-39). Died in 2006. Jack lived in Stafford.

Colin Holden (1938-40) Died in 2007

Neville 'Taffy' Harries (Staff 1959-94)

Information Request

If a member hears of the recent death of an old boy please inform the Newsletter editor or a member of the Committee. It would be useful for a brief obituary if you have any information about their school career or subsequent life.





*Do you know of
any Henry
Thorntons School
old boy living in
our area or have
you kept in touch
with any that you
knew during their
evacuation to
Chichester?*

OLD THORNTONIANS ASSOCIATION

For those of you that aren't aware Henry Thorntons School from Clapham was evacuated to Chichester and for the first few years of the War it shared the old school buildings with Chi Hi on a morning/ afternoon basis.

Articles in recent Newsletters told the story of the evacuation of the former Henry Thornton School in Clapham to Chichester from 1939-43. Mr. Edward Hayward, an old boy (1950-58) of that school, has been researching the history of his old school and this led him to contact CHSB in an attempt to find out about this evacuation period. His investigations have led him to seek out former pupils of the school and an initial re-union was held at The Windmill, Clapham Common in Sep-

tember 2005.

An attendance of around 65 at a second reunion at The Windmill in September 2006 resulted in the setting up of an Old Thorntoniains Association. The current membership of the organisation is 58 and covers the years from 1931 to 1980. It is hoped that more former pupils will become aware of the existence of the new association and join. Former professional footballer Jimmy Hill, who was evacuated to Chichester with the school for a year, has

become the Association's first President. Ron Martin, our secretary, was able to give Mr. 'Ted' Edwards advice on a constitution.

Mr. Edwards is keen to trace and recruit more former pupils into the OT Association. It is known that a few Henry Thornton boys remained and settled in the West Sussex area after the school returned to London and if any members know of their whereabouts please let Graham Fielder (Tel. 01243 572782) know.

Old Thorntoniains update

The third Old Thorntoniains reunion took place in September.

Fifty old boys who were variously at school between 1931 and 1980 attended, including several who had come from overseas.

Next year's will be on

20th September 2008.

The membership has grown from last year's 56 to 94 .

If any CHALOBS members know any Old Thorntoniains who might have settled in our area, Ted Hayward of the OT association

would be pleased to hear from you Tel 01494 762838

The OT website is

www.oldthorntoniainsclapham.org.uk

A visit and a gettogether is planned between members of CHALOBS and OT committees.

This year's Summer Lunch was a resounding success with 25 members and wives attending. Everyone agreed that the location was superb and that the 3 course carvery at £16 was extremely good value. Those who attended were;

Doug and Frances Murgatroyd, Geoff and Molly Wills, Geoffrey Barnard, Steve and Margaret King, Arthur and Jean Wells, Mr and Mrs Ron Martin, Graham and Nita Fielder, Mr and Mrs Alister Voller, Dr Tim and Mrs Pallett, Mike and Glynis French, Maurice Evans, John and Margaret Richards, Len Stubbs, Colin Snook, Maurice Hall.



MR AND MRS ALISTER
VOLLER



GRAHAM FIELDER ALISTER VOL-
LER AND TIM PALLETT



MARGARET RICHARDS, GEOFF
WILLS & MOLLY WILLS



MAURICE HALL, NITA FIELDER & GRAHAM
FIELDER.



MRS PALLETT, MRS VOLLER, MRS MURGA-
TROYD & DOUG MURGATROYD



GEOFF BARNARD, LEN STUBBS, MAURICE
EVANS, MIKE FRENCH



JEAN & ARTHUR WELLS AND MARGARET
RICHARDS



WALK-GB4-CLIMB

COLIN SNOOK'S SOLO
WALK AROUND GREAT
BRITAIN - 2008



COLIN SNOOK

*Please support
Colin in his
Herculean attempt
to walk round
Great Britain next
year for charity.
Doug Murgatroyd*



COLIN SNOOK'S WALK AROUND BRITAIN IN 2008

Dear Members,

In 2008 I intend to fulfil a long held ambition by striking out on a solo walk around Great Britain. I have been engaged in intensive training for this arduous journey for many months.

Coupled with this project to be called WALK-GB4-CLIMB will be my support for a nobler cause and I have chosen the charity CLIMB i.e. Children Living with Inherited Metabolic Diseases as the beneficiary of my efforts. There are in excess of 700 of these paediatric neurodegenerative disorders and a brief contact with a teenager sufferer in the latter stages of one of these has had a profound effect on me.

Metabolic diseases are inherited, generic, disabling and largely untreatable conditions which effect whole families. Children born seemingly healthy, develop epilepsy, lose their sight, speech, motor and mental abilities before dying between the ages of 5 - 30 years. Many of these are rare and although some advances have been made with treatments at present there is no cure for any of them. Some 16000 families are affected and CLIMB seeks to support them and also funds research.

My intended route for the Walk is over 4000 miles and with rest days the trek will take about a year going clockwise around the coastline. At 71 if I don't go now then it may be too late, I have no time to lose. You will be able to check my progress online during the walk by logging onto www.climb.org.uk

MAY I MAKE TWO APPEALS TO YOU

FIRST - SPONSORSHIP The target is £50,000 and sponsorship can be made online by visiting www.justgiving.com/walkgb or by forwarding a cheque to CLIMB at Walk-GB4-Climb, Climb Building, 176 Nantwich Road, Crewe, Cheshire, CW2 6BG. **A sponsorship form is attached at the end of this newsletter.**

Second - ACCOMMODATION - My biggest logistical headache is finding overnight accommodation for over three hundred continuous days. Where I cannot find somewhere to put my head down then I shall have to resort to backpacking with a tent. However I am also ardently seeking 'host' families who reside on or very near to my coastline route who would be prepared to offer a night's accommodation as I pass through there-by indirectly supporting CLIMB at the same time. If you have friends or relations who might like to get involved then please let me know on 01243 545550 or email strails@tiscali.co.uk. I shall be most pleased to hear from you'

Publicity - there will be some local publicity and if online you can also log-on to www.climb.org.uk, There is a link which explains WALKGB4-CLIMB.

Thank you,

Colin Snook

