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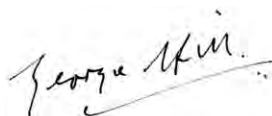
Head Boy James Newland

EDITORIAL

I was rightly, though indirectly, reprimanded by a lady after the publication of the last newsletter. Her complaint was that there was too little of interest to lady members of the Hurst Johnian Club. Much of the news is of golf, other sports and other largely male orientated pursuits. The obituary section is at the moment exclusively about men!

The criticism is valid however, and I would welcome from our ladies some ideas of what they would like to see in the newsletter. My constant moan is that we can only put in news which is sent to us. So I take this opportunity to throw out the challenge to OJs of both sexes: please communicate with your news. Your contemporaries at Hurst will be interested and it is amazing how many old friendships will be rekindled.

Do not be modest about your successes and your achievements. The club is about people of all ages. Do please keep us in the picture. Face the challenge!



George Hill, Editor



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Sport

NETBALL

Calling all OJ Ladies! A group of us have got together and organised ourselves into one mighty team to play netball once a week in London. We are currently still waiting for confirmation as to what league we will be placed in but it will be one of the following: Liverpool Street, Waterloo, Southwark or Old Street. This is just all about having a giggle and gives us the excuse to meet up and all have a natter about the “ol’ times”. Please don’t worry about having not played since school. That’s the fun of it and we’re all in the same boat! The OJ Club have kindly offered to sponsor us by paying our sub fees. If you fancy a game or just want to come and say hey, please get in touch with me

on 07715 711157 or email at claire.tibbott@fishhall.org.uk

See you on the court.

OLD BOYS HOCKEY MATCH MARCH 2012

After a number of years of facing the College 1st XI on a parents evening that resulted in a weakened team, this year the fixture was moved to the Friday before, enabling them to come out in full force – and they didn’t disappoint! After 15 minutes with the score still 0-0 it looked as though the depleted fitness levels of the Old Boys might be our downfall. However, two goals from the youthful Charlie Osborne and another from the aged Michael Harrison suddenly meant that the OJs were 3-0



OJ Hockey v School, October 2011

Hockey continued; Rugby

up at half time. Some excellent running up front from Jeremy ‘The Space Maker’ Taylor and solid defence from Simon Warrender and Joe Andrews meant we were in a great position at the change of ends.

Unfortunately, the College came out with some fight and the OJs were reeling after two quick-fire goals saw us on the back foot. (After much deliberation we are almost certain this had nothing to do with the change of keepers at half time.) The last 15 minutes of the game were tense and exciting with end to end hockey until, finally, Michael Harrison fired home a short corner to seal the victory and celebratory Lap of Honour for the Old boys.

The post-match gathering took place at the excellent Royal Oak in Wineham where ex-OJ Mike Bailey put on a generous spread of food and drink for us

to devour during the post game analysis.

I would just like to thank Chris Wilson and John Bettridge for all their help putting on this great occasion, as well as all the OJs involved. It’s not easy for most people to get to the College on a Friday evening, so thank you very much to everyone who made it.

Finally, we are happy to announce that for 2013, due to the availability of a second pitch, we are looking to hold TWO matches against the school during this event. Look forward to seeing you then.

Tom Harrison

RUGBY

The OJ Christmas match v Brighton College was cancelled because of injuries and family commitments.



OJ Rugby v School, October 2011

Cricket; The New Astroturf

CRICKET

Cricketer Trophy 2012

1st round: v Old King's Scholars
Sunday 8th July (Home)

Semi-final: Sunday 22nd July (Away)

Final:
Sunday 12th August at Charterhouse

Organisers:
Mike Harrison and Simon Warrender

OHJ CRICKET WEEK DATES FOR 2012

Saturday 4th August
v Eton Ramblers

Sunday 5th August v Romany

Monday 6th August
v South Wales Hunts

Tuesday 7th August
v Old Rossallians

Wednesday 8th August v Cryptics

Thursday 9th August v Stoics

Friday 10th August
v Sussex Martlets

Saturday 11th August v Buccaneers

Insurance disclaimer –

Your committee wish to point out that the OJ Club does not provide insurance for sporting events.

The Annual Duck Club Dinner was held on 17th February 2012 at The Naval Club in Mayfair. Twenty two members and one guest attended the three course meal washed down by some good wine and port. As usual the President (Bill Baxter) made a brief speech following which the Annual awards were presented by Tom Moulton.

The Charles Carr Duck of the week trophy to Josh Levene.

Drop of the week to Chris Viggor.

Len tankard to Mike Harrison.

Arthur James Memorial Shield to Chris Viggor.

A good evening was had by all.

The New Astroturf

This splendid addition to the sporting amenities at Hurst was formally opened by Sir Derek Day on the evening of 11th November. The school provided excellent hot drinks and other mouth-watering delicacies on a chilly evening, and after words from the Headmaster and Mr David Tree (the chairman of the fund raising committee), Sir Derek pressed the button to reveal the pitch under its floodlights.

In addition to the main hockey pitch, there is a multi-games area and a large board with the names, not only of

The New Astroturf *continued*; Golf

donors, but of all the pupils at the school. It is all very impressive.

The nostalgia of the evening was summed

up when Reg Ruddock produced this photograph of a Sussex XI from the fifties in which he and Sir Derek feature. The hockey sticks betray the era!



GOLF

Grafton Morrish 11th October 2011

We enjoyed another great trip to the North Norfolk coast and our annual golfing challenges at Hunstanton and Brancaster's great seaside golf courses.

Our team of Dan Burstow, Jeremy Waud, Peter Masters, Paul Turrell, Richard Kelly and Russell Ogden were in high spirits and were heartened by the support from our captain, Patrick McGahan who joined the touring party. We were also delighted to see Ian

Pilcher who met up with us on both the practice day and came along to see us struggle against Malvern!



Captain McGahan sticks with his old blazer

Golf *continued*

Malvern put us to the sword in round one at Hunstanton – a halved match for Paul Turrell and Richard Kelly was a good consolation in match 1 – sadly the other two pairs were substantially outclassed!

Moving on to the Saturday morning at Brancaster, we entered the plate competition – The Solihull Salver. This is a scratch stableford competition with all three pairs' scores being added together and 24 teams in the competition.

Our scratch scores on this tough course on a very windy day were far more impressive than they at first suggested – 28, 28 and 27 points respectively for our pairs. To our surprise when we handed in our cards we were leaders in the clubhouse!

We were eventually judged to be 1st= with Loughborough and they were presented the salver on an aggregate back 9 count back ... so close to Grafton Morrish stardom!

Halford Hewitt February 2012

On Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February, we were lucky enough to secure an official practice slot for the Halford Hewitt competition and played Royal St Georges in Sandwich on Saturday all day (for £ 35!) and the same arrangement for Royal Cinque Ports in Deal on the Sunday.

We had a total team of thirteen out over the two day spell with the majority playing all three rounds that were organised – Ed Welch even has sufficient energy left to go out again on Sunday afternoon with Negus's guest, Paul Davies – Negus however could only manage a walk!

It was fantastic to welcome back David Johnson who has been absent from our ranks for around twenty years – he lives with his wife and daughters in Germany and he is now keen to try and make some of our team events including the Halford in April. Another welcome return for Mark Baldock, who has completed his five year transformation from a great right handed player into a great left handed player!

All of the match results are online and a very sociable, fun and constructive weekend was enjoyed by all, including our 2012 Captain, Tim Baldwin, who joined us and played St Georges for the first time.

Our base for the this year was the Clarendon Hotel on the seafront in Deal where we were looked after extremely well by the very hospitable family who run the refurbished hotel, we were even allowed our customary wine tasting in the bar once Budgie purchased some house champagne!

Spirits remained high throughout the tasting and this of course flowed neatly

Golf *continued*; Hurstpierpoint Land Society

on into a fine curry at The Milaad Tandoori and then we worked off a few pounds and ‘cut a few shapes’ in Rivals – of course, this is Hurstpierpoint after all!

HURSTPIERPOINT LAND SOCIETY

A big year!

The year 2012 will go down in history as a significant year for many reasons ... a little sporting event comes to London, the Queen celebrates a couple of years on the throne and ... the land society celebrates its 30th anniversary!!

Details of the celebrations will be outlined nearer the time but please would all existing members save the evening of 20th September 2012 as we will be holding an evening function in London – hopefully given the significance people will be able to make an extra special effort to attend.

As before, to qualify as a member all you need to do is to be (or previously be) involved in the property profession – send me an email/join the Linked In Group and you’re in!

Some genuinely fantastic strides are being made by OJs working in the industry and a significant number of the 97 Land Society members are in senior management and other decision-making positions.

All this leads to the fact that now (just as 30 years ago when an OJ was President of the RICS) one can be very proud to be an OJ in the property industry ... the odds are very high that you will likely cross paths with an OJ in any given property career and the sooner you can realise that you have the College in common the sooner you will be able to unlock opportunities, generate business and enjoy yourselves whilst doing it.

Now on to general updates:

Next Fino’s Friday – 27th April 2012

The spring meeting will take place as usual downstairs at Fino’s on Mount Street, W1. We understand it is not possible for those who work out of London but please endeavour to attend where possible as we need to keep the momentum – particularly in this landmark year!

Brief Post-Match Report – Autumn ‘Fino’s Friday’

As an update for those that couldn’t make it: Friday 18th November 2011 was a good success with an excellent mix of OJs from both client-side / advisory roles and also OJ graduates seeking experience/placements.

We were even graced by the presence of John Evans (very long serving member of staff and ex College Careers Advisor)!

Hurstpierpoint Land Society *continued*

Thanks to all those who made it and hopefully we will see even more next time.

A list of those who attended (apologies if I've missed anyone off) and some photos are below although the camera only appeared once most had left:

Jimmy Bell – JLL

Chris Burrows – DTZ

David Chapman – Chapman Petrie

Ross Cornett – Endurance Land

Will Curphey – Central Office of Information

Sonny Dawes – JLL

Adam Egan – Kinney Green

Danny Egan – Prestbury Investments

John Evans – Ex Hurst Careers Advisor



L-R: David McCausland, John Evans, David Chapman, Sonny Dawes, Craig Flanders, David Hutt

Craig Flanders – Reading University student

David Hutt – Willmott Dixon

David McCausland – Stanley Hicks

Tim Stotesbury – Walbrook Land

Michael Tims – Michael Tims

Adrian Vickery – Fleurets

Charlie Wade – JLL



L-R: Jimmy Bell, David Hutt, David Chapman, Craig Flanders, Sonny Dawes, Adam Egan, Tim Stotesbury, Charlie Wade, Adrian Vickery and David McCausland

Careers



Careers Talk – 15th November 2011

Back in November three OJs returned to the college (Robert Ebdon, Sonny Dawes and Adam Egan) to meet some current pupils and talk to them about a career in property.

Attendance was very low unfortunately due to other college commitments on the same evening although the pupils who did attend certainly benefited and seemed enthused by the idea of a property career. If nothing else they now know that the Land Society exists and is here to help!

Property tends to be a career that people 'fall' into – usually this seems to be because a family member works in the industry. Therefore, it is very important that pupils who do not have such a family contact get an equal opportunity to understand that property is a fantastic career option.

Hurst prides itself on consistently producing bright, personable and talented pupils many of whom will be sporty, musical or talented in a plethora of other ways – these traits and skills (particularly being personable and sociable) lend themselves brilliantly to the property industry.

Therefore pupils should be aware that they may have the required skills to be very talented in property if they just gave it some consideration at the right point in time for deciding their chosen career path.

Hurst Careers' Fair – 16th March 2012

The Hurstpierpoint Land Society had a 'stand' in the sports hall and it was manned by three OJs (Robert Ebdon, Sonny Dawes and Nikki Lovelace).



Robert Ebdon, Sonny Dawes and Nikki Lovelace

Feedback is that they spoke to about 20 families which will have done a world of good in terms of raising the profile of the Land Society within the College community. A number of staff also spoke with the Land Society members. On behalf of the Land Society a huge thanks to Robert, Sonny and Nikki for giving up their time on a Friday evening!

LinkedIn Group; Work Experience; Drinks Evening

LinkedIn Group

We are now up to 41 members and still growing. This is a fantastic way for us to keep in touch between the more formal club meetings and you will not be harassed with loads of email junk!

Please request to join and I'll try to respond as quickly as possible.

Here's to a storming 2012!

Adam Egan (Eagle 2002)
A.Egan@kinneygreen.com

Work experience/ Internship opportunities

The club is keen to hear from any OJs established in their career who might be able to offer short internships or work experience opportunities to younger OJs starting out on the career ladder / in their final years at university. The club's aim would be eventually to establish a means of putting OJs in contact for this purpose, helping younger OJs gain that all essential experience necessary when applying for jobs.

Please could any OJs who might be able to offer such experience contact Claire (claire.hance@allenoverly.com). Please could you provide rough details of your area of work and what opportunities you may be able to offer. Please note this is purely to gauge potential interest and won't commit you to offering any

experience – we will not share this information with anyone without your permission!

We think this could be a very productive project and useful tool for younger OJs – we encourage anyone who might be able to contribute to get in touch!

First Annual Under 35s OJ drinks

On Thursday 12th of April, the OJ club is organising a drinks evening right on the banks of the Thames. Please come and join us for a few free beers and the chance to meet other young OJs. This is our first event aimed at making the OJ club do more for its younger members and we would really like to see as many of you there as possible. Drinks from 7, more details on the website and Facebook page.

Venue:

The Oyster Shed
1 Angel Lane
London
EC4R 3AB

Etheldreda 2012; OHJ Club AGM

ETHELDREDA 2012

15th to 17th June

Friday 15th June 2012

5.10 pm Chapel Service

6.15 pm AGM

7.15 pm Pre-Dinner Drinks

8.00 pm Annual Dinner

Sunday 17th June 2012

12.30 pm Cricket 1st XI v the OJs

2.30 pm Tennis v the School

Netball/rounders v School
(to be confirmed)

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Old Hurst Johnian Club

Held at Hurstpierpoint College
24th June 2011

Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from: David Savage, John Hall, Raymond Hands, Vernon Maitland, Keith Jenkin, Christopher Ackroyd, Peter Lee-Smith, Tom Sutcliffe, Robert Ife, Henry Shepherd, Michael Webb, Peter Salter, Peter Tee, Claire Tibbott, Claire Hance, Ian Brownlee.

Members Present: Gordon Roff (President), Rupert Ayton, George Hill, Brian Renn, Christopher Robinson, Graham Croll, Willie Welch, Alan Buttifant, Robert Ebdon, Roger Griffiths, Harold Steer, John Bettridge.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: These had been circulated prior to the meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the President.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Rupert Ayton presented the annual accounts for the Club. He explained that the Club had made a substantial donation to the School's Astro-turf Plus appeal. It involved a £30,000 capital payment plus 50% of the surplus for the next three years, which would amount to a total of £50,000 in all. The accounts were adopted unanimously having been proposed by Graham Croll and seconded by Brian Renn.

President's Report: The President gave his report and firstly thanked the committee for all their work during the past year. In particular he wished to express his appreciation to Elizabeth Watson for her sterling administration, and to John Bettridge for his diligent work as Secretary. He was delighted that Joe Bell had agreed to become Vice President and was certain that the Club

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would benefit from having such a young and dynamic OJ in the role.

On behalf of the committee he also wished thank Rupert Ayton, the Treasurer, who after (very many) years had expressed a wish to stand down from the post. He was sure all felt that he had been more than generous in giving his time to the role. The Committee now needed to actively recruit a new Treasurer to attempt to fill Rupert's shoes.

He was also very grateful to Graham Croll for his continued efforts to improve and update the website, and was pleased that Joe Bell was now assisting him in this regard.

He then turned to the Etheldreda weekend wishing to thank the Headmaster for hosting the event at the college. Special thanks to Deb Treyer-Evans, and her team, for organising the Saturday reunion to celebrate the Bicentennial of Nathaniel Woodard's birth. This was the first year where the AGM and dinner were taking place on the Friday, with the majority of the reunion events taking place on the Saturday. The Committee was delighted that the college had arranged tours of the school and visits to Houses, with entertainment provided by Drama performances and the Jazz Band. The invitations expressly welcomed partners, families

and friends to make the occasion as sociable as possible.

He was disappointed that more members of the committee were not attending the AGM and dinner. Perhaps it was necessary to look into the reasons for this at a future meeting with a view to improving attendance next year.

This year the Club was able to make a major donation to the college's Astroturf Plus appeal, with an initial payment of £30,000, and further sums over the next three fiscal years bringing the total to an estimated £50,000. The Headmaster had sent his heartfelt thanks to the club for what he described as a very generous donation which will be a huge help to the project.

He was also pleased to report that the Club received the usual high standard of applications for awards from the travel fund from college students and OJs. Three awards were made to deserving candidates.

Going forward, the Club was looking to link a Facebook page to the website to encourage younger OJs to interact with the club.

The Club had also purchased promotional materials such as water bottles, showing the Hurst Johnian Club's web address, to give out to

OHJ Club AGM *continued*

college sports teams and to OJs to increase awareness of the club.

There was also another plan to produce a business directory of OJs which would link to the parents' business directory to improve networking opportunities which would be of great benefit to those younger OJs who are just entering the job market. The younger members were also keen to set up early evening networking events in London under the OJ banner, which if successful could be rolled out across other major cities. And at the other end of the scale, there are also plans afoot to hold an Over 60s lunch club.

On an international scale, one of his proposals was to have overseas ambassadors of the OJ Club, to take advantage of the wide net of OJs around the world so that travelling OJs could have a friendly point of contact on every continent.

He was confident that under the new format the Club will be able to attract more and younger OJs to participate both in the running of the club and its activities, and to communicate to us how they would like it to develop in the future.

Election of Officers: All the officers of the Club had indicated that they were willing to stand again for office and the Treasurer had stated that he would remain until a successor had

been found. They were re-elected en-bloc having been proposed by George Hill and seconded by Christopher Robinson.

Any Other Business: Willie Welch suggested that the Club needed to find a way to put email addresses onto the website. It was pointed out that there were difficulties if changes of email address were not sent to the Club but gathering information at the reunion the following day would help. Christopher Robinson suggested that this sort of information should be gathered as pupils left school. It was pointed out that this was done at the meeting with the Leavers each year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.01 pm.

Call for Accounting Experience; OJ Socks

Urgent Call for Accounting Experience

After many years of stoic service, Rupert Ayton has retired from the role of OJ Club Treasurer. We are now in dire need for an OJ or friend of the OJs to help with the accounting side of this role. This would not require joining the committee or attending meetings and would be a huge help. If anyone is interested, please contact me on Josephfbell@gmail.com.

The second Over 60s London Luncheon

will be held on 2nd October 2012 at The Oriental Club. We will send an email later in the summer but if you would like to attend please contact Elizabeth Watson at school (elizabeth.watson@hppc.co.uk).

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The OJ Club

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Dear OJ

Chapel Service at Hurst: Friday 15th June 2012

I hope that as a former chorister at Hurst (or perhaps you have become a singer since leaving Hurst?) you might be encouraged to sing in a joint OJ / Current College Pupil Choir at the Chapel Service on the evening of Friday, 15th June, 2012.

Arrangements for the event are as follows:

15:30 OJs gather for rehearsal in the Chapel with the Director of Music

16:20 Joined by college chapel choir

17:10 Service

Come along and re-live your choral training at Hurst under the baton of Neil Matthews, The College Director of Music.

Please feel free to bring family along with you; everyone will be welcome. You might also like to consider attending the Annual Dinner of the OJ Club in the Dining Hall immediately after the Chapel Service; if there are sufficient numbers, I will organise a Choir table. Dinner applications need to be made directly to the Club's Secretary. Perhaps you would kindly complete and return the attached reply form to indicate that you will wish to take part. I very much hope to see you on 15th June, 2012.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Ebdon

(Martlet 1979-1984)

OJ CHAPEL SERVICE AT HURST: 15th JUNE, 2012

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NAME:
(BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

ADDRESS:
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YEAR LEFT HURST HOUSE.....

Email:

I wish to / am unable to take part in the Chapel Service at Hurst on Friday, 15th June 2012

Please tick the following as applicable:

I can attend the rehearsal at 15:30

I will be applying separately to the OJ Secretary to attend the OJ Dinner in the evening and would like to sit at a Choir Table

I sing: Soprano Alto Counter Tenor Tenor Bass
(Please circle as applicable)

Change of address:

On the website at www.theojclub.com, you can change your own address and email. If you don't know your User name or password, please contact Elizabeth Watson. Alternatively, you can send the forms below to Elizabeth at the college.

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS please):

New Address:

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..... From (date):

Your Current e-mail address:

The Committee is always anxious to improve the levels of communication with the membership. The Committee has decided that it would like to make use of e-mail for special announcements and for reminders about Club events. At present the Club holds a number of e-mail addresses, some of which appear to be out of date. We would like to increase and update the e-mail addresses we hold. Needless to say, all e-mails will be sent out 'blind' and under no circumstances will the Club divulge any e-mail address to a third party. Therefore if you would like to receive e-mails from the Club would you please complete the attached pro-forma and return it to Elizabeth Watson c/o The College:

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS please):

House:

Years at Hurst:

E-mail address:

News, Views and Comment

NEWS, VIEWS AND COMMENT

Dominique Hawken OJ (2006-2011)

very kindly responded to our request for some news from more recent OJs by sending the following:

The Real Reason I am in London

It is true that I have been living in London (Hughes Parry Hall) for the past 6 months on the “pretext” that I am reading Classics at King’s College. It is also true that having accepted their offer, I attend lectures and produce the occasional piece of work for scrutiny. I even have a Tutor with whom I meet every week or two and discuss progress, issues and concerns. I receive funds from the Government and my father gave me a credit card for “emergencies”, which in my world are the need for Starbucks coffee on the walk to classes and a Chinese takeaway at 4 am on the way home from a hard night’s clubbing.

My degree, however, is not the real reason I have made the long trek from West Sussex to WC1. I like Classics but I am really here to break into the Music Business. This is actually going at least as well as my Degree. I have a manager, I have been taken on by Authentic Music, I have followers on Twitter, SoundCloud and Facebook. I even have gigs (Regal Room: Hammersmith, Troubadour: Earls Court, Water Rats: Gray’s Inn Road (first UK venue Bob

Dylan played!!!)) OK so I haven’t made any real money yet ... but I still have my dad’s credit card.



Derek and Christine Semmence were recently invited to an OJ wedding in India and Derek sent in the following report of their visit:

Yuvraj Kesri Sinh, the Prince of Wankaner (Star 1998-2001) married his Princess Yogini Kumari of Sirohi in a wonderful wedding that took place in Wankaner in Gujarat, and at Mount Abu, a hill station in Rajasthan where the actual wedding took place, at the Sirohi Palace. Indian Weddings are incredibly colourful and from the first moment we were away on a magic carpet, with a 12,000 crowd

paying their respects to Kesri and his father Maharana Raj Digvijay Sinhji and being led by professional singers. The crowds celebrated with a great deal of impromptu dancing, which was followed the next evening by a procession consisting of two bands, lancers on horseback, camels, bullocks, carriages being pulled by white horses and Kesri on his brightly decorated elephant bringing up the rear and being cheered on by huge crowds estimated at over 60,000.

Then followed the next day, a 450 mile journey to Mount Abu and, on arrival, a reception at the Bikaner Palace. The next afternoon and evening there was a long procession up from the lake to the Sirohi Palace for the marriage ceremony itself.

The gardens were ablaze with lights; it created a magical scene with the men in very colourful turbans equally matched by the women in brilliant saris, with a number of western guests and many people from the royal houses of Gujarat and Rajasthan, it was certainly an occasion to remember. The following day, we left for Wankaner, arriving at 11 pm with dinner at 11.30 pm. Then to the final day, now with the bride and Kesri's mother present and the other ladies who did not travel to Mount Abu also present; the final events of a really memorable wedding took place. The

whole area in front of the Palace on two sides was lit up and with musicians playing while the children danced the famous stick dance, many of the guests went up to the dais to pay their respects to the bride and groom, and to the Maharana and his wife, Maharani Sahiba Vibha Devi of Wankaner. Then followed a sumptuous dinner to finish the proceedings. Earlier in the evening the Chief Minister of Gujarat had joined the other 1,200 guests as part of the celebrations. The bride and groom make a very handsome couple. Kesri hopes to stand for the BJP party in the elections to be held at the end of the year. I am sure with Yogini's support he will do very well.



News, Views and Comment *continued*

Your editor has caught up with two OJs recently. **Nigel Armstrong (Star 64)** has retired from the National Health Service, and **Rob Hutchinson (Martlet 65)** from his post as Director of Social Services for Hampshire. Somewhat belatedly ... news does not always travel swiftly! ... we offer our congratulations to Rob on his being appointed CBE in the birthday honours of 2005.

Your editor has rightly been admonished by Jon Nott, as his name was spelt incorrectly in the last edition, and the news was somewhat inaccurate! I offer my apologies and am happy to bring the news up to date.

Mark Nott (Chevron 85) is married with two teenage children and is Vice President of the Oracle Practice at Hitachi Consulting.

Philip Nott (Chevron 85) is married with two daughters and is an inner city vicar in Bristol.

Jon Nott (Chevron 89) sadly lost his wife. He has a teenage daughter and he is a Senior Software Solutions Architect at Fujitsu.

Jack Aird (Shield 42) enjoyed a nostalgic visit to Hurst. As a former house captain of Shield, he was fascinated to be shown round the house by the charming current house captain, and even came to terms with the fact that she was a lady!

Congratulations to **Tom Allison (Chevron 91)** and his wife on the birth of their second son. Happily he was born before Tom's father died (see Obituaries).

The annual Duck Club dinner was held in London in February, and we were able to congratulate three members, **Bill Baxter (Red Cross 70)**, **Simon Warrender (Shield 96)** and **Michael Harrison (Eagle 96)** on the announcements of their engagements. (For the unenlightened, the Duck Club which was founded in 1950, is an "exclusive" club for any OJ who scores a duck in the annual cricket week at Hurst. Membership is of course to be deplored!)

While on the subject of cricket, we thank Rob Kift (Staff) for the splendid refurbishment of the team photographs in the pavilion.

Andrew Crawford (Fleur de Lys 74) has written to say that he has retired from legal practice. He is regularly in touch with Peter Sorby (**Martlet 74**), Chris Nicholls (**Red Cross 74**) and Kevin Rickard (**Red Cross 77**).

Peter Gartside (Chevron 62) has written to say that he has a collection of Hurst literature ...

Newsletters from 1999

Three business directories

A Hurst Register of 1914
Hurst Johnnians from 1856 to 1965
Hurst College Now and Then (1849 to 1995)
150th anniversary 1995
Horace Hawkins' "Hurst March"

He lives in Hertfordshire (we could supply contact details) and obviously does not want to bear postage costs, but clearly an arrangement could be made. He does not want payment, but would like to think a donation to a Hurst-linked charity could be made.

In the next edition of the Newsletter I should like to produce a list of publications by OJ past and present. I should be grateful to receive any relevant information.

Martin Williams, the college archivist, has supplied us with the following account of an earlier Diamond Jubilee:

"Truly a day to be much remembered" is how the Hurst Johnnian describes the events of 22nd June, 1897 when the school celebrated "in an enthusiastic and patriotic manner" Victoria's sixty years on the throne. At that time there were only about 200 pupils in the school and of these 76 availed themselves of the official exeat from Saturday 19th to Wednesday 23rd June. Those who stayed at school enjoyed a whole day's holiday. We are told that

dinner was late, with intriguingly a "most recherché menu", and that "an entertainment beguiled some of the evening" (including the Headmaster, Cooper, singing "Rule Britannia" and getting an encore) in the Inner Quad. Then came what the Hurst Johnnian called the *pièce de resistance* – "a torchlight procession of our noble selves to the Downs" for the lighting of the beacons. Perhaps it is best to leave the Johnnian to describe proceedings:

"Headed by the drums and bugles of the corps, we went in batches of 12, each bearing 6 flaming torches. The effect of these seen dancing about under the trees, and streaming up and down hill was most beautiful. At the foot of Danny we halted, and when all had arrived, the buglers sounded the "Assembly", and we straggled up the Downs in any order. This had a most magnificent effect, and people for miles round, and for days after said it was the finest thing in the whole celebration.

Getting up at 9.50, we found some eight hundred people waiting round the mighty cone, 30 feet high, and 100 feet in circumference. The air was almost still, it was warm and dark and all around could be seen fireworks rising from various points of the huge plain before us. At 9.55 we gathered together, and sang "God save the Queen", with heroic vigour. Then after some debate

as to whether any of the fitful rockets ascending were Lord Abergavenny's signal from Eridge, the word was passed, "Torches into the bonfire". In went our torches, some of them with much skill right up at the top, and up went a mighty sheet of flame to a tremendous height. This was the supreme moment, lights flashed out of the darkness in all directions, might beacons blazed up on Ditchling to the east, and the Dyke to the west of us, and we could count anything from 75 to 100 flares. We cheered till we were hoarse, the band blew patriotic airs, and we sang them with vigour, and then sat down to gaze upon a sight the like of which we cannot look, much as we might hope, to see again."

In the very month of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, there came to Hurst a 12 year old boy whose very name conjures up centuries of English history – Charles Henry Plantagenet Somerset, son and grandson of clergymen, he was great grandson of the 5th Duke of Beaufort. By now, of course, Woodard's original intention that Hurst should be the school for the middling ranks of the middles classes had been ignored, but all the same one wonders why this young scion of an aristocratic family should have been sent to Hurst. He joined Chevron, where his Housemaster Charles Marsh may have inspired in him

a love of music, an enthusiasm for games like fives, hockey and cross country running, even perhaps a predilection for maths and science. Was Somerset in the OTC (Marsh was commanding officer from 1894)? Was he in the cycling club which Marsh founded? Further research in the Archives may reveal some answers but a full picture is unlikely. Ironically, Somerset died (without children) in May 1953, a few weeks before our present Queen's coronation.

If you watched Antiques Roadshow recently you would have seen Commander **John Prime (Eagle 1961-66)** producing a silver eagle which had been presented to HRH the Prince George in 1930 when he came to Hurst to open the Chapel Tower. The silver eagle was to be used as a mascot on his car, a Rolls Royce, and was screwed on to it by the Headmaster's daughter. However, Prince George, must have preferred his "Spirit of Ecstasy" radiator cap and gave the Eagle to his chauffeur, Freddie Field. Field was the father of a friend of John Prime's mother, and when he knew that John was at Hurst he decided to leave the Eagle to him. We may be hearing from John in another edition.

Garter Banner



The Garter banner of **Lord Boyce (OJ)** has now been hung in the Quire at St George’s Chapel in Windsor over stall N27 (the east end of the north side of the Quire)

OJ TRAVEL FUND

This report was received from **Thomas Voller (Chevron 2005)**.

I joined Hurstpierpoint College in Year 7 and spent my Senior School years in Fleur de Lys and Chevron Houses. After ‘A’ levels in 2005 I left to study Medicine at the University of Leicester. After sitting, and subsequently passing, my final examinations earlier this year I was required to undertake a medical elective in a different part of the world. I chose to carry out my 6 week placement in Tobago. With financial



‘Hair today, gone tomorrow!’ – rugby players, 1972

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assistance from the OJ Travel Fund I joined the Psychiatry Department which provided psychiatric care to the entire population of Tobago.

One of my aims before my elective was to experience health care in a totally different environment from that of the NHS. With the whole population of Tobago less than that of Leicester, it certainly did provide a very different experience. Tobago is not funded as well as the nearby island of Trinidad and so the healthcare facilities on this smaller island suffer. This is highlighted by complicated cases being transferred to Trinidad.

Another of my aims was to experience serious medical conditions first hand. The majority of the patients I have seen during my training to date have been well managed within the UK's modern health care system. I thought that working in a less well developed health care system would allow me to experience more pathology and witness closely how it was managed. Suffice it to say that I saw things in my first week in Tobago that I had not seen in the whole of my UK psychiatry training! In Tobago, patient management was often hampered by the on-site pharmacy running out of medications. This allowed me to see the effects of alternative medications in the treatment of a patient and to understand better the presentation of different conditions.

During my elective my attitudes to medicine evolved. In the Psychiatry Unit there were approximately 15 patients who were 'sectioned' for the whole duration of my stay. I met the patients on their own twice weekly during the ward rounds and additionally with their families present. This gave me an in-depth view of each patient and showed me that medicines are available to benefit people. Before my elective it was often hard to study all aspects of a particular patient but since the Psychiatry Unit was small and catered for a relatively small population, I was able to see clearly the impact that medicine had on a person's life. The positive impact that medicines and treatments can have on a patient's life is not something that I had witnessed so closely before my elective.

During my elective I learnt a great deal including detailed knowledge about the conditions I saw and the treatments used. Most of the drugs available for use in the Tobago Hospital were basic drugs that are not relied upon heavily in the UK because of their side effects. Therefore, I was able to observe for the first time many of the side effects of these drugs. I also learnt more about different psychiatric conditions and how they present. I witnessed firsthand the deterioration of patients from being independent individuals to becoming sectioned in-patients. It was very

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useful to see distinct cases of different psychiatric disorders and witness the indicating signs.

Throughout my elective I held the only British National Formulary in the entire department. This is a book listing all the drugs used within the NHS and many more, with information about all of them. This frequently enabled the resident doctor and me to look up the doses and medications together in the BNF which made me feel partly responsible for patient care. Also, since there were only two other doctors working in the department, I felt very much part of the team. This is a very different experience from being an observing medical student and it made me appreciate the responsibilities that working as a doctor brings. It brought home to me the importance of checking all actions thoroughly and being certain in my own mind about exactly what was going on. Clearly this will be extremely important from the beginning of August 2010 onwards when I start my career as a doctor.

As I mentioned before, with only two other doctors on the team my input was often of value which has rarely been the case working to date as a medical student within the NHS. I honed new skills in critical thinking that had not been greatly called upon up to this point in my NHS training. This involved thinking laterally about the

difficult personality disorder patients I worked with on the ward. These patients were particularly challenging and it was stimulating to be involved in their care.

My elective also gave me some completely new skills. There was a case where a patient acted in a very threatening and aggressive manner towards another doctor and me. It put me in a situation which I had never experienced before and which I found rather unnerving. Now that I have experienced such a situation and have witnessed how the other doctor dealt with it so effectively, I feel more confident in being able to deal with a similar event should it ever recur.

Despite working in the hospital throughout the working week there were still plenty of opportunities in addition to enjoy my stay in Tobago. Personally I have had some wonderful experiences on this elective which I will remember forever. I watched nesting Leatherback Turtles lumber on to the sand and even went swimming with one. I swam in the warm Caribbean waters and relaxed on golden beaches. Together with friends I even went for a day trip to a beach voted the 3rd best in the World a few years ago. On a boat trip I saw dolphins nearby and caught fish on a fishing trip with one of the local fishermen. I know that I will never forget these moments. There were

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other medical students also undertaking their placements in Tobago, some were from England but also there were others from Germany and as far away as Australia. My particular group spent time the capital city of Scarborough which was only a 20 minute walk from where we were staying. Together we saw the tourist attractions and the local nightlife. We also had time to relax as a group on the beaches and make friends with the locals. It is a completely different way of life on the island and is extremely relaxed which was just what the doctor ordered (pardon the pun) after the prolonged stresses of final examinations! With temperatures reaching 36°C during my stay, the 20/20 cricket World Cup taking place and meeting a number of like-minded people on the lovely Caribbean island of Tobago, my elective was truly an experience to remember for the rest of my life.

Jonathan Gartside wrote to tell us about a charity event that he is taking part in this summer with **Liam Pauling** and **William Lloyd**, also OJs – The Mongol Rally. “This event has been running for 7 years and has raised over £1.5 million for numerous charities. Beginning our journey in Goodwood, West Sussex, and finishing in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, the rally covers 14,000 km and involves driving through deserts, mountains and rivers.

The catch? The whole rally must be completed in a 1-litre car. Two weeks ago we purchased over 1000 wristbands to sell in order to raise money for both charities. So far we have raised over £190 for The Lotus Foundation and over £1050 for Teenage Cancer Trust. We aim to raise £500 for The Lotus Foundation and at least £4,000 for Teenage Cancer Trust. We have a charity donation page at www.justgiving.com:Khant-read-a-map and we are on facebook at [Khant-read-a-map-mongol-rally-2012](https://www.facebook.com/Khant-read-a-map-mongol-rally-2012). Liam and I are currently at University and William is working as an Outdoor Pursuits instructor; therefore finding the time to study and fund this event is very challenging.”

OBITUARIES

I am indebted to various people who kindly inform me of members' deaths.

Peter Gilder (Star 1945) sent me news of **Roy Bowyer Yin** who died in December 2010 aged 100. He was born in Singapore to an eminent Chinese surgeon and a British mother. She brought him back to England, where he was educated at Marlborough and King's College, Cambridge. He was ordained in 1933, and was chaplain at King's until he moved to Hurst as chaplain, mathematics teacher and choir master. He then returned to Asia and was a school chaplain for many more years.

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He later served as Canon Precentor at St Andrew's Cathedral in Singapore. He also continued to teach mathematics until he was well into his eighties. OJs of his era at Hurst owe much to his skill and enthusiasm, to say nothing of his spiritual dedication.

His brother was Leslie Charteris, author of *The Saint* books.

Tony Swan (Eagle 65) kindly responded to my plea for news of OJs who had died. He told me that **Peter Hood (Eagle 65)** died some two or three years ago. At Hurst he was a keen member of the naval section of the CCF, and it is believed he became an interior decorator.

Robert Napper (Fleur de Lys 77) has died. After Hurst, where he was a good games player, he went into the hotel management business. Your editor has painful memories of him, for in a staff v boys soccer game, the contact between a boot and a body resulted in a broken rib!

Raymond Hands (Red Cross 50) died in January aged 80. At Hurst he was a school prefect, a leading member of the choir, secretary of both the VI Form Society and the Jazz Appreciation Society and editor of the *Hurst Johnian*. He was also a useful rugby player and a fine actor. In the 1948 production of *Othello* there was a memorable moment for the wrong reasons. As Emilia (played by Hands ... no girls in

those days!) is brushing Desdemona's hair, the lady says: "Hark! Who is't that knocks?" At that moment the chapel clock struck the hour causing some amusement in the audience. Robert Bury, directing the play, never quite forgave Hands for sticking to the script: "It's the wind," instead of changing to: "'Tis merely the clock"!

He was a very loyal OJ and regularly visited Hurst during cricket weeks. The following obituary appeared in the *Daily Telegraph*, and is reproduced with permission.

Raymond Hands was awarded an MC in 1952 for tracking and killing a notorious terrorist leader in Malaya during the Emergency. On July 5th 1952 Hands was commanding a platoon of the 1st Battalion the Suffolk Regiment in the Kuala Langat Forest Reserve in South Selangor. His objective was to locate and kill Liew Kon Kim, a notorious Chinese company commander of the Malayan Races Liberation Army (MRLA). The group had terrorised the region for several years, and Kim had become the arch enemy of the battalion, which had been tracking him for 18 months. Hands was patrolling in flat, primary jungle swamp, searching for the enemy's base camp, when suddenly he saw an MRLA fighter making off through the jungle. The patrol opened fire, dumped their packs and raced after him, but

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he escaped. Hands found himself in a small jungle camp. When three figures jumped out of basha (a jungle hide), he shot one, but the other two ran off into the swamp with Hands giving chase, following the sound of the splashing. After 50 yards he caught up with one and shot her (it turned out to be a woman armed with a shotgun) and then continued the pursuit. After 100 yards he caught up with the third fugitive and brought him down with a burst from his carbine. The bandit was heavily bearded but was later positively identified as Liew Kon Kim. The other two were members of his personal bodyguard. A rifle, pistol, shotgun and a hoard of important documents were also recovered. Hands was awarded an MC. The citation stated that “he demonstrated the highest example of dash and personal bravery under the most adverse conditions”. The elimination of Liew Kon Kim was a major setback for the terrorists and marked a high point of the battalion’s tour of duty in Malaya.

Leslie Raymond Hands was born at Woodford Green, Essex, on November 4, 1931 and educated at Hurstpierpoint College. He completed his basic training at Eaton Hall and, in 1951, was commissioned as a National Service officer in the Suffolk Regiment and posted to Malaya. He took part in regular patrols through inhospitable

jungle – enormous trees and, at ground level, a thick covering of bushes and fronds that made movement extremely difficult. The leading scouts hacked much of the way with machetes and parangs. Steep slopes were made slippery by torrential rain and in the swamps hidden roots were a trap for the unwary. Patrols sweated and struggled in the oppressive heat. Their jungle green kit was permanently damp, and a cotton bush hat the only protection from the piercing sun. When conditions demanded it, they learned to move quietly – orders were never voiced but given by hand-signals – and to read sometimes minute traces for indications of where the bandits had been. After being demobilised, Hands went up to Lincoln College, Oxford to read History and having graduated, worked for *The Times*. He subsequently moved to The Netherlands where he joined IPC Business Press and helped to establish a network of European trade publications. In 1975 he returned to England and worked for an organisation specialising in international trade fairs, a job which required extensive travel and suited him perfectly. In retirement, he lived in a village in Hampshire and enjoyed music, theatre and watching rugby. Unfailingly courteous and considerate, he was the most modest of men. His wife found out about his MC only after they were married – and his sons remained in ignorance of the award

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until one of them prised open an old trunk in the attic and saw their father's face in news reports of his exploits.

We send deepest sympathy to his wife Betty, his four sons and their families.

We were shocked to learn of the death of **Jonathan Allison (Chevron 57)** following an accident. At Hurst he was a school prefect and won colours for both rugby and hockey; indeed he was vice captain of both. After Hurst he did national service in the Black Watch and was then commissioned into the Royal Sussex Regiment. He spent his working life in the city. He was a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Surveyors, worked on the Baltic Exchange and was a director of Tatham Bromage and Co. Ltd.

He was on the OHJ committee for 41 years, treasurer from 1965 to 1970, and president in 1980/81 ... one of the youngest on record. He was the driving force behind setting up and developing the capital account, now administered by a professional company. He was a wonderfully kind and enthusiastic man and a great raconteur, forever smiling. He was a regular attender at the OJ dinner and at cricket weeks. He became a member of the Duck Club in 1966.

His uncle **L G D Allison (Star 1925)** and his son **Tom Allison (Chevron 1991)** were also at Hurst. He will be sorely missed and we extend our deepest

sympathy to his wife Margaret, his daughters Sally and Helen, his son Tom and their families.

Geoffrey Chichester (Chevron 1961) died suddenly in February. At Hurst he won his cricket colours as the wicket keeper in W A Welch's strong XI of 1961, and the Johnian hockey report of that year says: "Chichester in goal was the discovery of the season ... he turned out to possess all the makings of a first-class goalkeeper." This proved to be a fine prediction, for in a high class career he played for Maidenhead HC, Berkshire, the South of England, England B, The Tramps and the Travellers. He was described by a contemporary as "fearless in the days before helmets and modern kit; just cricket pads and outdoor walking gloves!" He, too, was a member of the OHJ Duck Club.

His business career was primarily in insurance underwriting, specialising in insuring the hulls of aircraft. At one stage he had his own underwriting syndicate at Lloyds. He travelled extensively, and was keen on bird watching and horseracing.

He had suffered from poor health recently, but his death was nevertheless unexpected. He had retired to his beloved Devon. He never married, but was much loved by his sisters Judy and Sue and her children. To them we offer our warmest sympathy.

Obituaries *continued*

There was a long and detailed obituary in *The Times* on February 25th on the life of **Paul Minet (Chevron 1954)**. He died on February 6th. Just one week before a delegation from the Council of the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association visited him to present him with the badge of honorary membership an accolade that is very rarely awarded. The president described him as "the most widely known member of the trade of his generation".

He was born in 1937; his mother was a Roman Catholic while his father was of Huguenot extraction. They divorced when Paul was young, and before coming to Hurst, he went to St. Augustine's, Ramsgate which had evacuated to Huntingdonshire. After Hurst he was at Grenoble University, and then became a sub-editor on *The News Daily*. But his heart was in book selling, and he published two books ... *Late Booking* (a book of memoirs) and *Bookdealing for Profit*. In 2001 he was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

There has been quite a lot of publicity in the media over the sudden death of **Charlie Grieves-Cook (Eagle 91)** who died in Nairobi after a fall from a third floor balcony. He worked as a chef in leading restaurants after leaving Hurst, but "left the kitchen for a greater

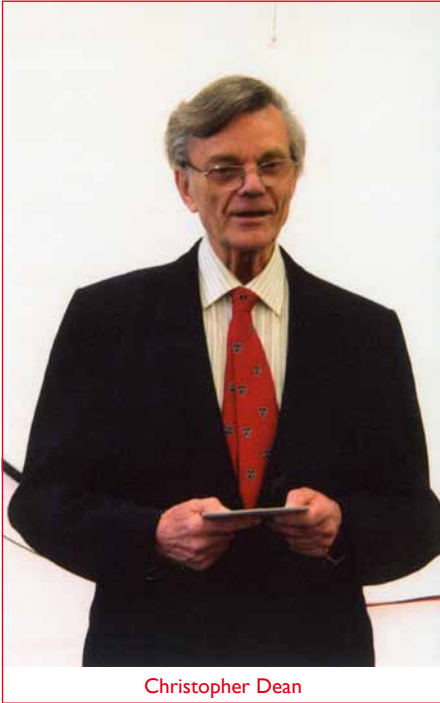
passion, and made a career out of photography". He had in fact become a well known advertising and fashion photographer in Kenya, where his father was a former chairman of the Kenya Tourism Board. In a tribute, his father said "he was kind-hearted, exceptionally generous to all around him, modest and unassuming with a zest and passion for life so that he lived the equivalent of eighty years in his thirty-six years".

We extend our sympathy to his family at this sad time.

Peter Kimbell (Shield 1960) wrote to advise us that **Adrian Houghton (Star 1955-1960)** died on Friday 13th May 2011, aged 69. After leaving Hurst he developed skills in business management, working in Africa and the Seychelles. His entrepreneurial spirit was evident during his time at Hurst and he developed a successful catering business in Harpenden. He unfortunately developed diabetes and moved to a warmer climate in Spain, where he built up a property rental business. His illness hindered him from extending his business interests into Bulgaria.

Adrian had two brothers at Hurst, both in Star, and he is survived by his elder brother David, and his three children Suzie, Ingrid and James.

Obituaries *continued*; Legacies



Christopher Dean

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Christopher Dean. He was educated at Christ's Hospital and Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, and was for a short time a Commoner Fellow at Jesus College.

He taught at Tiffin School before being appointed as head of modern languages at Hurst in 1960. He proved himself to be a great all-rounder, and in his time was a stalwart of the theatre, appearing in musicals and other productions. He wrote and produced the Hurst pageant, and later the Hannington pageant.

He was house tutor of Eagle for five years before being appointed

housemaster of Red Cross in 1968; he held this post until 1983, and finally retired in 1992 having been president of the common room.

He was a keen rugby coach and an officer in the CCF. But above all this he was a lovely man with a keen, and at times wicked, sense of humour. He and his wife Christine lived for some time in the mill at Ruckford, before moving into nearby Rose Cottage.

In retirement Christopher took great interest in the Dorothy L. Sayers Society acting as chairman for several years. He had been unwell for some weeks, and then went downhill rapidly. His funeral was on March 29th.

He always had the support of Christine, and we send our heartfelt sympathy to her and to the family.

The school has received legacies from:—

Mr Tom Harison, who was not at Hurst, but whose stepfather, **I L Harison**, left the college one hundred years ago!!

and

Richard Longstaff (Fleur de Lys 57).

THE LAST WORD — The Vicar's Business Card

A new vicar was visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knock on the door. Therefore he took out his business card and wrote: "Revelation 3.20" on the back and posted it through the letter box.

When the offerings were processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to

it was the cryptic message: "Genesis 3.10". Reaching for his bible to check out the reference, he collapsed in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3.10 begins: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

Genesis 3.10 reads: "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid for I was naked."

Do pass it on to your friends, for "Proverbs 17.22". Go on, look it up!



OJ WEBSITE

We do hope you will visit our website at

www.theojclub.com

where members are able to contact each other, change their contact details, make purchases of club items and get information about club events.

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