

Old Herefordians' Newsletter 2008



HCS Archive Memories...

What have you got in your archive?

If you can name any of the faces in these photographs, please get in touch.

OH NEWS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT OCTOBER 2008

2008 has been a busy year for the OH Committee. Juliette Austen-Chandler and Helen Pearson organised a reunion lunch for 1985-1990 OHs, their partners and children, making it a very family friendly day and a big success (see page 10). We, as a committee, also made all retired teachers honorary OHs and presented scarves and ties to them at the reunion lunch; this was very well received and it was gratifying to see so many former teachers attend.



A large gang of us attended the London dinner on April 22nd organised by Richard Buckeridge and Peter Fairman-Bourn (see page 12). Peter is doing a great job with the London OH Club and organises regular lunches and events through the year.



OH President Mark Ellis presents leavers' scarves and ties to Heads of School.

I presented OH ties and scarves to the leavers of not only the 6th Form but also this year to the 5th form leavers. A very successful OH Regatta took place at the Rowing club on 22nd June and many OHs had their first row in many years, it was good to see Dr Jeremy Evans and Graham Kemp having a go whilst I watched!

My thanks as ever go to the committee: Helen Pearson our OH administrator who is always on hand and has helped to pioneer our website and email communication and Juliette Austen-Chandler who has freely given of her time to help organise many events; Andrew Davies has been a very supportive Vice President and thanks also go to Phil Dazeley (Secretary) Jon Webb (Treasurer) and to Peter Williams for his tireless work with the OH Trust, and other regular committee members.

Finally, may I thank Clare Adamson for her excellent work and effort in producing this magazine.

Season's greetings and a happy New Year to you all.

Mark Ellis - President

HOUSE OF SADDAM

The BBC mini-series *House of Saddam*, broadcast in July, was co-written and directed by BAFTA award-winning Alex Holmes, OH 1979-1986.



The series was based on two years of research, including interviews with members of Saddam's regime. "I was interested in an examination of how Saddam Hussein remained in power for 24 years in spite of being hated by many of his own people and the world. It was a chance to delve into the complex nature of a man with whom many Iraqis had such an ambivalent relationship involving respect and loathing."

Alex also co-wrote and directed *Dunkirk*, a three part World War II mini-series for the BBC about the evacuation of allied troops from Europe in 1940; he was awarded a BAFTA as creative director. Alex has been responsible for some of the BBC's most successful observational films including *The Boy Can't Help It* (2002) and *Nap Attack* (2002), as well as the multi award-winning film *The Secret Policeman*.

Alex has produced a number of independent productions including *Kids Behind Bars* (Truevision, Amnesty International best documentary 2002), *Endgame in Ireland* (George Foster Peabody Award 2002), *The Fall of Milosevic* (Gold Medal New York Film Festival 2004).

In recent years Alex has also executive produced some the UK's most successful TV drama including *Nice Girl*, (2000), *The Other Boleyn Girl* (2003), *Flesh and Blood* (2003 Prix Europa, two Royal Television Society awards), *Coup!* (2006), as well as a feature film, *Last Resort* (2000 Best British Film, Edinburgh film festival, a BAFTA for director Pawel Pawlikowski, and six other awards internationally).

Alex Holmes is 39 and lives in London with his wife Rachel, and their three children.

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Anna Henly, OH 1982-1984, won an award in the Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2007 competition, the most prestigious wildlife photography competition in the world. Visitors to the exhibition and website have voted her exquisite picture of an Arctic fox no 1!

Although Anna's father bought her first camera for her 9th Birthday, she studied to become a Mechanical Engineering with a degree from Edinburgh University. Her career has been varied, working as a technical journalist in London followed by work in public relations in Germany for a car manufacturer. She then spent 5 years working offshore in Oil & Gas seismic navigation. She dedicated her six months' leave from the North Sea each year to travelling and photography.



Anna Henly

After a brief time as a newspaper reporter in Aberdeen, Anna began a very successful career as a photographer. In 2007 she spent many weeks offshore taking photographs on board the Scottish Fisheries Research vessel, and on a Norwegian ROV survey vessel doing underwater 3D photogrammetry. She visited a Total oil platform, and Shell sent her to Holland to photograph North Sea installations from a helicopter. Her photography has taken her to destinations including Scandinavia, the Alps, Svalbard, Alaska, Northern Canada, the Rockies, Patagonia, Costa Rica, South America, Australia, Thailand, East Africa, India, Azerbaijan and the Caucasus to name a few.

Anna is a member of the Master Photographers' Association (MPA) and has won 30 awards from the MPA Scotland and Fujifilm for commercial, portrait, wildlife and wedding photography. She continues to write, mainly for the photographic press, and has also written a book on nude photography: "Camera Craft – Nudes" for AVA Publishing

Visit Anna's website: www.annahenly.co.uk.



Arctic Fox

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DEBBIE ON RADIO 2

Old Herefordian, Debbie Anne Clarke (1996-2002) has recently been played on Aled Jones' Good Morning Sunday Show (Sunday, 21 September 2008), on BBC Radio 2.

Debbie sings Classical and Crossover music and she has just recorded a promotional album called 'First Impressions' from which the track was taken.

Debbie studied for seven years at HCS and whilst there was awarded Full Colours in Music and grade eight Distinction in the voice and also won the vocal Prize. She performed in various concerts at The Bishop's Palace and was finalist in the BBC Hereford and Worcester Young Musician of the Year for two consecutive years.

After leaving HCS, she studied for four years at The Royal Academy of Music in London and whilst there was finalist in the Young Kathleen Ferrier Competition and was also finalist in the MOCSA Young Welsh Singer of the Year 2006. Debbie wishes to thank her sponsor Lyndon Parry Booth, a Hereford business man, who made the promotional CD possible.



Debbie Clarke

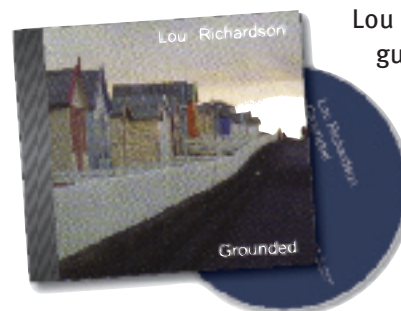
SINGER-SONGWRITER

Louise Richardson (OH 1992-99) is a singer/songwriter and acoustic guitarist performing at numerous festivals and venues both locally and beyond.

She released her debut album "Grounded" in March 2008 to great reviews and this has led to appearances on local radio and larger festivals. The album features 11 tracks and is inspired by themes of home and family – values very close to Lou who was born in Hereford. Lou writes and produces her own music, citing artists such as Joni Mitchell and Kate Bush as influences, but her style and sound are unique – especially at live shows where she employs looping techniques to create rich percussive and harmonic layers with just one guitar.



Louise Richardson



Lou was taught to play the guitar at HCS by Alex Beaver and she has now taken on this role herself, having worked in the school music department for the past five years as well as for the County Music Service. Catch her live in and around the county – for dates and more information or to purchase a copy of "Grounded" please visit www.myspace.com/louiserichardsonguitar.

RISING STAR

James Wisker OH, has reached new heights in his theatrical career, currently starring in a travelling production 'Back to Broadway'.

James Wisker recognised an opportunity when life had thrown him a bone, in the form of 'Back to Broadway'. It's never easy getting your first break in the 'dog eat dog' world of show business, and James seized it with both hands. *Back to Broadway* has been described as "a spectacular show with all the magic of a West End performance".

James acquired an early love for the stage from his first ever performance, appearing as Mr Beaver in an HCJS production of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. This gave him a taste of the limelight that he was never to forget. No stranger to being in the public eye, James has already made a cameo appearance on the *X-factor* and performed alongside Sir Cliff Richard at The Royal Albert Hall. He described his audition in front of Simon Cowell as 'good fun and a good experience', and would recommend it as a great opportunity for anyone 'to gain confidence to do other things'.

He credits his Mum as the source of his musical and creative ability, which evidently runs in the family as his sister Annabel is currently the stage manager of 'Back to Broadway'. James's constant support has been his family, who he likened to 'groupies', for their sheer supportive power.

'Back to Broadway' has challenged all aspects of James's talents, and although he was the first to admit that dancing doesn't come naturally to him, he relished the opportunity to work with professional dancers and 'came out of it thinking [he] could dance now.' Unlike some television celebrities, James achieved all his experience through auditions and drama courses. However, he holds mixed feelings towards some entertainment programmes, which he believes only provide temporary fame. He believes his success in this business comes down to being in 'the right place at the right time'.

By Abi Williams, VI Form Editorial Team



James Wisker with 6th Form Journalists, Karina, Louise and Abi.

BOOK LAUNCH

Elizabeth Hopkinson, OH, launched her career as an author with a book signing of her first published novel, *Kaleidoscope Man*, at Waterstones, Hereford, earlier this year.

The novel is a psychological thriller and is the first in a series of books which will feature the detective Frank Hargreaves. *Kaleidoscope Man* has received favourable reviews in the national press "Structured like a thriller, this debut offers a little more than simple ruminations on good and evil." (Independent).

Lizzie was always determined to write from an early age. She wrote her first book, *The Mystery of the Ball*, when her family were staying with Ruth Rendell. She was writing seriously by the age of 16 and particularly valued the encouragement she received from the HCS English Department, especially 'the inspirational teaching of Mr Gray'.



Elizabeth Hopkinson

TOP MARKETER

Laura Morris, OH 1991-1998, won the 'Emerging Marketer of the Year' award at a gala ceremony at the Hilton Hotel, Manchester, sponsored by the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM). Her company Nunwood Associates, a market research company in Leeds, also won the 'Marketing Services Company of the Year' award.

Laura said that to win an award of this calibre, which recognises market talent not just at a regional level but at national level, is a huge honour and a feat of which she is extremely proud. It also underlines the importance of continuous professional development and lifelong learning, and that studying towards the CIM professional diploma over the past two years had greatly contributed to her winning the award.

Marketing is a diverse and vibrant sector and she feels passionate about supporting the profession in going forwards through innovation. She is also grateful for the continuing support of her company Nunwood, her friends, family and colleagues as without them this win would not have been possible. Laura also said that her base of learning at Hereford Cathedral School and her higher education degree in International Business at Loughborough University had given her second to none opportunities in terms of academic grounding and credibility.

CHARITY PERFORMANCE

Keith Beresford, OH 1949-1958, played piano in a charity concert at Hereford Cathedral last year. Proceeds from the concert 'Classic Songs in the City', benefited the Royal National College for the Blind in Hereford.



Keith Beresford (left) with fellow performers.

JAMES A W SMITH

Old Herefordian James A W Smith celebrated his 101st birthday this year.

He was born in 1907, one of seven children. He was awarded a closed exhibition to St John's to read Classics in 1926 – both his Grandfather and the Headmaster of the Cathedral School at the time were Johnians. He joined the family law firm in Bradford where he remained for his working life, apart from 1939 to 1945 when he was a volunteer in the army.



James A W Smith

CAREERS CONVENTION 2008

Old Herefordians are always welcome to visit the School but thrice welcome were those who took the time and trouble on 16th April to make the journey to the Biennial Careers Convention - even from as far afield as Chester and Bournemouth - in order to advise pupils on their career plans and aspirations. Their contribution to this event, regarded by the School as a vital part of the Careers Education programme, was greatly appreciated by the event organisers and by all staff involved in careers advice, and not least by pupils and their parents.

Old Herefordians present included:

Callie-Ann Bradley (née Wells), 1986-1993:
West Mercia Constabulary

Alex Draper, 1980-1987:
Lady Hawkins School

Richard Edwards, 1990-1997:
Crime Correspondent, The Daily Telegraph

Samantha Hopkins, 1996-2002:
Personnel Dept, Special Metals Wiggin Ltd

Kevin Jones, 1963-1969:
Airbus Captain, Easyjet

Giles Latcham, 1976-1983:
Journalist BBC Midlands Today

Lara Latcham, 1977-1984:
General Manager, the South Wye Development Trust

Hayley Llewellyn, 1984-1991:
The Green Tomatoes Theatre Group

Bill Quan, 1977-1984:
Howton Farm

Mark Ransome-Williams, 1983-1988:
West Mercia Constabulary

Peter Rhodes, 1982-1987:
Health and Fitness Consultant, Shell Global Solutions

Paddy Shave, 1980-1987:
Managing Director, the Hop Pocket Wine Company

Michael Tomlinson, 1996:
Barrister, the Western Circuit

Colin Wood, 1975-1982:
Lecturer, the School of Sport & Exercise Studies, University of Worcester.

The advantage for students in meeting face to face with people working in their areas of interest should be self-evident. Who else is out there? Would anyone who would like to join us as an adviser at our next Convention sometime in 2010 please contact Mrs Ann Johnson in the Careers Department: Tel. 01432 363534.

RGN Rhodes

C H A L L E N G E B O L I V I A



The Challenge Bolivia Team

CHALLENGE BOLIVIA

Challenge Bolivia is a student run charity set up to promote awareness and raise money for the impoverished Altiplano region of Bolivia. The charity was founded by a fellow University of Bristol student two years ago and is expected to develop and improve over the next few years and hopefully become an established organisation working in Bolivia.

The aim of the Challenge Bolivia 2008 team was to raise in excess of £10,000 for the provision of basic amenities for hundreds of children in one of Bolivia's most isolated areas. Our 'challenge' was to climb 5 peaks with a combined total altitude of over 30 000m in just 5 days...the equivalent of 3 Everests in less than a week.

As it happened, we managed to raise £13,000 thanks to many generous donations and a huge amount of effort by the team to organise some incredibly successful fundraising events. This money was used to fill rucksacks with warm clothing, stationery and other basic provisions for over 900 children, as well as textbooks, sports equipment, posters, maps and dictionaries for 16 schools.

Our visits to each of these schools were a resounding success. We were able to discuss with the teachers and villagers future aims for the charity and very importantly

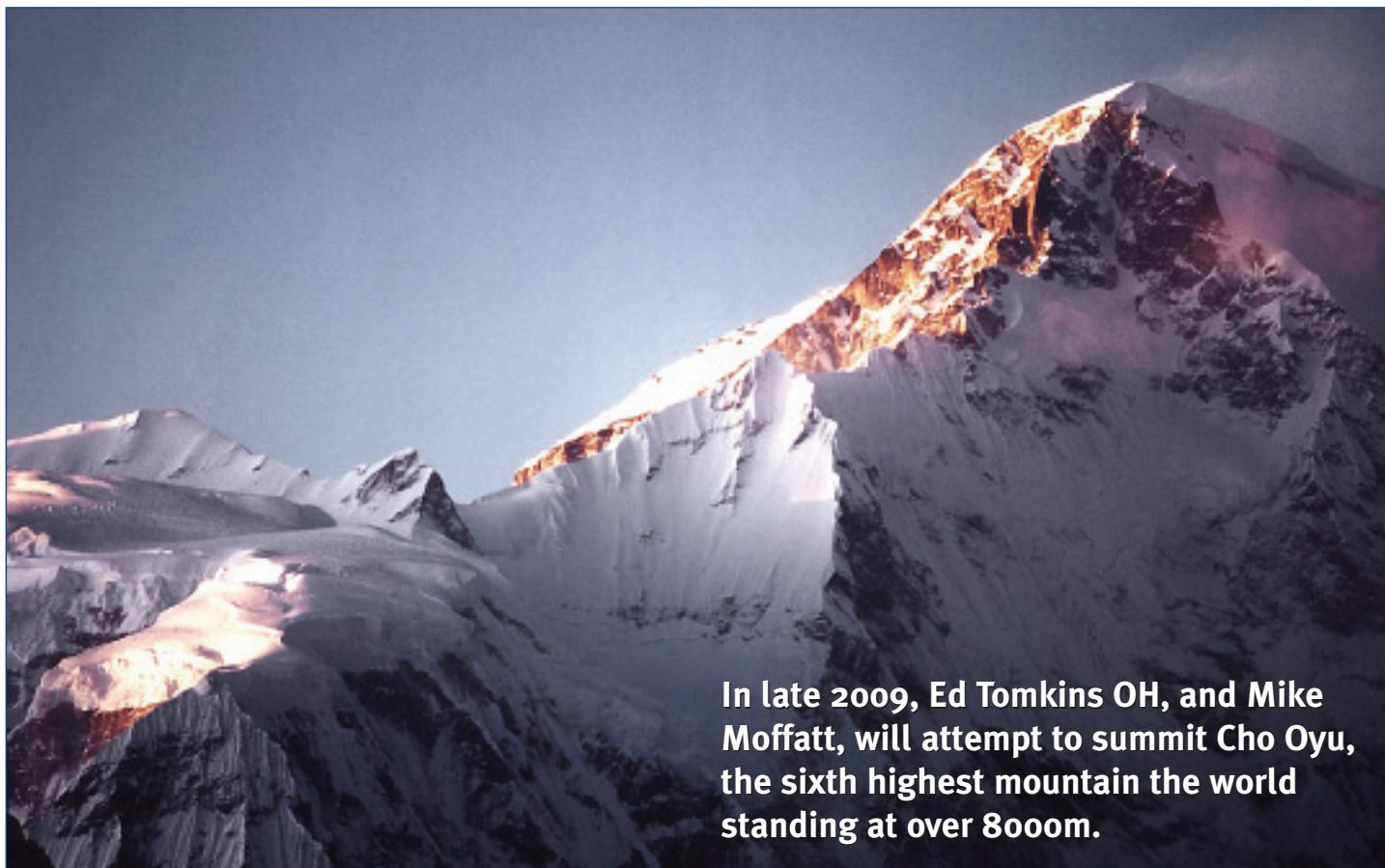
spend time playing with the children - including one 'high altitude' football match at 4500m which we lost - badly! As for the challenge...four out of the five 6000m mountains were successfully climbed, one being abandoned close to the summit due to dangerous climbing conditions.

Photos and more information are available on the Challenge Bolivia website www.challengebolivia.com where it will also be possible to follow the progress of the 2009 team.

Tilly Spencer OH 2004,

Fundraiser/Events Organiser, Challenge Bolivia Team 2008.





In late 2009, Ed Tomkins OH, and Mike Moffatt, will attempt to summit Cho Oyu, the sixth highest mountain the world standing at over 8000m.

CHO OYU 2009

By reaching the summit they hope to raise enough money to set up a Trust Fund for the brighter pupils of Shree Sharada School to have the opportunity to attend university in either Pokhara or Kathmandu.

Mike will be attempting this summit in his 60th year, having completed 60 other summits and of course it's the 6th highest.....there's a link with the figure 6 here!! Both Ed and Mike have climbed in the Himalaya before, but not up through and into the 'Death Zone' as it is known among high altitude climbers. They will be spending time in the Alps during 2009 gearing up for the climb and acclimatizing fully in Nepal prior to endeavouring to summit Cho Oyu in Oct/Nov 2009.

"We have been supporting Shree Sharada School, which is located in the village of Ghachok since our first trek in 1998" says Mike. "The whole concept has steadily grown over the

years and so has the school's standing, so much so, that it has recently been recognised by the Nepal government as a centre of learning. There is still a long way to go, but we are making great headway. The Ghachok Link Committee, which is made up of past trekkers (parents/guardians and friends of HCS), meets once a term to discuss the project and HCS raises funds each year to support the project. In fact, the HCS Charities Committee (co-ordinated by The Revd. Pam Row and supported by pupils) has been very generous in recent years.

"Gap Students from HCS go out to Nepal and teach at Shree Sharada School for 3 month periods, prior to carrying on with their travels (see page 22). The whole concept is very exciting and of course the villagers and pupils at the school are deeply grateful for our support towards their education."

Any OHs who would like to donate money towards the Trust Fund can contact Mike Moffatt, CCF School Staff Instructor, via the following email address: templarmjm@yahoo.co.uk. The PR aspect of this climb will be raised in due course and all donations will be go directly towards the Trust Fund for university bursaries.



Ed Tomkins OH, Mike Moffatt and Alex Campbell on the summit of Pigne d'Arolla in the Swiss Alps, August 2008.



The HCS funded Library, Shree Sharada School.

GHACHOK LINK 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

To mark our ten year link with the village of Ghachok and in particular Shree Sharada School, the GLC (Ghachok Link Committee) met at Alex Campbell's on 6 July to celebrate the occasion.

Despite inclement weather to start with a successful BBQ was held and the sun shone for a good part of the afternoon. We were fortunate to have Ed Tomkins OH on hand and freshly back from climbing in the Himalaya plus teaching at Shree Sharada School. Ed gave us all a good overview in to day to day life in Ghachok and the needs of the school beyond 2008/09.

Currently the Ghachok Link Committee is made up of past trekkers and friends of HCS and current members are:

Mike Moffatt	Chairman
John Deutsch	Treasurer
Alex Campbell	Secretary
Dr Andrew Leeman	Secretary Elect/Trekking Doctor
Gaynor Watkins	
Dr Tom Mathias	Trekking Doctor
Bob Hall	
Alun Hughes	
Sally Jones	
Lindsay Summers	
Dr Greg Mowe	
Dr Crispin Fisher	

There are also past trekkers who also offer their support in a variety of ways and new faces are always welcome.

Anyone interested in joining the Ghachok Link Committee, or would like to make a donation towards Shree Sharada School can contact the Chairman by e-mail: templarmjm@yahoo.co.uk or by telephoning 01432 363539.

SERVICE DINNER FOR OHS

Readers will be interested, I hope, to note that since 1989 over 239 ex-HCS CCF cadets/pupils have now joined one of the three Armed Forces.

I am now seeing young Majors or the equivalent RN or RAF wise walking in to the CCF Office and saying 'Do you remember me Mr Moffatt?' Frightening stuff and I am now thinking more seriously about retirement before I pass away in the CCF Office! But before I do retire, I would like to hold one more Service Dinner for OHs, something that I instigated in my early days at HCS. Therefore, all you serving and ex-serving members of the Armed Forces please get in touch with me if you are interested in assisting or attending. It will be a suit and tie job and a very informal gathering for you all to catch up on the news and laugh about old times at HCS.

As for me, the Headmaster has kindly given me a sabbatical in 2009. I hope to climb Cho Oyu (6th highest mountain in the world) for charity. I will be joined by Ed Tomkins OH, who has already climbed in the Himalaya and worked at Shree Sharada School. Any OH's wishing to sponsor me please contact me either by telephone (01432-363539, or by email on templarmjm@yahoo.co.uk). All donations will go to the Trust Fund.

Mike Moffatt, School Staff Instructor



SSI's Bad Hair Day!



Ghachok Link BBQ

ARMED FORCES MEMORIAL

On Friday 12 October 2007, HM The Queen unveiled the Armed Forces Memorial at National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire.

The memorial contains the names of 16,000 servicemen and servicewomen killed on duty or as a result of terrorist action since WW2. The Roll of Honour currently provides information up to 31 December 2006. Access to the Roll of Honour and a facility to print a certificate is available at www.forcesmemorial.org.uk The Memorial itself was open to visitors from 29 October 2007.

If you know of the names of any OHs recorded on the memorial, please get in touch with Mike Moffat at the CCF Office.



Some of the 16,000 names

OH INTERVIEW

Two Old Herefordians returned to HCS to talk about their different adventure and mountaineering experiences.

Jake Coates (OH), took part in the 2007 'Challenge Bolivia' expedition to climb five peaks in the Bolivian Andes in five days. The team raised sponsorship in excess of £10,000, which was used to assist the children and schools of six remote Bolivian villages with equipment and clothing.

Edward Tomkins (OH), gave a talk on his experiences of conquering the heights of the Anti-Atlas Mountains in Morocco. Members of the school magazine sixth form editorial team caught up with him via email:

Why did you decide to go rock climbing in Morocco? Was it personal ambition or for a bigger cause?

I've always been interested in exploratory climbing and doing new routes and after the rubbish summer we had last year I wanted to go somewhere hot and where we would be guaranteed good weather. The anti-Atlas Mountains in Morocco are an up-and-coming climbing venue and there is plenty of unclimbed rock out there.

Had you any previous experience of rock climbing prior to going to Morocco and was there anything at HCS which influenced you to do it?

I've been climbing for about five years and have been teaching it for about twelve months. I was a member of the CCF at HCS and took part in as much

of the outdoor training as I could, so I guess my interest with the mountains especially, started whilst I was at HCS.

What was it like?

Morocco is a pretty special place and the Western Sahara boasts some breathtaking scenery. I would recommend anyone to go out there, climber or not.

How did you train for it?

We spent a lot of hours training on the indoor wall to get fit, we also had a couple of weekends in North Wales climbing together and getting everyone up to speed on the technical side of things.

Did you encounter any difficulties?

On the whole the trip was problem free; however on the second day one of the team took a bit of a fall and sprained his ankle badly, stopping him from climbing until the end of the trip.

What were the highlights of the trip?

The highlight of the trip for me was climbing to unclimbed pinnacles and then having to abseil off them in the dark because we finished so late.

Would you recommend anyone currently at HCS to do it?

I would recommend climbing to anyone, but make sure you have the necessary skills before you climb outside and on unclimbed routes. Start off on the indoor wall and then progress to outside climbing.



Ed Tomkins and Jake Coates

Did your experience change your outlook on what you want to do in life or your general outlook on life?

Not really, as long as I can keep climbing I'll be happy.

What are you doing now?

I'm heading out to Nepal to teach at Ghachok School as well as doing some trekking.

Do you have any other plans to go back to Morocco or to travel anywhere else for the same purpose?

I'm sure I will go back to Morocco, but at the moment I've got several trips planned to the Alps, Nepal and hopefully to Kyrgyzstan, where we will be climbing unclimbed peaks again.

FAMILY REUNION 1985 – 1990

A very successful OH reunion was held on Saturday 26th April 2008. We had a total number of 90 in attendance, a mixture of Old Herefordians from the 1985-1990 era with their children, and a number of retired staff. It was a warm, beautiful day and there was a lot of humour, laughter and reminiscing.

We all met in the Deanery for a glass of wine and reacquainted ourselves with old friends and new additions to the family. Lunch – a hearty school lunch – was served in the newly refurbished dining hall and was followed by a presentation of a club tie or scarf by OH President Mark Ellis, to the retired teachers who have now become honorary members of the OH Club. While the children played on the very large bouncy castle and slide on Deanery lawn, the retired teachers led nostalgic tours around the old school but also taking in the changes: the new science labs, Zimmerman building, Sixth Form Centre and the Library. Then it was back to the Deanery lawn for a cup of the legendary Mrs Lawrence tea and a relaxing afternoon. So relaxing that around 5.30pm the hard core was asked to move on and ended up with further hospitality from Hayley Llewellyn. A great day had by all.

Juliette Austen-Chandler



Anna Ellis, Helen Pearson



Bethan Deakins & Lucy Renwick



Marlene Jenkins & Pak Wai Hung



Lunch in the dining hall



Sam Houliman, Gill Rivers, Lucy Mason, Sam Vixon Wood



Fran Cave, Marlene Jenkins, Ingrid Weaver



Hayley Llewellyn, Mr Parker, Lucy Renwick



Marlene Jenkins, Fran Cave, Rachel Hope, Ingrid Weaver, Juliette Austen-Chandler, Bethan Deakin



Lucy Renwick, Paul Jenkins



Mark Ellis, Amy Ellis, Elaine Ellis, Meg Ellis and Paul Smith



Ingrid Weaver, Rachel Hope, Bethan Deakin, Hayley Llewellyn, Marlene Jenkins, Fran Cave & Lucy Renwick



Mary Lawrence



Mr Gray



Mr Shave, Mr Parker, Mark Ellis



Fran Cave



Mr Taylor, Caroline Raymond

OH and staff who attended:

- Jon Webb
- Paul Jenkins 1986-1991
- Lucy Mason 1979-1986
- Pak Wai Hung 1984-1991
- Mark Watkins 1989-1996
- Clive Watkins 1955-1961
- Emma Coates 1979-1986
- Samatha Wood 1979-1986
- Rachel Eyles 1987-1994
- Leah Robinson 1987-1994
- Lucy Renwick 1984-1991
- Hayley Llewellyn 1984-1991
- Samatha Holloman 1979-1986
- Mrs Alison Holmes 1979-1984
- Carolyne Jones 1979-1986
- Phillip Preece 1978-1985
- Tim Dyer 1978-1985

- Liz Dyer 1980-1987
- Marlene Harrison 1986-1988
- Ingrid Weaver 1986-1988
- Caroline Starling 1979-1984
- Rachel Corp 1980-1985
- Angus Mc Donald 1980-1987
- Ruth Todd 1980-1987
- Rachel Mitchell 1981-1988
- Gill Rivers 1979-1986
- Juliette Austen Chandler 1983-1988
- Bethan Deakins
- Beryl Cain
- Mr & Mrs D Theakston
- Mrs B Clarke
- Mrs B Ferris
- Dr Howard Tomlinson
- Mr & Mrs W E Glover

- Mr J Dunn
- Mr & Mrs G Rawlinson
- Mr & Mrs John Williams
- Mrs Ann Bigley
- Mr E Parker
- Mr Colin Grey
- Mr & Mrs A Shave
- Mr & Mrs R Rhodes
- Mr & Mrs R Dickson
- Mrs Hilary Gould
- Mr A Morris
- Mrs L Howard-Jones
- Mr Bob Talbot
- Mr J L T Brookes
- Fran Cave
- Sam Wood
- Amy Ellis

OLD HEREFORDIANS IN LONDON

OHIL Dinner 22 April 2008, East India Club, London



HCS Head Paul Smith; Sir Michael Parker; Kathy Clark; John James; Michael Moreton; David Rattue; Mrs Pamela Lancaster; Howard Tomlinson; HCJS Head Tim Lowe; Helen Pearson; Andy Davies or Pete Agate ?; Ege Parker; Ian Harwood; Nick Bolt; Ann Goodwin; Richard Buckeridge; Mark Ellis; Peter Fairman-Bourn; Chris Lush. (With apologies to those unnamed).



Juliette Austen-Chandler, former Head Girl, with former Headmaster Howard Tomlinson.



(L to R) Howard Tomlinson; Richard Buckeridge; Tim Lowe.



Sir Michael J Parker, KCVO CBE, (centre), with Peter Fairman-Bourn and Ian Harwood, laughs out loud at a photo of a 1950's school play called "The Inspector General" a comedy in which he plays the leading lady!

Old Herefordians In London



Check the OHIL web page for 2009 Events:
www.oldherefordiansclub.co.uk
 or contact:
Peter Fairman-Bourn
 E-mail: pfb@oldherefordiansclub.co.uk

HCS LAW REUNION 2009

Barrister ... Solicitor ... Lawyer ... Judge ?

Members of the 'Legal Professions' are warmly invited to attend our Law Alumni event which will be held at Cathedral School next Summer 2009.

We will be celebrating Law at HCS, and the event will include lectures, tours and lunch. This will be a exciting opportunity for you to connect with your Law Contemporaries and old friends.

For more information or to register an interest please keep and eye on the web site www.oldherefordiansclub.co.uk or contact Helen Pearson on 01432 363566.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

Kate Bliss (née Alcock) OH, was guest speaker at School Speech Day, 12 July 2008.

Kate was born in Herefordshire in 1974. As a pupil at Hereford Cathedral School, she particularly enjoyed music as a violinist, art and drama but also loved participating in various sporting activities. Kate read English Literature at Brasenose College, Oxford and on graduating returned to Hereford to join a well-known local firm of auctioneers. She quickly completed a post graduate fine art course by correspondence, covering all aspects of antiques, to qualify as a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and went on to become the youngest shareholder, auctioneer and valuer in the firm.

During some ten years experience as a fine art valuer and auctioneer in a saleroom, Kate also appeared frequently as an expert on both BBC's *Bargain Hunt* and *Flog It!* and joined the team of antique experts on the *20th Century Roadshow*. Kate also went on to co-present *Flog It!* Her television work includes looking at historical locations and artefacts all over the British Isles and travelling to New York, France and Ireland. Her current television projects include presenting BBC1's *Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is*.

After studying gemmology, Kate became a Fellow of the Gemmological Association and now specialises in valuing jewellery and silver. Having just had her second child, Kate is enjoying motherhood and continues to combine it with valuation work and television.



OH UPDATE

Maria Blake, OH 1980-1987

Maria lives in London and has her own PR company Front Row PR.

Louise Brierley (née Blake), OH 1979-1986

Louise teaches geography and is a Housemistress at Prior Park in Bath; she has just finished as OIC of the Navy Section after 17 years. She is married to Tim and has 2 children aged 13 and 3. She is still in touch with Linda Miles - her inspiration to become a geography teacher!

Ruth Davis (née Armstrong), OH 1983-1990

After leaving school, Ruth went travelling and then moved to London to work as a PA. Four years ago she moved back to Hereford where she met Jonathan Davis; they were married in September 2006 at St James church.

Richard Edwards, OH 1990-1997

After working as a journalist at the London Evening Standard, Richard recently became the Daily Telegraph crime correspondent.

Richard Errington, OH 1962-1969

Richard is an OH who left in 1969, but returned to HCS in 1980 as a music teacher and assistant first to Roy Massey then John Williams. Finally, he left the school about 1990, then in 1997 moved to live in SW France. He is still in contact with lots of ex-pupils, their parents and members of the teaching staff who spend holidays with Richard.

Jeremy C Evans, OH 1972-1979

Dr Jeremy Evans, a keen member of the Rowing Club during his time at HCS, returned in June for the Old Herefordians' Regatta.

Jeremy is a partner in General Practice and has a special interest in Travel Medicine and Expedition Medicine. He specialises in providing travel vaccines, travel education and personal medical kits and group kits to schools and universities.

Jeremy regularly walks the mountains in the Lake District every October in variable conditions. In 2004 he climbed Cotopaxi volcano (5900m) in Ecuador and last year climbed in Romania. This year he has signed up to go up Stok Kangri (6137m) with twenty-five 16 - 18yr olds. Unsurprisingly, Jeremy is a member of The British Mountaineering Club!



Jeremy Evans on the summit of Cotopaxi, Ecuador.

Jeremy and his wife Jane live in Essex and have two children: George, who is 20, is also into climbing and mountaineering and is in his second year at Bristol University doing mechanical engineering; Frances, who is 18, has completed her first year nursing attached to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

Gareth Giles, OH 1975-1982

Gareth commenced piano lessons at the age of 5 and organ at 9. He was Head Chorister at Hereford Cathedral, the 3rd generation of his family to hold this honour. At 13, he was appointed Organist at St John's Church, whilst in Hereford he studied with Dr Roy Massey and gained his Diploma of Associateship to the Royal College of Organists shortly before his 17th birthday. After leaving Hereford, he studied at the Royal College of Music, learning piano with Neil Immelman and Organ with Nicholas Danby and on graduation, followed a PGCE course at Roehampton. In 1987, he was appointed Director of Music at Heathside School in Weybridge, a post held until his first retirement in 2000.

Gareth is in much demand as an Accompanist, Pianist, Organist, Teacher, Lounge Pianist and more latterly, Composer and Arranger. He has had the honour of performing for the late Princess of Wales, as well as a number of celebrities. He was Co-founder and Musical Director of the 3 Rivers Music Festival until 2006. He is Assistant Organist at St James Church as well as Music Performance Coordinator at St James School, and choral coordinator at Ashley School and Walton Oak School, all in the Weybridge area.

As a composer his output encompasses over 70 songs, Christmas Carols and 6 Cantatas for children including *Something Really Big* (2003), *Savannah* (2006), *What Joyous Sound* (2006), all of which premiered at the Royal Albert Hall.

Currently in his 2nd retirement period, Gareth is planning a number of projects, private teaching and GCSE and A-Level tutoring whilst eagerly contemplating his 3rd retirement.

Alexander Goold, OH 1984-1988

After a degree in Archaeology & Anthropology and Social and Political Science at Selwyn College, Cambridge (1989-1992), Alex was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn (1994) and joined Hardwicke Building as a member of chambers in October 1995, where he is a Barrister specialising in commercial and construction dispute resolution.

He married Tianne Bell in May 2002 and they have two children, William, born in 2005 and Grace, born in 2007. They live in Wimbledon, near the common. Alex is a keen skier and would love to be spending more time in Chamonix. He is still in touch with Mark Ransome-Williams and Juliette Austen-Chandler.

Graham Kemp, OH 1969-1976

Student days took Graham first to Cardiff (BSc) and then Imperial College (MSc) and on to the real world; firstly a couple of years with a global engineering company before joining a firm of stockbrokers in 1983. The next twenty years he spent working in equity analysis and equity strategy with several of the fine old firms now disappeared into the giant American investment banks that dominate the City. In 2004 he changed tack, joining The Financial Services Authority, working with the team that supervises the same global investment banks.

His wife, Kaye, he met as a student in Cardiff and they married in 1988. In 2007 Graham dropped down to working a three-day week – a sort of semi-retirement. This allowed the family to move out of London and settle in Outer Herefordshire. They now live in the full glory of the Wye valley a few miles from Hay-on-Wye. Daughter Lucie did a year at HCJS before starting at HCS in September this year: "It is quite strange to be around the old school buildings again and odd that Lucie's form room is my old dormitory in Number One! I keep in touch with several former inmates of School House and Deanery and would welcome contact from any others of that era".

Nicola Kearton (née Hodges), OH 1977-1982

Nicola lives near Saffron Walden with her husband Mike and their children Millie (10), Ned (8) and Hal (6). She is a freelance editor.

Mya Lyndle (formerly Louise Timms), OH 1985-1992

Mya gained a BSc in Animal Biology from Birmingham University, an MSc in Applied Entomology from Imperial

College, for which she was awarded a distinction, and went on to do a PhD at Imperial. Her area of research was the natural control of a forest insect pest, spending many happy days sampling and conducting experiments at a field site in Wales. Since then she has worked for Syngenta Bioline, who produce insects and mites for commercial biocontrol in protected crops, and more recently for a large soft fruit company working towards the production of strawberries and raspberries without the use of synthetic pesticides. Mya also has a fascination with natural methods of healing. She has been studying for a homeopathy diploma, and has been accepted as an intern of SHEN therapy.

In case OHs of '92 vintage are confused, Mya changed her name. Having been christened Juliet, but called by her 3rd name, 'Louise', she decided to choose a name herself which she liked better. So she went from (Juliet Elizabeth) Louise Timms, to Mya Lyndle.

Finally, Mya would like to extend her appreciation to all of the staff at HCS. "I gained a lot from my time here and believe that the time and care offered by the staff to the pupils was a wonderful gift, which has certainly helped me in many unexpected ways while on my journey through life."

Guy Maughfling, OH 1973-1980

Guy lives in Kenya where he is a partner in PricewaterhouseCoopers. He is married to Katie and has two young children, Rebecca and Hannah.

In February, Guy's car collided with a bus in Nairobi at 6 am, on his way to a keep fit lesson. The car was written off but we're pleased to report, although it came close, Guy was not. He was rolled in a safari bus floor carpet by a passer-by to stop the bleeding. He spent 5 weeks in hospital; his leg was broken in 9 places, he broke his elbow and collarbone, damaged his face and had an ear sewn back on. "Felt like I'd played rugby at Wyeside. Brain ok, but slow; I'm tired; blurred vision for a while. Should heal, but slowly. Doctors say it's a miracle to live – I stopped breathing in hospital and had to be resuscitated. Amazing, eh? Odd to miss 5 weeks of your life, I remember nothing of the crash or afterwards. Still, at least it's mostly sunny here and I'm breathing."

Jane McGovern (née Sutton), OH 1979-86

Jane McGovern, daughter of former HCS Headmaster Barry Sutton, now a GP, is currently in Los Angeles, where her husband has a research contract.

Julie North (née Harries), OH 1980-1987

Julie continues to live in the county and is still writing for a living. She married Bethan's father in June (2008) and she and Christopher are expecting their second child.

Liz Porter, OH 1982

Liz Porter lives in Cardiff; she is married to Jamie and they have two children: Jane, 5 and Susannah, 2. Liz works part-time at her local library. Liz and Tamlyn Rabey meet on Monday nights in their local pub, where they exchange quotations from the Aeneid over a pint or two of Brains Bitter. Their husbands occasionally play golf together, which Tamlyn says makes them sound like characters from a 1970's sitcom.

Roy Rajkumar Prabhakaran, OH 1984

Roy Rajkumar Prabhakaran, Barrister. Roy graduated LLB (Hons) from Warwick University, where he was captain of the University Rugby team. He now lives and works in Brunei as ↘

partner with the law firm of Messrs Cheok Sankaran Halim, Advocates & Solicitors. He is married to Ms Santhi Muthusamy and they have two daughters: Uma Roy Prabhakaran, 8 and Maya Roy Prabhakaran, 6. He can be contacted via e-mail: royprabs@yahoo.com and royprabhakaran@cslawyers.com.

Tamlyn Rabey, OH 1982

Tamlyn Rabey lives in Cardiff and is married to Ed Price-Johns (OH 1981); they have two children: Dylan, 12 and Bethan, 8. Ed is a Special Needs teacher and Tamlyn works for the Welsh Assembly where she is about to take up a new post in the area of NHS reorganisation.

Lucy Reid, OH 1992

Following a five year stint as general manager of the prestigious Birmingham-based choir Ex Cathedra, Lucy now works for the National Trust as Property Manager at Coughton Court in Warwickshire. Readers of the Trust's magazine will know that she was featured in its Spring edition.

Helen Shimwell (née Rogers), OH 1979-1984

Helen has stayed close to her roots in Herefordshire and with her husband Graham owns an engineering company in Hereford. She has two children, Benedict (11) and Julia (8).

ACADEMIC CONGRATULATIONS

Jack Anthony, OH 2000-2005

Jack was awarded an Upper Second Class Honours degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Birmingham in July 2008. Professor Hukins, Head of School of Mechanical Engineering said "Jack made a significant contribution to University life and my staff and I would like to congratulate [HCS] for preparing Jack so well for his University career".

Jessica Maria Barling, OH 1998-2005

Jessica graduated with a BSc(Econ) Upper Second Class Honours in Economics from UCL in July 2008.

Thomas Bilbrough, OH 1998-2005

Thomas was awarded a BA Upper Second Class Honours in Ancient Civilisations from UCL in July 2008.

TRIPLE SUCCESS!



Pictured L-R: Sian Warren, Oliver Laird and Olivia Knight (OHs 1996-2002), who graduated from Guys, King's and St Thomas' Medical Schools on 4th July 2008.

OH CAREERS

OHs SHARE THEIR CAREER EXPERIENCES...

Matthew Beaumont, OH 1984-1986

'A varied career path I'm sure you'll agree...'

I attended Hereford Cathedral School from July 1984 to July 1986.

The reason for the short period was that I originally attended Lucton School in Yarpole, until it unfortunately went into receivership; this time of immense change and a feeling of failure and being let down had quite a bad effect on me and I was quite unruly and reluctant to learn at the Cathedral. Leaving HCS without even taking any exams, I joined the Armed Forces. Serving with The Queen's Own Hussars regiment, driving Chieftain Main Battle Tanks, I saw active service in both Cyprus with the United Nations and also during the first Gulf crisis.

I left the forces in 1991 and I have subsequently done many, many different jobs, such as being a professional Fitness Instructor and Lifeguard, building labourer, a sales person for cars and motorcycles, a Floor Manager for Next Clothing and also a Traffic Warden. A varied career path I'm sure you'll agree. I am at present a Prison Officer for H.M. Prison Service and deal with difficult and troublesome prisoners, something which I feel I could well have been myself, if not for some carefully made decisions, which just as easily could have gone the other way. I now live in Birmingham with my wife and young son. I think the message I am trying to get across is even though I messed up at the beginning when it can be so vital to get it right, with hard work and dedication you can turn things around in your favour, to try to either stop people from making the same mistakes, or at least help them put it right when they have drifted astray.

Arabella Calder, OH (1982-89)

History lessons to History museum

Arabella Calder (née Smith), holds an important position in the museum world as strategic and operational director at Amgueddfa Cymru, the National Museum of Wales at Cardiff.

Arabella remembers her time at HCS with affection. Like many of her contemporaries, she was fully involved in sporting and cultural pursuits, and also enjoyed the academic side of school life, including History lessons with the Headmaster and the A level Theology course taught with distinction by Father Marsh and Mrs Hewitt. Indeed, she traces her move from 'straight' History to the history of ideas and philosophy (her MA dissertation was on 'Simone de Beauvoir and the possibility of an existential ethics') from the Theology teaching she received at school. She also pays tribute to Mr Skinner 'for any ability I have to apply the rules of grammar to the English language', and to Mr Lancaster 'for my abiding love of poetry'.

Arabella read History at Selwyn College, Cambridge, and following her MA at Cardiff, joined the National Museum of

Wales in 1997. Over the past decade her ascent within the museum hierarchy has been swift – from a museum assistant, helping on the entrance desk and in the galleries; to a curator in the Art department, working with the decorative and contemporary Art collections and curating a number of exhibitions; to an officer within the fundraising department, which preceded her present strategic role. On the way, she was awarded her professional qualification as an associate of the Museums Association (AMA), gained a post-graduate certificate in cultural leadership and learnt to speak Welsh.



Arabella describes her present post as 'a fascinating job as I get involved with the work of all of our museums sites across Wales'. These eight sites include the museum at St Fagan's, the national waterfront museum in Swansea and the national Roman legion museum in Caerleon, as well as the national museum in Cardiff. The museum as a whole received 1.6 million visits last year, 'so there's a lot going on, and we also work closely with a lot of other organisations across the UK and internationally, sharing research and sharing objects'. In addition, she is still responsible for programming some exhibitions and events across the museum. She says she particularly enjoys being involved with the decision-making process relating to the development of St Fagan's as a national history museum.

Arabella is a high flier. Last year she was selected to take part in a cultural leadership course at the City University in London, a course designed to break the 'glass ceiling' for women within the sector, where she met other women involved in similar senior management positions from across the UK – some of whom, she writes, 'are... the museum and artistic directors of the future'. One cannot help feeling that Arabella will be one of them. But whatever the future holds, and despite her support of the Welsh rugby team, it is comforting to know that she still closely follows the fortunes of Hereford United FC. Roots are important.

By Howard Tomlinson

James Erskine, OH 1993-2000

James goes pearl fishing...

As the exam adjudicator called time on my final exam I felt a large weight had lifted from my shoulders...

But a few hours into celebrating came the fear that my life beyond the safety of school had suddenly been thrown into reality; yet if the exam results and preparation given to me by teachers came through the world was my oyster!

So with the world as my oyster and in search of the magic pearl I took a year out, toured the world and ended up at University in Coventry. Three years later I came out the other end with a 1st Class Degree in Engineering Design Technology and things were once again looking promising.

With my new qualification I eagerly applied for various related jobs and was looking forward to a new life outside of Coventry. I eventually settled for working in a small interior design company in Kenilworth, just outside Coventry. Within

a year I quickly worked my way up from being basic CAD Monkey to becoming a Project Manager and found that much of my degree although not directly related was actually very useful. I then took what I felt was a well earned break fuelled by my desire for travel and visited South East Asia for 3 months taking some of the usual backpacker routes but in Northern Thailand I decided to get away from this and hired a small jeep to go exploring. One little adventure ended up with a brief visit to a local hospital after I had got just a little bit too close to the edge of a small waterfall and slipped down losing my shorts and sunglasses in the process. I managed to recover the shorts, which was lucky as these were pocketing the keys to the jeep, but my sunglasses met with a watery grave. Following a brief x-ray the doctor concluded that my left hand wasn't broken and that I was clearly exaggerating the pain and was sent on my way a mere 350 bhat lighter.

I returned to my previous employer with a new lease of life and although three months had passed it was as if I had never left. I continued my role as a project manager and over the following two years I got to travel around much of the UK something that I hadn't really done before as I have always holidayed abroad. I found the UK to be a very interesting and diverse place which was, I have to admit, a surprise.

However in late 2007 I found that the travelling bug was itching my feet once again and I wanted to get away from Coventry which had now been my home for nearly six years. I briefly considered a trip to South America (which is still to come, maybe as a mountain bike guide) but a combination of poor cash flow and common sense made me choose a different path towards the French Alps. After some research and various applications I finally settled on a company that was very much family orientated and focussed on the children. It was not this though that attracted me to the job, nor was it the salary, it was idea of a new and different challenge as the Facilities Manager for a brand new 220 bed, 64 room, 4 star hotel with various leisure facilities. I took this role on not really knowing what to expect and found that it pushed me in every way possible. My perception of seasonal workers before I took on this role was one of condemnation as I assumed they were all university drop-outs with no idea what to next. I felt myself as though I was in part like this but as the season got started and I found myself in the deep end I came to realise that not all seasonal workers are the same. It became very apparent very quickly that as a manager I would be working very long, hard and demanding hours and that this seemed to be the norm. I did get some skiing in but this was by no means a daily occurrence. Unbelievably I went back for more this last summer in the same job role and it seems that weather wise at least this was a smart move with the Alps experiencing one of the best summers for years. I found the job to be only slightly easier but I would put this down to knowing the building and its problems inside out, not to mention my improved grasp of French. I did though achieve a lifelong ambition and go Canyoning even though I am not good with heights and jumping.

I now have a new found respect for seasonal workers or at least the ones I have been in contact with and feel that they are often unjustly regarded as work shy under achievers who wouldn't know what a hard days work was if it came and kicked them up the

So once again I find myself looking for that magic pearl.....

Alison Holmes (née Turnbull), OH 1993-2000

I had fond memories of running the Hull... My dream was to run the London Marathon!

I attended HCS for five years and had a great time, my best memories were when I was in the CCF and Navy Cadets with so many stories that I am sure all the others will remember!

After taking my O levels and waving a fond farewell to all my friends I embarked on the adventure of college! This was quite an eye opener for me and very different from the strict school days of HCS.

Once I had finished my exams at college I took up an apprenticeship at Reprodex Design and Print, my father's printing business in Hereford, as a phototypesetter (which is cut and paste in the print world). The plan was to spend four years there, finish my apprenticeship and then move to London to make my fortune in the 'big city' – that was the grand plan anyway. However after my apprenticeship finished I met my future husband who was in the forces and based in London. We had our first son Connor in 1992 and my thoughts of the big city had suddenly changed, as we both made the decision that it was a better environment to bring Connor up in Hereford so we remained here.

I decided to keep my career going in the graphics and print trade by attending many training courses; when the first



Apple-macs came out we were the first in the county to take the leap and start using them. I then spent a year at the Hereford College of Arts updating my graphic design skills.

When Connor was two I suddenly had an urge to start cross country and long distance running again, something I hadn't done since leaving HCS, where I had fond memories

of running the Hull and how I enjoyed all those lovely country lanes, regretting never having joined the cross country team. My dream was to run the London Marathon, which in 1995 I successfully completed and of course vowed never to run a marathon again!

We then had our second son Luke in 1996 and I stopped running for 10 years as I had now become a director of Reprodex and was quite busy with work and two children to say the least.

In 2006 I took over ownership of Reprodex Design and Print and became Managing Director, having managed to steadily increase the growth of the company with a dedicated team of 12. Our newest achievement is that we have just gained our ISO14001 Environmental Systems Award – we are the first recipients in the county, a fact of which we are all very proud.

Early 2007 saw the return of my running shoes and I decided that I wasn't quite busy enough and another dream of mine was to run the New York Marathon. I successfully completed it in November 2007 knocking half an hour of my London Marathon time and had the most amazing week of my life;

I am now in love with New York and will be going back as soon as I can! Would I run another marathon . . . well watch this space!

They say that life begins at 40 and I would definitely agree with that – I am planning to cram as much in as I can over the next 40 years at least.

Peter Jones, OH 1975-1981

I had always been interested in overseas travel – a caravan in Borth had not ticked the box so far...!

I left Hereford Cathedral School in 1977 with an undistinguished record, with most of the final year being spent crossing the finishing line half a length behind Belmont Abbey's new Donoratico Four in every regatta we met...

Somehow I had managed to find time to get a handful of qualifications sufficient to get a place on a Chemical Engineering degree course. Why Chem Eng? The only reason I can recall was that I found chemistry easy and decided that in its pure form there was a serious risk of emulating Dickie Dunn. I had always been interested in overseas travel – a caravan in Borth had not ticked the box so far so I opted for Bradford University – amongst the sari shops, halal butchers and curry houses I managed to find the inspiration for an international career in engineering!! Bradford Uni positively encouraged us engineers to work away – understandably (!) – so during my 4 years I had the benefit of working as a stagiaire in Holland, France and Germany, not to mention Shrewsbury! Somehow, between copious Samuel Smiths Old Brewery bitter and keema vindaloos I managed to graduate and picked up a job with Babcock, doing a classical heavy engineering apprenticeship, learning about power stations. Renfrew was far away from Hereford, and was even wetter, but the west coast of Scotland was the perfect place to discover the joys of wet oilskins and the hardship of sailing, which for some obscure reason has since become my passion.

Just when I was getting settled, I suddenly found myself despatched to Johannesburg, building a boiler in a dynamite factory – explosive stuff (!) – apparently for 3 months, but I was soon to realise that when Babcock manage to get you somewhere difficult, it isn't easy to escape. One year I was transferred to York to learn about big boilers (!) in Drax Power Station. Back in the north, not a sari in sight and the Samuel Smiths bitter was plentiful... But this was far too pleasant for a long stay and a year in Zimbabwe was to follow, stationed in Wankie town (pronounced "Hwange"), attempting to build a power station which our guests repeatedly tried to blow up in a vain attempt to extend my stay. A stone's throw from Victoria Falls, this remains the nicest place I have ever lived – the wide open African skies, fantastic game reserves and great people. Such a shame to see its pitiful decline to the chaos of today. My punishment for this luxury was a year in India - apparently ideal for the job due to my Bradford education. I was immediately suspected as a Pakistani spy and the satellite phone was confiscated. Things went downhill from there on....

Burnt out, but still 37 years from retirement, I was posted to a cushy job in Head Office counting paper clips. Soon bored and needing a change from heavy engineering, I decided the food business had more to offer in that people always have to eat, so I joined the huge Swiss multinational Nestlé. Times were tough for the UK business but I stayed 7 years, witnessing the downsizing of manufacturing from 28 to 9 factories, somehow managing to fit in an MBA at City University, before being tempted to head off again to Asia, this time with a wife and young son. My daughter was born in Bangkok during our 4 years there. I was in charge of engineering for Indo-China with a business growing 20% per year – we were building factories (not closing them!) and the pace was exciting and frantic. Then came the crash of the Asia economies we managed to hang on to enough cash to buy the boat of my dreams (!) and I was promptly posted to Castleford (nowhere near the sea!) to turn around an ailing confectionery factory in a forgotten mining town.....back in the gritty North again!

After three years of bluffing about knowledge of confectionery and factory management and the job successfully done, Nestlé decided to give me something else to manage of which I had absolutely no knowledge at all –



new product development (at least confectionery tasting sessions are good, much better than pet food!). However, the limits of my bluffing were again reached and 3 years on it was back to engineering and London. Ironically, having moved the family I found myself back in York again most of the time, presiding over the restructuring of the largest factory of Nestlé worldwide.

Having been found out to be lacking in knowledge in confectionery and knowing little about coffee manufacturing, it seemed a great opportunity to move to Switzerland (Head Office) to be Director of Engineering for Coffee & Beverages worldwide. The sleepy Riviera town of Montreux, on the Lake of Geneva is where we currently have our home. The kids are at school in the local British school, fine-tuning their skiing in the winter and sailing in the summer. A far cry from Pete Skinner's coaching sessions on a cold winter evening on the Wye!!!! I'm hoping I don't get found out again too soon

CV IN A NUT SHELL.... Batchelor of Engineering (Hons) - Chemical Engineering. Bradford University. Master of Business Administration. City University Business School. London. Chartered Engineer. CEng. MI ChemE. Chartered Environmentalist. C Env.

4 years in Babcock International. 20 years in Nestlé SA (UK, Thailand, Switzerland). Currently Director of Engineering, Coffee and Beverage Strategic Business Unit.

OH WEDDINGS

Mary Brown and Guy Jeffery, OHs 1997-2003

Mary Brown and Guy Jeffery were married recently. The wedding took place at the Priory Church in Leominster, followed by a reception at Whitney Court.

Among the guests were the following OHs: Laurence Hyett (Best Man), Edward Brown (usher), Michael Brown (usher), Richard Jeffery (usher), Helen van Vliet (née Brown) (Helen's daughter Nadia was a bridesmaid), Simon Andrews, Edward Painter, Ben Pattison, Did Pattison (née Hunting), Christopher Morgan, Rebecca Northmore, John Crichton, Mark Lowden, Iain Mackay, Bernard MacGregor, Olivia Warwick-Jones and Christina Robinson.

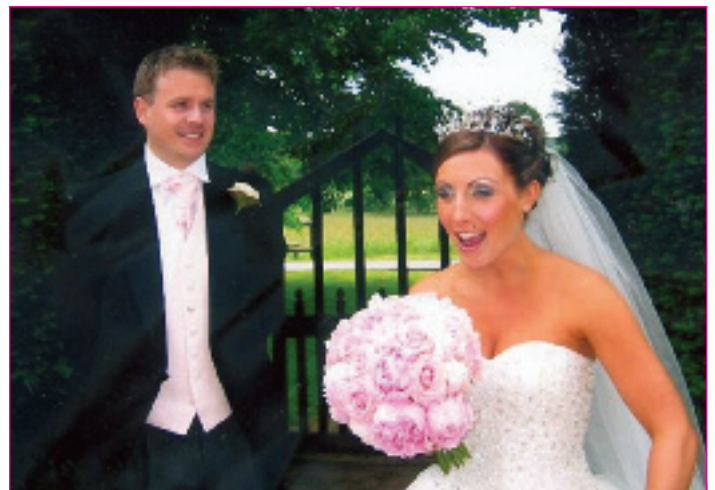


Mary and Guy

Rachel Smith and Giles Scott, OHs 1993-2000 & 1994-1998

Giles was a keen rugby and cricket player at HCS and studied law at university. Rachel was an HCS Music scholar and went on to study radiography. They were reacquainted at the Old Herefordians' rugby match at Christmas 2000 and became engaged 18 months ago.

Rachel and Giles were married in June at Much Marcle church and afterwards at Homme House. They honeymooned in Dubai and the Maldives. Many Old Herefordians attended the wedding and Jake Lightowler, OH, was best man.



Giles and Rachel

OH SPORT

THE OH REGATTA 2008

This year's Old Herefordian regatta was a great success, with many pupils competing in the quads races, making up eight crews, the overall winning crew were Bill Tenison, Mike Copley-May, Sian Evans and Ben Jones.

The Symonds Cup was highly contended this year, with some excellent racing from our more experienced rowers. Congratulations to Jamie Thomas and Kate Jones for being our Symonds Cup winners of 2008, and to all our competing pupils, it was a great day of racing.

Through the kind donations of our supporters, we were able to name five of our boats at this year's regatta, after Peter Skinner, Dr Michael Budd, William Boyd-Thomas OH, Seb Smith OH, and the flying Deutschman.

The OH section of the regatta continues to grow with a mixture of OH and parents racing in Coxed fours and Quads.



The majority of the rowers hadn't rowed since the 70s, but despite the lack of practice, the presence of the former coaches to several of the OHs, namely Peter Skinner and

Dr Michael Budd, and the special short course from the bridge down to the Club, produced some exciting racing. The School coxes were to be seen clutching grimly to their lifejackets, as the crews propelled the boats down the course under a cloud of spray. This year also saw three mothers plus an OH oarswoman racing a crew comprising their daughters in quads, which again provided exciting racing with youth eventually triumphing.



The OH Club and parents are indebted to the Boat Club for organising the event, which was enjoyed by all. It was particularly nice to have a fully qualified ARA umpire ensuring fair play, Mr Christopher Lush, the son of Major Lush, a former teacher and rowing coach who had taught a number of the OHs competing.



As any former members of School House would expect, Peter Skinner on the finishing line missed nothing!

Any OHs or parents wishing to be involved in next year's Regatta should email Jonathan Preece on jp@jdpurveyors.co.uk.

PETER SKINNER HCS 1957 - 1993

On Sunday 22 June, HCS Rowing Club welcomed Peter Skinner to the OH Regatta and honoured him by naming one of the new HCS boats after him.

Peter joined HCS as House Tutor in 1957 and coached junior rugby from the start as well as later taking over the rowing from Harold Lush. In reminiscing about his involvement with the club Peter remembers his crew entering the Hereford Schools regatta almost since its inception. A highlight was the demolition of the old HRC boathouse and the building of the present one and Peter was delighted to see its even more recent upgrade where the photographs on the walls give snapshots of the history. Initially the school used boats generously loaned by HRC but from the late 1960s the school began to acquire its own. A school eight at Henley was a cause for celebration as was the start of girls rowing in the '70s. For many years Peter was a familiar sight on his bicycle as he pedalled alongside the boats but with progress, the tow path bike gave way to the coaching launch and the wooden boats were gradually phased out.

Regatta communications were provided at first by the school CCF telephones and then later by 'walkie talkie' radio. The timing system was also developed and provided by the school.

Peter now lives in Kendal in the Lake District and continues to be a fan of the 'great outdoors'. He continues to give generously of his time to young people, including those aiming to achieve Duke of Edinburgh awards. He is still backstage in his local community pantomime as he was for so many such occasions at HCS. Thank you Peter, so many of us continue to appreciate all that you have given to the life of HCS.

Anna Ellis



BELMONT GOLF DAY

The fifth meeting of OH golfers was held at Belmont Golf Club on the 15th May 2008.

Interest in the event has increased each year and this time twelve OHs took to the fairways with another one joining us for supper. The format has been retained with 4 teams of 3 competing for the coveted School House Golfing Society Invitation cup. Everyone has a prize of equal value and each captain makes an acceptance speech. I am not sure if the R & A would be too impressed with the standard of speeches and certainly not the standard of golf but I think they would applaud the level of competitiveness of the day and the fun we have.

We are doing the same in 2009 so please come and join us. We cater for all ages and will happily embrace [?! -ed.] women. Thursday the 14th of May 2009. Coffee on arrival at 11am. Supper at 6pm. Prize-giving finishes by 8pm. This timing is designed to allow easy travelling although accommodation is available at the club. Cost of the day is £45.

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**BELMONT
GOLF DAY**

Thursday 14th May 2009

**Coffee (11 am)
Round of Golf
Supper 6pm**

Cost £45

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OH RUGBY**THE OH MATCH SATURDAY 8TH DEC 2007**

On a wet and windy day, with Wyeside flooded the OH match was moved to the new Whitecross School. The pitch turned out to be excellent and a great game of rugby ensued.

The school can only field players over 17years old against adults and so the school side was significantly weakened; adult teachers and coaches are normally used to strengthen the school, but this year their contribution was less strong than in the past. The school fought extremely bravely during the first half when the wind and the slope was against them, but despite this they rarely got out of their half. The old boys enjoyed supremacy but as a result of very rusty handling only led 5-0 at half time with a try by Joel Evans.

In the second half against the wind the old boys really put on the power and scored four further tries by Chris Valentini, Rob Erskine, Charlie Hurt and Jack Anthony. A good crowd supported the game and despite the foul weather everybody enjoyed the occasion, which saw the old boys win the fixture for the first time in three years.

J A Taylor



The OH Team



Rob Campbell on the charge



Rob Erskine scores for the OH



Chris Valentini crashes over

RUGBY TWINS

James Lewis OH, who plays wing or centre for Newport Gwent Dragons rugby club, was the 13th highest try scorer in the world in sevens last season with 22 from eight tournaments.

James played in all the matches in the World Cup Sevens tournament, with his twin brother Robert playing scrum-half in half of the matches.

The Lewis twins are both hoping to make their mark for the senior Dragons team in the new season.



James Lewis



Robert Lewis

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OH GAP YEAR

MY TRIP TO JAPAN

Last August, I travelled to Japan for two and a half weeks with the school's Japanese teacher, Masayo Long; a journey to include home-stays in Tokyo, Kyoto, Zentsuji, Hiroshima and Osaka and day visits to Nikko, Nagoya, Nara and Miyamiji Island, a famous religious and cultural centre situated in Hiroshima bay.

The trip included visits to many of Japan's most famous sights, including the Tokyo tower, Kyoto's famous 'Golden Pavilion', Nagoya Castle and many, many others.

The cultural differences and similarities between Japan and England could not have been better illustrated than by my five home-stay visits. Everyone I met could not have been friendlier or more welcoming, and I could not have anticipated the hospitality and general obsession with food. Talking of which, I found nearly everything I ate very enjoyable. However, I don't recommend it to anyone with any reservations about eating fish: the raw fish (sashimi), authentic sushi and fantastic oysters were delicious!

On my way, I experienced many other cultural highlights like the famous tea-ceremony, being taught by a proper teacher along with two young Japanese sisters, in the traditional kimono, the correct way to turn the bowl! The importance of this ceremony to the Japanese cannot be underestimated and, though viewed as out-dated by many more western-thinking Japanese, it is an important part of many young Japanese people's social training. In addition, I stayed at a traditional, though very luxurious hot spring resort. Though the public baths can be very daunting, the water and saunas made for a truly authentic experience – something the Japanese have been doing continuously for thousands of years!

Whilst staying on the beautiful Shikoku Island, the smallest of Japan's four main islands, I was delighted to discover that I, and my other two classmates, had achieved an A* in our Japanese GCSE! This was fantastic news, but not very comforting faced with real Japanese language which is spoken terribly quickly, relying on the implication of nearly everything essential to understanding! However everyone I met had varying degrees of English and between a table of people communication was great fun!

All in all, my holiday was a fantastic experience and, to round it all off, for my last two nights, I stayed with two of the students we had hosted two years ago from Seikyo School, near Osaka. Modern technology has made these sorts of friendships possible and it was great to see them again! Japan is a truly diverse and fascinating country with a unique culture and very friendly people. However a smattering of Japanese is essential whilst travelling!

*Felix Summers,
OH 2007*



GAP YEAR REPORT

GHACHOK EXPERIENCE

18th September 2007. The three of us (Harry Gardner-Clarke, Tiggy Bagley and Will Lambert), had left the comfort of home three days ago.

Thinking back three days ago, I don't think any of us could have conjured up an exact picture of where we would end up. After a 7-hour flight to Delhi, India, then a 24-hour stay held captive in Delhi International transit lounge, a 1-hour flight to Kathmandu in Nepal and then an 8-hour bus journey and a 2-hour walk, we had arrived in Ghachok.

The Himalaya mountain range runs along the north of Nepal with its border to China. To the south of the country, the landscape opens up to the lowland plains of the Terai and then India. The Nepalese Himalayas are home to some of the highest peaks in the world, most famously Mount Everest. This landscape and lack of resources has meant that Nepal is one of the poorest countries in the world, with only 15% of Nepalis having access to electricity and an average life expectancy of 58 years.

The small hill-village of Ghachok is located in the shadow of Machhapuchhre, a mountain with immense holy status in the region. The village is in foothills of the Annapurna Mountains in West Nepal and is a typical example of how most of the Nepalese live. Cut into the sides of the mountains, they are often only accessible by foot. They survive off subsistence farming, growing their food in terraced paddy fields surrounding the villages.

During our stay the three of us were the guests of Birtasing Gurung, a retired Singapore policeman, and his sister. Birtasing, our host, spoke moderate English, yet most of the villagers could not. Our role in the village was to assist the staff at the Shree Sharada Secondary School with the teaching of both written and spoken English. Whilst our main role was teaching there were many opportunities to submerge ourselves in the rich culture of Nepalese village life. From September through to December is the festival period. During the first week of our stay the Machhapuchhre festival was taking place in our village, each year a different village in the area is chosen to host it. Then in October the religious festival of Dasain took place; this week long event can be loosely compared to our Christmas, however in Nepal it is marked by the ritual sacrifice and be-heading of buffalo and goats. This festival was followed closely by Tihar, the festival of lights and was accompanied by much singing and dancing. On more than one occasion the 'gora' (foreigners) were asked to dance on their own in front of huge crowds of people, this was at first met by reluctance but after the 26th request our nervousness gave way.

In late October it was harvest, the school goes on holiday so that the students can return home and help their families. Everything is done by hand, from the cutting of the rice to carrying the bales back to the village. Despite the long days and tiring work, every villager regardless of their age worked with a sincerity, that the work had to be done and did so with a smile.

The village lifestyle is quite simple, but by no means easy. With intermittent electricity, mud-flooring in houses, no farm machinery, they live a hard life. However the Nepalese people are very friendly and welcoming, there is a strong feel of community and they have very tight family values, and respect for their elders. Although many of the villagers were shy on our arrival, this gradually diminished and was replaced with an intense desire to know everything about us.

On our first day at the school, we walked along stone-paved, narrow streets. We finally came to the dirty white-washed walls of the school. The sign was peeling and the classrooms seemed fairly cramped, as we entered the school compound many faces were pressed to the window-bars and shy shouts of 'namaste' (Hello or welcome) were heard. There was one evident thing that stood out during our time at the school; the students that are aged from around 5 years all the way up to 18 are there to learn and do their best. Their attitude and enthusiasm to learn was very different from our own experiences in the UK.

By the time it had come for us to leave we had made many friends and had some incredible experiences. As a testimony to Nepali hospitality, the entire

school and most of the village came out to bid us farewell, and present us with garlands of flowers and Buddhist scarves.

Having left Hereford Cathedral School in July 2007, we volunteered to assist with teaching at the Shree Sharada School, in Ghachok. A charity link with the school has been running now for 10 years. It was founded by Mike Moffatt head of Hereford Cathedral School CCF and Gurkha Major Ramprasad Gurung. Each year a trek comprising of both students and adults go out to Nepal. They experience the completely different lifestyle and culture by trekking through rural Nepal and then visiting the school in Ghachok and donate money, stationery and sports equipment. Recently we received an email from the school's headmaster, saying that the class 10 has had the highest pass-rate yet in the SLC national examinations. The Ghachok Link charity aims to create a better learning environment and provide qualified teachers to the school to boost the pass-rate of students taking the SLC examination.

Harry Gardner-Clarke



Harry, Tiggy and Will in traditional Gurung dress

'SO WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR ELECTIVE?'

As a medical student, one of the most memorable experiences as part of the mammoth five-year course is the renowned 'Elective experience'.

At the University of Birmingham, this falls at the end of the fourth year exam period. After the initial nightmare of endless e-mails to potential contacts, when you finally manage to get a location sorted and hand in your proposal for the deadline, one almost feels as though the time will never come, as your mind gets taken up by the hurdles you will be faced with in the coming year.



Jade Elliott

But as always the year whizzes by, and you soon become a med-school year older, and seven new modules wiser. Painstaking revision and end of year exams rapidly come to an end, and before you can even think about what to pack in your suitcase, you are off for the experience of a lifetime. Armed with your trusty Oxford Handbook, BNF and stethoscope you find yourself sat on a 'plane, apprehensive of what the coming four weeks entail, but knowing that by the end of the elective period, you will take home a totally different perspective of medicine.

My elective project took place in Utila, one of the small Bay Islands located off the east coast of Honduras. Honduras is the second largest country in Central America and recently fell to 117th in the world's development rankings, with health conditions amongst the worst in the Western Hemisphere. The island of



The main consulting room

Utila is a small fishing community, with a resident population of just 2,500. However, being home to the second largest reef system in the world, diving and island tourism has recently flourished here. This impact has meant that during peak season, the number of people on the island can increase to 8,500.

A strange community of bustling local people and holiday-makers, my first impression was one which fused the primitive scenes of Lord of the Flies with the reality TV show Shipwrecked! The

heat was unbearable. Local wooden houses and small businesses lined the two single dirt track roads, and interspersed between were dive shops and youth hostels. Unique in its nature, Utila really is an escapist's paradise. With no cars, no hot water, no mobile phones and limited internet access, one really is cut off from the outside world. It seemed to me unbelievable that most of the local people here had never left the island.

My time in Utila involved working in the Community Clinic, a non-profit



Dr John teaching a tourist about diving related ear problems

organisation which relies upon benefactors, donated medical supplies and equipment to ensure its continuing operation. The clinic was run by a man called Doctor John. A colourful character, with his Hawaiian shirts and crazy hair, he looked like a true castaway. But as the only permanent physician on the island, he was solely responsible for providing medical services to both the local rural population and the international tourist population. Not only carrying out the day-to-day duties of a general practitioner, he was also the first port of call for any emergencies which occurred.

The experience of working in this clinic was incomparable to community medicine in the UK. Each day the variety of consultations was vast – general medicine, tropical medicine, diving medicine and even minor surgery. In an average day I would see some patients myself, taking their histories and examining them in the surgery, and then reporting back to Dr John. Other times I would observe him at work. Diagnoses



Hyperbaric Chamber

would have to be made without the luxury of investigations, and management plan formulated according to the limited supplies in the clinic. I soon discovered that out of date medicines, tablets cut in half and mixed with others to get the right combination and dosage, was better than no treatment at all.

For the older residents who could not make it to the clinic, I would visit them at home. With no house numbers or road signs, one would think it would be impossible to find them – but as each local person was known by name, I was often offered a lift on a golf buggy by another resident. On the island, living in such a small community, there was no such thing as patient confidentiality! It was guaranteed after every day, one would bump into a resident making a comment such as 'I heard about Miss May's water infection, is she going to be okay?' Each day it made me smile, as I felt like I was starring in a strange tropical island version of Peak Practice!

Tourists who came to the clinic had to pay for consultations. Often they simply needed a doctor's signature for their 'dive physical' and other times they would present with common problems. On one occasion a tourist girl presented with symptoms of Decompression Sickness. This is a diving emergency that occurs when divers ascend too quickly to the water surface and requires treatment in a hyperbaric



Utila Sunset

chamber. This condition is extremely rare amongst recreational divers but often occurs in free-diving fisherman. Luckily after six hours in the chamber, she recovered fully with no complications.

One of the most striking experiences during my placement was assisting in minor surgical procedures, which would normally be treated in hospital. One case involved repairing a wound from a Moray eel bite – with no anaesthetic! More serious cases went to the mainland by the infamous 'Utila Princess,' a run down old ferry that was far from reliable.

Working in Utila has provided me with a unique learning opportunity. From diabetes management to life-threatening illnesses, from spider bites to Dengue fever, from ear-ache to diving emergencies – the variety was endless. Having now completed my elective placement I feel I have really developed my skills and I have gained an invaluable insight into the problems encountered in General Practice within a developing country. I hope that this elective experience has also developed my general consulting and communication skills and will help to prepare me for my FY1 post in the near future.

The donation from the Old Herefordians' Club was of great help in enabling me to fulfil my objectives in organising a medical placement in Utila, Honduras, and is greatly appreciated.

Jade Elliott, OH 1996 – 2003, Final Year Medical Student, The University of Birmingham.



Local residents of Utila

OH MEMORIES

John Brookes, former HCS teacher, shares his fondest and most amusing memories of the school . . .

I joined the staff of HCS in 1951 to teach classics and be a House Tutor in School House, which had 76 boys, mostly from Wales along with a sprinkling from Dulwich Prep School. There were also 54 boarders in Old Deanary. My Housemaster was George (and the Dragon) Hunt. There was not much comfort in the buildings in those days and the boys' toilets were in a line of cubicles in the Yard. Younger boys were sent from breakfast by their seniors to sit on these on cold mornings to warm the seats for their elders.

Many of the staff were past retiring age, having kept teaching going in the war years. There was Stephen 'Tiger' Bell, who only knew his Classical 6th by their nicknames, which gave him problems when it was time to write reports. He would say to me "John, what are the names of Sixpence and Mattress? I would say "G A Williams and David Bedding". Next day he would have more queries. There was also Mr Morgan, who read the lesson in chapel in Welsh every March 1st.

Also Mr Arden Davies, known as Julius Caesar. When I asked some of the boys why he had that name, I was told 'Well he speaks Latin and died many years ago'.

There was also Mr 'Pooh' Bayliss, a former schools inspector in Africa. He used to relate how, when he was inspecting a school in the wilds of Africa the headmaster told him they worked everyday from 9am-4pm. Not seeing a clock or watch anywhere Bayliss asked how he knew when it was 9am and 4pm. The reply was 'when I arrive it is 9am and when I leave it is 4 pm'.

Our Chaplain was Rev Edwin Preston known as Ed or Eddie to the boys. I remember being given some pages to sign by a young boy who had been talking in Chapel and told to write out the Lords Prayer 10 times. He had written "Our Father, who art in heaven, Hello, Ed be thy name(Promotion for the chaplain).

In 1953 George Hunt retired and I was appointed House Master. One evening, having visited Prep in Big School, I was returning to my room "The Lighthouse" when a lovely smell of cooking came from No 4 Study. I opened the door and went in, causing a flurry of feathers by the window and discovered a duck cooking on the stove. I soon discovered that the occupant, one CD Smith, had spent several weeks feeding and befriending the ducks on Castle Pool until one had ventured too close and had been seized. I had to admire the persistence of the capturer, if nothing else.

Having spent several years in the war as an Infantry officer in the Italian Campaign, I joined the CCF in 1953 and remained until 1978, mostly as Training officer and later OC. My first CCF Camp was at Castlemartin Pembrokeshire, and I was asked, soon after arrival, if we had anyone who could blow Reveille at 6.30 am. It was a fully tented camp. I immediately thought of Robert Edwards, one of our buglers, and he agreed to do it. Unfortunately he woke up about 4 am and thought he should practice, so he sat on his bed, in the tent, and practised. We had six Reveilles before 6.30am, plus plenty of unfavourable comments. Robert did not play Reveille again, for obvious reasons.

At this time we only had an Infantry Section in the CCF but as National Service was still in operation those who obtained their CCF Cert 'A' were given preferential treatment in National Service, so the CCF was very popular. Boarders joined up largely so that they could have the great coats, which were much in demand for putting on the their beds. There was a Boys Regiment stationed at Bradbury Lines and the popular route for them into town was across Bishop's Meadow and Quay Street. The result was that there were many attacks on studies in School House and senior guys formed a protection squad and gave as good as they received.

When Alan Moorse joined the staff he, being an ex-wartime Signaller, rigged up a telephone system linked to a radio set, with telephones throughout the school. If you picked up a telephone you could listen to John Arlott's commentary on the cricket test matches. It was very popular. I remember being introduced to the Duchess of Kent when she visited Hereford and the school, and also meeting Sir Edmond Hilary when he came to speak about the new Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme being introduced to the CCF.

Jack Hopewell was a very nice man who always kept one drawer of his 4 desks stocked with chocolate bars. I was intrigued by the way he always differentiated between the three Miss Brown's on the staff. He would refer to the 'art' Miss Brown, the "nice" Miss Brown (assistant matron) or Miss Brown (his secretary). ↘

His death saw the appointment of James Peebles as Headmaster, and brought many changes. I was made Head of Classics on Stephen Bell's retirement and also given the task of revitalising the athletics season. I introduced House Competitions and 'seeded' Heats, a Standards Inter House Competition and introduced Hurdles, Javelin and Shot Putt events. I was also asked to take charge of Cricket and was to spend the next twelve years doing that.

I thoroughly enjoyed this time and had some excellent cricket captains including Roger Brown, Peter Shepherd, Stuart Ellson, Ian French, Eric Cronin, Peter Hill, Nigel Cullis and John Webb who later became a distinguished 'bone' specialist, treating injuries in Test Cricketers, leading jockeys, footballers and even the wrist of the Prince of Wales. This same John 'Ducky' Webb, and his young brother 'Eggle' always asked permission to go home for the weekend in early December, and though it was close to the end of term were never refused permission because their father, a leading butcher in the Newport area always brought them back with two turkeys in the car boot for school house Christmas supper.

Cricketers will probably remember the bus which took us to away fixtures. It was not able to climb Frome's Hill when loaded so we had to disembark, walk to the top and then re-embark on our way to Worcester.

After my marriage to Trudy in 1959 I became Housemaster of West House and later, when girls entered the school, Housemaster of 'Somerset'.

Before the entry of girls, boys were normally known and addressed by their initials, but, when girls were addressed by their Christian names it was only natural to address boys also by their Christian names. It was a fundamental and friendlier approach, and a major change. Unfortunately I was forced by ill-health to retire somewhat early in 1986 and undergo 4 heart by-passes in a London hospital having enjoyed 35 years at HCS.

Other memories:

1. Seeing Paul Thorburn leading out the Wales Rugby team at Cardiff Arms Park.
2. Alick Rowe's production of 'Murder in the Cathedral' on the day James Peebles died.
3. The first Boy Bishop, Simon Ellis.

4. The 'After Eights' with Gareth Giles and 'Moon River' sung by Anna Brookes.
5. Taking boys to the swimming baths, now the Courtyard Theatre.
6. Sitting in the new Pavilion at Wyeside with James Peebles and Bernard Edwards.
7. Introducing girls into the CCF.
8. Dick Heald's weekly solo performances taking hymn practice in the Cathedral.
9. Peter Saxty Hill spiking his left calf every time he did the long jump.
10. Nick Wilson backing the High Jump record.
11. Terry Foxton's terrific mile.
12. Linden Alcock's lovely story of a car journey with a smelly dog.
13. When 2 members of staff, supposedly at an Examiners Marking conference were seen on TV at the Ascot races.
14. The excellent fast bowling of Ray Harris and Keith Edwards.
15. David (Cpl.) Wood swinging on a rope tied to a tree at CCF camp and breaking both wrists.
16. HCS 1st XV suffering a 104 points defeat at CC Brecon.
17. Peter and Dick Richardson both playing together in the English Cricket team.
18. John Levitt playing his bagpipes in the Close.
19. Karen Smith's (Watkins) rendering of "Hey Big Spender" in an end of term concert.
20. Playing on Wyeside in 1940 for Christ College Brecon.
21. After 20 minutes of Canon Jordan's sermon he said "Now we come to the minor prophets. Where can we place them? The monitor sitting next to me said "There's room for one here - I need to go to the toilet.

John Brookes



John Brookes

WHAT EVERY SCHOOLBOY KNOWS

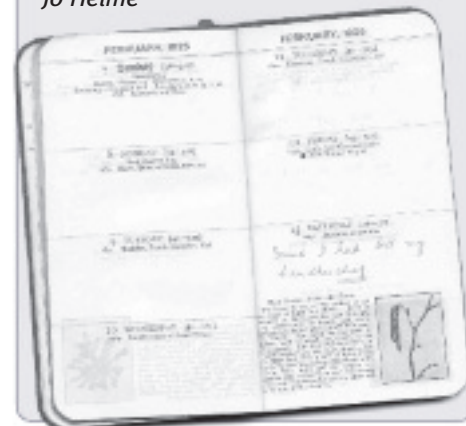
The *School Boy's Pocket Diary for 1926*, 'containing much useful information and many tables helpful for his work and play', is packed with information and was a real snip at only 1s 6d, seeing that it also included an amazing £1000 accident insurance.

All diaries contain a certain core of useful facts but it is the sheer range provided in this slim volume that is so impressive, including such vital information as the size of a croquet lawn, the cost of a motor cycle licence (with and without sidecar) and the university boat race results since 1920. Balancing this, there is more academic fare: the usual tables of Weights, Linear Measure and Corn Measure (all those pecks, bushels, quarters, loads and lasts); tables of Greek, Latin, French and a few German verbs; trigonometry formulae, logarithms, tables of melting points, boiling points, water vapour pressure, wave lengths, atomic weights - one wonders why any schoolboy mastering all this needed to go to school at all.

There is also the kind of information that one might expect the average schoolboy to be more interested in: past cricket scores, results of rugby matches, F.A. cup winners since 1905. One of the few really practical pieces of information gives equivalent weights in coins. All you had to do to find an ounce weight was to produce three pennies (or 5 ha'pennies) from your pocket - surely the sort of knowledge that every Boy Scout would have had at his fingertips.

The owner of this diary faithfully recorded the school timetable. Despite the impressive facts and figures to be found at the front of the diary, there were no sciences whatever on the curriculum (Chemistry and Physics were the preserve of the senior pupils). The boys studied English, (with separate lessons for Grammar, Writing and Dictation), Arithmetic, History and Geography, Latin, Scripture, Drawing, Singing and Woodwork. Two afternoons were given to games, and there was also a weekly gym class.

Jo Helme



SCHOOL REMINISCENCES . . .

Colin Manning, OH 1937-1944

The late Alan Leighton Davies' recollections of school years (OH Newsletter 2007), particularly 1939-1945, coincide with mine although he was two years senior to me in our school experiences. I recall Alan Leighton Davies very clearly and respectfully, he was always referred to by his initials 'A. L.', prominent in all school aspects particularly the sports field.

Adding to his memories of Haute Cuisine, which when tasted could never be forgotten, I would add that other standard items included Milk or Tapioca Puddings only made palatable by adding some Nestlé's White Chocolate (brown milk chocolate was too conspicuous to be overlooked), and this was usually purchased from Mr & Mrs Wathen's Sweet Shop in King Street, a kindly couple who could be persuaded to overlook the existing sweet coupons which existed throughout the early 1940's. Another main course was Mince Stew with Rice, comprising any 'left-overs' from other meals. The cost to pupils in 1936 who ate at school either as full boarders or weekly boarders was £1.12s.0d per term with a total boarding fee, to include tuition, of £98 per year.

Similarly to A.L., I experienced 4 strokes on the backside from Harry Wardle for an alleged misdemeanour with another colleague, B.A. (Tony) Griffiths, we were supposed to have jointly pushed a new chorister into the circular static water tank, the choristers' christening initiation that all underwent. The static tank was in the Close adjacent to Harry Wardle's study; justice was done the next day when the real culprit owned up, on hearing of our punishment, to receive the same penalty. Tony and I received an apology with the curt but probably true comment from Harry that there were some occasions when you deserved it but escaped.

We still have happy memories of these events at HCS generally with the spartan surroundings and totally male orientated with 14 masters and 190 boys; in the early war years the average age of the teaching staff was probably 55-60 and in 1944 the school lost three masters in one term. 'Oh Happy Days' which provided a complete life experience of which we all benefited.

I see the school is to be blessed with new 'state of the art' Science Laboratories to replace the old Chem. Lab. which was built in Ferrers Street in 1936. Please don't throw away the Bunsen burners because the pupils will have no means of toasting their sandwiches!

My recollections of the School, its Masters and pupils could not close before mentioning that my memories of Harry Wardle are kept alive always, as I live and have lived in for over 40 years the house that Harry Wardle built for his retirement from Langford House, and in which he died.



Colin Manning

COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILES

Chris Morgan

Chris attended both HCJS and HCS before studying Law at the University of Warwick.

Whilst at HCS Chris had many interests including acting, rugby, debating and singing; he was a member of several choirs and was for a time a cathedral chorister. He continued to pursue his interest in music and acting whilst studying for his Law degree, performing with several university choirs, the student opera society and Music Theatre Warwick.

Chris has spent the past two years at Nottingham Law School where he completed his Legal Practice Course and read for a Master's degree in Health Law. Through his interest in mental health law and policy, he became a Mental Health Act Manager at a secure hospital, sitting on a panel reviewing medical decisions on patient detention. Recently, Chris has completed a dissertation on mental health law. In the past year Chris has become a Police Station Representative, representing people in police custody and giving telephone advice to those detained for certain offences.

Chris now works as a trainee solicitor for Caldicotts Solicitors LLP, who have offices in Hereford and Leominster, and specialises in criminal defence work. Caldicotts represent clients in all criminal courts from the Magistrates Court in Hereford to the Central Criminal Courts in London.

Chris lives in Hereford with his fiancée Rebecca Northmore OH.

Gill Rivers

Gill Rivers, OH 1979-1986, joined the OH Committee in January 2008. After leaving HCS in 1986 having completed her 'A' levels, Gill studied for the London Chamber and Commerce and Industry Private and Executive Secretary's Diploma at Herefordshire College of Technology.

Gill has enjoyed a varied and successful career culminating in twelve years at Denco Limited's head office in Hereford as their Business Services Manager. In July 2006 Gill launched her own business providing freelance office support, secretarial and marketing services to small businesses, sole traders and entrepreneurs in Herefordshire.

Gill is 40 years old and divorced with no children, and in her spare time assists a local charity with fundraising support on a voluntary basis and enjoys swimming to relax.



**NOTABLE OLD
HEREFORDIANS**

**OLD HEREFORDIAN
SOMERSET SCHOLARS 2**

Edward James Rapson (1861-1937)

Professor E J Rapson was one of the most erudite scholars ever to have held a Somerset award – the scholarships endowed by the Duchess of Somerset* in the late seventeenth century for Old Herefordians at Brasenose College, Oxford, and St John's College, Cambridge.



Rapson at Oxford and Cambridge OH dinner November 19th 1921

Rapson spent just two years at HCS (from 1877 to 1879), the minimum time required under the revised college statutes to enable him to qualify for a Somerset exhibition. Nevertheless, he made his mark on the academic life of the school. In the school examinations of July 1878, he did sufficiently well to be awarded both the Lower Vth classics prize and the second set mathematics prize. He was to repeat this feat as a member of the Upper Vth (the equivalent to our Upper VIth) the following year, with the award of the Reverend EJS Rudd's mathematics prize at Christmas 1878 and the senior form's Classics prize (the 'blue riband' of all the school's academic prizes at that time) in July 1879. At this examination, the *Herefordian* records that he was placed first in each of the three classical composition papers, 'his work here being of a very high order'.

Rapson's career as a Somerset exhibitor at St John's was even more distinguished, gaining a first in both the classical tripos of 1883 and the Indian languages tripos (Sanskrit and comparative philology) of 1885, as well as a number of college and university prizes. Two years later, he was elected to a fellowship at his college which he held until 1893.

In 1887, after a short spell as assistant librarian at the newly founded Indian Institute at Oxford, Rapson was appointed assistant keeper in the department of coins and medals at the British Museum, where he soon established himself as the leading authority on Indian numismatics. In the early years of the twentieth century, he also occupied the chair of Sanskrit at University College, London, leaving both posts in 1906 on his election to the professorship of Sanskrit in Cambridge. He held this chair for over 30 years, resigning just over a year before his death on 3rd October 1937.

Outside numismatics, perhaps Rapson's most important contributions to scholarship were his decipherment of a collection of ancient manuscripts written in a variety of the Indian Kharosthi script; his book *Ancient India from the Earliest Times to the First Century AD*, a summary of all that was then (in 1914) known about Indian early history and culture; and his edition of the *Cambridge History of India*, published in 1922.

The new *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* suggests that 'as a scholar Rapson was distinguished by great thoroughness and strict adherence to scientific method'. It is not too fanciful to suggest that these scholarly habits were first honed in the classical sixth at Hereford Cathedral School by his Headmaster, the Reverend FH Tatham, who was also a fine classicist. Rapson further gained his life-long love of music from his time at Hereford, and he held his old school in sufficiently high regard to host a number of Oxford and Cambridge OH dinners at St John's during the inter-war years.

Is it too much to hope for that the books written by this renowned Old Herefordian might one day occupy a space in the Old Deanery, among the collections of that other former Somerset exhibitor, Dr Daly Briscoe?

Howard Tomlinson

*Howard Tomlinson gave a lecture for the Friends of Hereford Cathedral (The Edward Tomlinson Memorial Lecture) last November entitled: 'The People's Duchess: The Life and Legacy of Sarah, Fourth Duchess of Somerset, 1631-92'. An abridged version of this was published in the Friends' Annual Report 2008, pp. 36-52.

**SOMERSET SCHOLAR
AND FIRST WORLD
WAR POET**

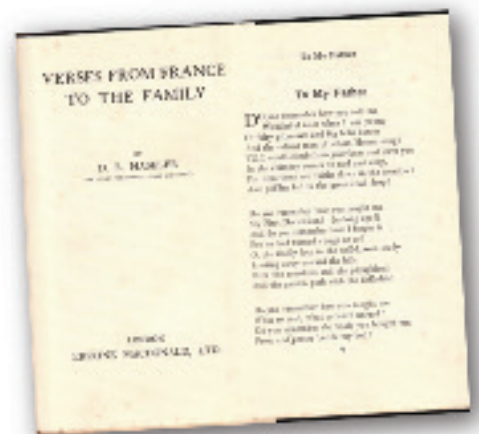


Digby Haseler in Officer uniform.

Digby Bertram Haseler

Digby Bertram Haseler, OH, was undoubtedly a talented scholar as the HCS Speech Day programme of October 1916 attests: The Bishop's Divinity Prize, Canon Rashdall's Greek Prize, Power Memorial Prize, First Class Honours in the Oxford Local Examinations and the Somerset Exhibition (£50) to St John's, Cambridge.

Born at Kings Norton, Birmingham 30 July 1897, he was the youngest son of a clergyman with an older brother Lesley, a sister and also an adopted cousin Donald; all three boys eventually became clergymen. In 1902 his father was appointed Rector of the parish of Stapleton just outside Shrewsbury and Digby attended the Priory Boys School there prior to his main schooling at Hereford Cathedral School.



Whilst still at school he was already affected by the First World War and writing poetry such as 'Bill', written in 1916.

Bill (extract)

*I'm only twenty-one an' 'ere I'm dyin' in the rain,
An' curse the God as ever made this bloody stinkin' plain!
I've never even 'ad a girl (I dunna' count that w'ore)
An' 'ere I'm dyin' in the rain an' what the 'Ell's it for?
I dunno' why I came out 'ere...my Gawd, what's that I saw?
"Looks like three trees on top a hill...but no, they binna' trees...
'E's cummun down from the middle one, 'E's kneelin' on 'is knees...
'E's took me up into 'Is arms... 'E's all a-shinin' bright. . . .
I uster 'ave a mother onct . . . it's gettin' very light! . . .'
An' so 'is Maker took 'im an' I took 'im from the fight.
So Bill 'e's gorn, an' 'e was all I ever 'ad for friend.
I lays awake o'nights a-thinkin' 'ow 'e met 'is end.
'E uster fool with women an' 'e uster drink an' swear,
But Bill's a better chanct nor many slackin' over there,
An' I wish I 'ad 'im back agen for all 'e didn't care!*

During the war he saw service with the King's Shropshire Light Infantry in the rank of lieutenant, but on 11 November 1918 he suffered a head injury and was invalided home to hospital in Manchester.

Between 1919 and 1922, following his recovery and the end of war, he completed his degrees at St. John's, Cambridge. Digby was small of stature, only 5 feet 6 inches in height and was no athlete but he coxed at Cambridge for Lady Margaret Rowing Club, he recalled that this was his contribution to athleticism!

Following his education he embarked on 5 years of missionary work in Cawnpore, India, where he taught at Christ's Church College and is described as Warden and Professor of English. In 1928 Digby returned home and entered Theological College at Westcott House, Cambridge. On 26 May 1929 he was ordained Deacon at St. Paul's, London, and assistant curate at St John at

Hackney where he remained until 1935 when he returned to Stapleton and took over the Parish from his ageing father, Rowland.

During WW2 he served with the Home Guard and was appointed Chaplain to the Highfield Army Camp at nearby Church Stretton. 1946 saw a move to be Rector of Moreton, Essex, and in 1949 another move to Brandesburton, E. Yorks where sadly his wife Phyllis died in December that year. In 1953, in order to successfully continue raising his two sons and daughter, he again moved to the parish of Holme on Spalding Moor, East Yorkshire where he died as he intended still a country parson on 25 October 1978.

Digby Haseler was an exceptional man who never lost his faith and was much loved and respected. He was modest with no big ambitions for promotion and he enjoyed his life as a country parson, although he also had success as an 'after dinner speaker' with constant requests to speak late into his life.

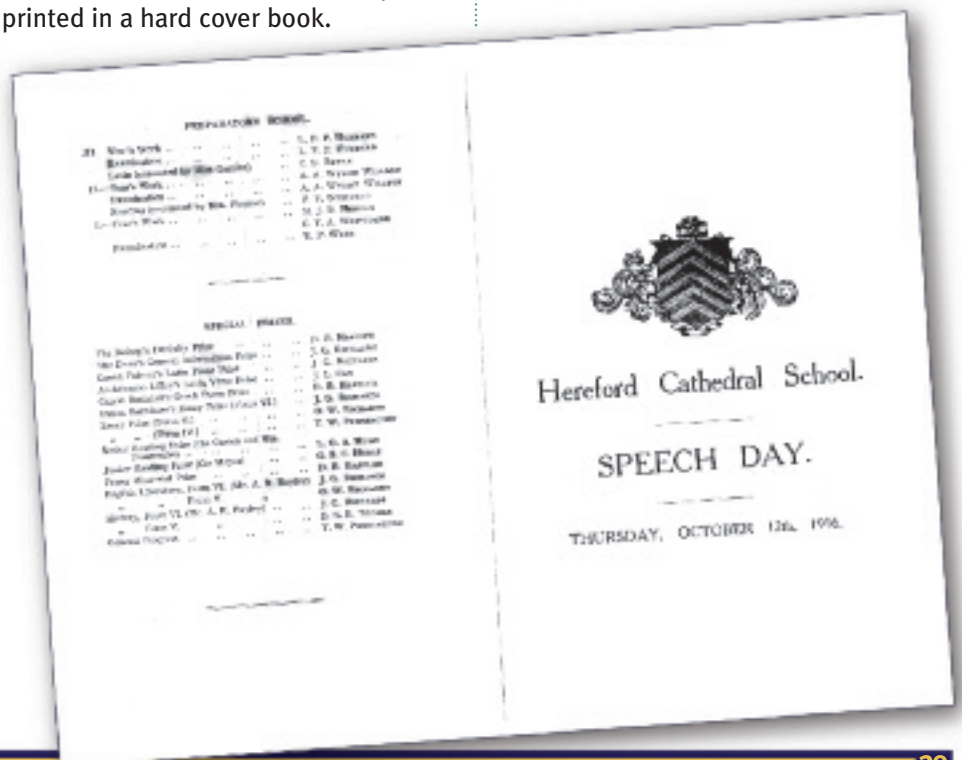
There is ample evidence of his literary capabilities and although unsuccessful commercially he never ceased writing both prose and poetry. He had published two small booklets which were clearly written whilst still at HCS and were sold at 2d and 6d respectively with profits donated to 'The Prince of Wales' relief fund. He also contributed poems and articles to the Cambridge University Magazine. The poem 'Bill', written in 1916 at Hereford Cathedral School, was one of 26 war poems printed in a hard cover book.

Sonnet

*They say this body of ours is only earth
And dust and ashes built within the womb
For nine miraculous months before our birth
To run our race towards our certain tomb,
When the poor earth shall go back whence it came,
Dust unto dust, though the green trees remain
And the brook sings its merry song the same
Down from the hills to the meadows in the plain.
Even so, if this poor body of mine be laid
In some strange field beyond my native shore
The precious dust of which these limbs are made
Shall make that one plot England evermore.
And from my earth an English rose shall spring
And my grave be sweet with violets blossoming.*

Kilworth Camp, Co. Cork, 1918

The Editor would like to thank Mr Nicholas Haseler of Melbourne, Australia, for providing this biography of his late father.



1968 USA HOMESTAY

Martin Nicholson, former Head of Maths, took HCS pupils to the United States in 1968 on a 'Homestay' programme.

Martin is standing in front of the bus driver's windscreen-wiper with Barbara Cooper, the part-time school secretary, on his left. Martin would like to know the names of the students in the photograph. Martin narrowly missed an OH reunion on his Spring visit to the UK from Thailand.



REGATTA DEAD-HEAT

Robin Hammonds, OH 1945-51, who lives in Toronto, Canada, sent this photo of the 1950 Regatta.

'I have just been sorting some old pictures and thought that this might be of interest. The nearside crew were the 'Deanery' that's about all I can remember. I don't know who took the photo I just acquired it. It has captured the moment wonderfully and I always wanted to know who the two little girls were!'

Robin (HJR) Hammonds is brother of Richard Hammonds (OH 1947-1954), the Photographer who still works in Hereford and is a member of the OH Committee.



CCF MEMORIES

John D B Lambert, OH 1948-55, writes:

'Does anyone have OTC/CCF photos of 1954-55; I was CSM for one of those years. We went to Castlemartin for training in the summer of 1954 (I think).

This photo of the OTC of about 1915, shows my father Eric L Lambert (OH 1913-1917), Langfordian Scholar (1913); he is third from left on back row.'



NAMES TO FACES

What a fantastic response to the photographs published in OH Newsletter 2007 - particularly impressive considering their small size!



The two girls in the CCF RN photograph are on the left, Jane Sutton (1979-1986), younger daughter of former headmaster Barry Sutton, and Louise Blake. Louise says: 'It was taken on a minesweeper on a CCF field Day - a very wet and cold experience if I remember! Ironically, I have just finished as OIC of the Navy Section at Prior Park School in Bath after 17 years.'



The CCF officers in this photo are on the left, Martin Nicholson and on the right Trudi Brookes and Tom Packer. Ruth Davis (née Armstrong) remembers: 'The girls were Becky Hurley, Becky Watkins, Emma Jessop, Lucy Burgoyne, Roberta Thorley, Ruth Armstrong (that's me) but I don't know the others. We were the class of 1990.'



This photo has Sarah Marsh in the middle.

Thank you to everyone who responded:- Mr Barry Sutton (Headmaster HCS 1975-87), Richard Errington (OH 1962-1969, HCS Teacher 1980-1990), Louise Brierley (née Blake) 1979-1986, Anna Henly 1982-1984, Ruth Davis (née Armstrong) 1990, Gill Rivers (née Powell) 1979-1986.

OBITUARIES

We have been notified of the following Old Herefordians who have sadly passed away and we offer our condolences to their families and friends.

William J Bromley, OH

The Reverend William J Bromley died 18 July 2008.

Dennis B Chambers, OH

Dennis Chambers died on the 8 July 2007, aged 86.

Angela Cook, OH 1982-1985

Angela Cook joined the Cathedral School in the third form, initially as a day girl from Whitecross in September 1982. She became a boarder as soon as a vacancy occurred in the following academic year. There were many happy and fun times at St John's House which Angela fully participated in.

Angela had a promising voice and sang in the Chamber Choir, she was in the CCF and also participated enthusiastically in drama. She was always at her happiest dressing up and was the first person in school to wear the Madonna 'cut off gloves'.

She died suddenly this year in June, aged 38, from a brain tumour, leaving one son.

Juliette Austen-Chandler

Noel Davies, OH 1955-1963

The conductor Noel Davies died in hospital at Abergavenny on 13 March 2008, aged 63 years. A Memorial Service was held on Monday 7th July 2008 at St Martin-in-the Fields, Trafalgar Square, London, attended by many of the country's leading musicians.



Born in London on 1 January 1945, his family moved to Abergavenny when he was four years old. At HCS, he won the George Robertson Sinclair* scholarship and became sub-organist to the cathedral during the time of Melville Cook**. Whilst at HCS he founded the St Cecilia singers, with whom he conducted his first concert. After leaving school in 1963, he studied at the Royal College of Music where Sir Adrian Boult was one of his teachers; he joined Sadler's Wells Opera in 1967, became conductor of the London Welsh Festival Chorus in 1974 and was appointed resident conductor to the English National Opera in 1975 where he remained for nearly 30 years.

Michael Walling, OH, knew Noel Davies:

'When I first met Noel Davies, in 1997, I already knew that we had been to the same school. Noel was proud of his OH status, and included it in every programme biography for his work at the English National Opera. For a nervous Staff Director embarking on his first production with a national company, this was a great ice-breaker: I had something in common with the conductor! Noel was, of course, delighted, and we were soon chatting about Castle Street as if we had been there at the same time, not more than twenty years apart.

In the decade that followed, Noel and I found ourselves working together on many operas, but it was that first production, *Xerxes*, which kept coming back – and which also

marked our last collaboration in 2005. By this time, I was the Revival Director, and Noel (who, like the other resident conductors in the increasingly beleaguered ENO, had been "let go" in 2003), was brought back into the company to conduct a score he knew and loved intimately. It was Noel who, with Sir Charles Mackerras, had recreated the opera from Handel's original manuscript – and I believe he deserves much of the credit for Handel's rehabilitation as an opera composer in recent years. In fact, Noel and Handel were rather similar: the relaxed, be-slipped statue of the composer which stood in the Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens and appeared on the *Xerxes* set had more than a touch of Noel's avuncular features. Neither Noel nor Handel ever married, and yet both were able through the medium of music to show the deepest understanding of women and female emotion. When Noel conducted *Xerxes*, he showed the mastery with which Handel employed a structure of pure artifice to penetrate to emotions of great profundity.

Perhaps some of this came from Noel's background in church music. More than any other conductor I know, Noel understood in his innermost being that opera is essentially a spiritual art-form. We didn't always agree on how this should be made manifest: he refused on moral grounds to conduct his allocated performances of Calixto Bieito's controversial *Don Giovanni*, which I thought, and still think, was a powerful indictment of the spiritual barrenness of our age - we agreed to differ. But when we found ourselves working as assistant conductor and assistant director on the *St. John Passion*, there was no disagreement. I remember Noel laughing softly as he described Christ and Pilate "getting on rather well", and marvelling, in his quiet way, at Bach's ability to be at once so simple, so direct, and yet so complex.

Like many spiritual people, Noel was not good at building his career. Several times, when we were talking about Hereford, he mentioned that it was odd he'd never been asked to conduct at the Three Choirs Festival – but he didn't push himself forward. Our society seems to believe that only those who achieve celebrity have real talent: Noel proved how wrong that assumption is. Those of us who worked with him, and the audiences who listened to his performances in hushed amazement, know what an incredible musician he was – and that's not a bad public, really.'

**George Robertson Sinclair, friend of Sir Edward Elgar, was appointed organist to Hereford Cathedral in 1889.*

***Dr Alfred Melville Cook was cathedral organist 1956-1966.*



OBITUARIES

Peter Gordon Husbands, OH 1947-1952

Peter Husbands died in January 2006.

Wilfred F Moreton, OH 1935-1942*

'Wilfred Moreton was the son of the Reverend Canon Moreton, residentiary canon at Hereford Cathedral. Wilfred had two sisters and a brother. He joined the army during World War II, and served as a Captain in India where he contracted deafness.

After obtaining his degree, he trained to teach and taught in one school only, Normanton Grammar School, near Wakefield, becoming Deputy Head. While there, he introduced Rugby to the school and they became very successful, winning the Schools Sevens.

Wilfred's main achievement in life was in bell-ringing. He was one of the best ringers ever. Not only did he ring superbly, but also he was a brilliant conductor; he held the record for conducting multi-method peals on six, eight and ten tower bells and on six hand-bells. On top of this, Wilfred was an excellent teacher of ringing and started a residential course for 240 ringers in the College for the Blind in Hereford, and even when disabled by multiple sclerosis, kept working on it. For his services to bell-ringing, he was awarded the MBE.

When he died the ringers of this country reacted in the way only seen for the death of royalty, by ringing long peals, three to three-and-a-half hours each, all over England including York Minster, Durham Cathedral and many, many other churches.'

**(Notification of Wilfred Moreton's death appeared in OHN 2007; this obituary has been written by his brother, Michael P Moreton, OH)*

Charles H Ockey, OH 1936-1943

'My brother "Charlie" died in hospital on the 15 March 2007, at the age of 81, having suffered a stroke a month earlier.

Our family left the East End of London in 1933, on the retirement of our father from the Metropolitan Police Force, and returned to his native county of Herefordshire. Charlie and I entered HCS as day boys – Charlie in the Cathedral Preparatory School and me into 'Big School'. Coming from yeoman farming stock, we had an extremely happy time as country boys living in Lugwardine. Charlie left HCS in 1943 and joined the Royal Navy, after attending a short course at Liverpool University in Oceanography and Botany.

At the end of the war, he took an Honours Degree course in Agricultural Botany at Aberystwyth University. He moved to Manchester and began his long career as a Cyto-geneticist, obtaining a PhD in the subject. After a stay with ICI, he joined the staff at the Christies Hospital – now the Paterson Institute for Cancer Research. He chose to remain as a bench scientist, right up to his retirement in March 1988 after 31 years of service. He had become one of the most eminent cyto-geneticists in the world. A year or so before his retirement, he studied and obtained a Doctor of Science Degree from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. DNA, Genes and Chromosomes were his life!

He was a Justice of the Peace and, latterly, was an active member of the South Manchester Neighbourhood Watch

Scheme. He was also a lifelong supporter of animal welfare, both locally and internationally. He was popular, both kind and gentle, as well as being most thoughtful in all that he did.

The Cremation and Thanksgiving Service in South Manchester Crematorium was full to overflowing, showing how popular and respected this OH had been during his life.'

J H Ockey, OH 1934-1941

Danyel Toby Pakes, OH 1984-1990

Danyel Pakes, known as Toby, sadly passed away after a lengthy battle with lymphoma, at home with his family.

Clive Palmer, OH 1943-1948

Clive Palmer died on 28 April 2007. He was born in 1932 and was at school during the war years. He did his National Service in Egypt. On his return he was one of the first to join the newly-formed Liverpool Police Cadets, later joining the Kenya Police.

After leaving the Police, he trained as a manager and moved around the country living in Norwich, Middlesbrough and Liverpool. He suffered a stroke in 2000, but this did not stop him enjoying his life until 2007, when he suffered a heart attack and a fall from which he never recovered.

Mrs. Hazel Palmer.

John 'Barrie' Powell-Jones, OH 1935-1942

'Barrie' Powell-Jones was born in July 1924 in South Wales and died 1st September 2008 in Woking, Surrey.

At HCS he was the 1st VIII cox for a series of highly successful seasons. On leaving school his first love was acting and he secured a scholarship to the Weber Douglas School of Dramatic Art and afterwards appeared in repertory mainly at the Theatre Royal, Leicester.

He was called up for war service in the Royal Tank Regiment but was rapidly selected for officer training, electing to be commissioned in his brother David's regiment the Rajputana Rifles, India's premiere guards regiment. He was later seconded to Forces Broadcasting. From All India Radio in Delhi he went on to Italy where he became Director and Commander of Broadcasting, North Italy.

After the war he went back to acting, mostly on radio, including "The Armchair Detective" and "Man Born To Be King" with Bernard Miles. He also worked with Robert Donat as narrator in a special programme "25 Years of Broadcasting" celebrating the anniversary of the BBC.

He then made a momentous decision that acting was not going to provide the stable life he sought and so moved on. First into publishing with Hodder & Stoughton where he, with a colleague, created Brockhampton Press, the first publishing house specialising in only childrens books – where he published, amongst others, Enid Blyton and Captain W E Johns.

In 1961 he was appointed Publicity Manager for Spicers, the paper company, which was then taken over by Reed International, one of the UK's largest paper and publishing companies. He was appointed Director of Public Relations & Advertising for the entire company worldwide and remained over twenty-two years in post until his retirement.

OBITUARIES

The extensive roll call of his professional credits is simply too long to list in full but included: Founder member of the European Public Affairs Forum, National Council Member of the Institute of Public Relations, Member of the British Code of Advertising Practice Committee, Council Member of the Industry and Parliament Trust. As well as being a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts he was a member of the Savage Club, which drew its membership from the arts, drama, law, literature, music and science - an eclectic mix. It describes itself as a "Bohemian Gentleman's Club" with its stated aim being "The pursuit of happiness".

[Taken from the Eulogy given by Barrie's son, Owain Powell-Jones at the funeral service in Hay-on-Wye.]

Geoffrey John Williams, OH 1933-1940

Geoffrey Williams, (known as Jack), died in February 2006, aged 84.

He was a great sportsman and played cricket and rugby for the school –playing 1st X1 cricket from the age of about 13, he then played cricket and hockey for Herefordshire after the war. He was in the RAF during the war and went on to own Kingsland Sawmills. He married late – once he'd played all the sport he wanted to – and his twin daughters, Susan and Karen.

Kingsland Church was packed with people who came to his Thanksgiving Service.

It is with regret that we report the deaths of two former Cathedral School teachers.

Beth Dickson

Beth Dickson taught Textiles and Home Economics at Hereford Cathedral School for over twenty years. Beth helped establish the brand new Technology Department some fifteen years ago, thus exchanging her cramped conditions at the bottom of Old Block for a large, brightly lit textiles room and purpose built kitchen, which she had skilfully designed. She was one of the foundation stones that allowed the department to flourish.

Beth brought a refreshing realism to her teaching and was responsible for generations of students leaving HCS with an appreciation of design and a solid foundation for their future lives. Good teachers inspire their pupils, mainly through their own enthusiasm and Beth was so very enthusiastic about everything she undertook. With her clear, logical approach she proceeded to teach every child in the school the basics of cookery. Hundreds of past students will remember Beth every time they go into a kitchen and be grateful to her for giving them basic skills in the preparation of good healthy food. Her "Survival in a Bed-sit" courses were invaluable to those going on to fend for themselves at college or university.

Beth was a consummate professional in all her teaching and taught at both the Senior and Junior schools. It was natural for Beth to be a first form tutor; she was unfailingly kind to the many children who depended on her to be their confidante, protector, guide and comforter, as well as their teacher.

Her kindness went way beyond that of an ordinary person – she raised thousands of pounds for Ege Parker's Hospice

Fund by having a pupil team, on a weekly basis, make and sell chocolate cake on the Wall at break time. Less than two years ago, Beth raised funds for the Renton Unit and the Little Princess Fund by making a parachute jump. What a courageous and unselfish thing to do when she, herself, was unwell.

Beth first became ill some six years ago but after a short time off she continued to work at the Junior School until she finally retired though ill health in 2007. Beth was always cheerful and positive, even when faced with her fourth operation in Birmingham. She showed so much courage and determination in fighting her illness that she inspired everyone around her.

Her love of life was infectious and her warmth was felt by all who came into contact with her. The large congregation for her funeral in the Lady Chapel last August is a testament in itself. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Ray, daughter Ruth and son James.

Beth will always be remembered by the many people whose lives have been touched by having known her.

Bob Clarke (Retired Head of Design and Technology)

Harold Lush

Harold Lush was born on 17 June 1918, and spent his childhood in Hampshire, attending Southampton Grammar School and then going up to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he rowed for the college. After graduation in 1940 he was called up and served as a Commissioned Officer in the Royal Artillery in India and Burma, where he was mentioned twice in dispatches for ingenuity in overcoming major transportation obstacles. He married Nesta in 1941.



After the war he joined his wife on her family farm in Herefordshire. He took up teaching and he was appointed to the post of Geography Master at Hereford Cathedral School; he was also the rowing coach and as Major Lush he was commander of the CCF for more than 25 years.

One of his proudest moments as a rowing coach came in 1949 when the school won the Schools Trophy at Marlow, the fore-runner of the Henley schools event. In 1999, the whole crew were reunited with their coach to mark the 50th anniversary of their victory.

Major Lush dedicated himself to HCS CCF for more than a quarter of a century, encouraging young people in adventurous pursuits. He was also responsible for introducing the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme to the school. He was awarded the Territorial Medal and the CCF service medal. After retirement, he continued helping out with camps, shooting training and invigilating; the latter only ceased when it was discovered that under the rules he should have been retired six years earlier.

Harold Lush also had a lifelong, close association with the Church and as Warden made a large contribution to All Saints, Hereford.

SCHOOL NEWS

The Cathedral School is continuing with its programme of development reported in OH Newsletter 2007.

The new Science Laboratories were opened in the summer term and the Sports Hall is scheduled for completion at the beginning of the spring term. But it is not only the school buildings which are being revamped – this autumn term saw the introduction of the school's new uniform: the grey has been banished and, in keeping with the school colours, the new uniform is blue.

This year 80 new pupils were welcomed to Year 7 (1st year), the highest number in 10 years, and 24 pupils to other years. Five new full time members of staff joined HCS - in Biology, Games, Learning Support, Maths and Modern Languages; in addition, there are four new part-time staff in Art, Geography, Physics and Religious Studies.

Exam Results

This year's GCSE and A level results - the best results in Herefordshire - once again highlight the hard work, sound teaching and individual attention that pupils enjoy at HCS.

At A level, 42% of all grades achieved were an A grade, with nearly a quarter of all students securing an A grade in each of the exams that they took. In fact, 71% of all grades achieved were B or above. Once again, the Art department is able to boast two exam board prizes: Sarah Boulton and Miranda Harris gained marks in the top five in the country. The AS and GCSE results in Art were also exceptional, with nine pupils gaining full marks in their examinations. These outstanding results follow Mr Wilkes' distinction in the Guardian 'Teacher of the Year' award.

Other GCSE results were equally impressive with 14 students gaining all A* and A grades. In fact, a quarter of all grades achieved were A* and 83% of grades achieved were graded B or above. The Maths department entered twenty-three Year 10 pupils for GCSE a year early: 19 achieved A* and 4 achieved Grade A. There were also some impressive Year 10 Science module results and the three Upper Sixth students who took GCSE Japanese each achieved an A*. The Lower Sixth AS grades were also very good, and we have high expectations of our Year 13 (upper sixth) in their final year.

Chamber Choir

The Chamber Choir, who last year won Choir of the Year in the Herefordshire Festival, have reached the national finals of the Radio 3 Choir of the Year competition which takes place this November. The choir performs regularly at many events, including the Old Herefordians' Annual Meeting, and last November at the SAS Remembrance Service.

CCF

Well what a year we have had since the last edition of the Old Herefordian Newsletter landed on door-mats across the country. The Corps is going from strength to strength and the new regime, of bringing in cadets from the Third Form into the Corps, has been well received.

The Corps has now taken on the school's Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and Captain Alex Campbell (HCS Award Leader) has done an admirable job of coordinating the scheme which is open to all pupils within HCS, irrespective of whether or not they are members of the CCF. Recent expeditions have taken place in the Brecon Beacons, Black Mountains, Forest of Dean, Lake District and Switzerland.



Sixth Form Leavers 2008



Classics and Art Trip to Greece



Classics and Art Trip to Greece



School Play - The Canterbury Tales



Sixth Form Journalism trip to the BBC

Next year new areas are being looked at including the infamous Dartmoor, where navigational skills are tested to the maximum!

The CCF camps have been varied and active. It's interesting to note that the RAF Section has been attending two camps both at Easter and in the summer due to their popularity. The Army Section Easter camp broke all records with over 65 cadets attending it, despite it being held at Okehampton Training Camp renowned for its wet, misty and murky conditions. That said, we had little to no rain throughout the whole week.

The RN Section is still afloat...sorry about the pun! They visit HMS Bristol, RNAS Yeovilton and a few of the cadets have attended some very interesting courses during the holidays.

The Biennial Inspection in May 2008 passed off well and was a dry day throughout the whole period. We were lucky to have the Lord Lieutenant for Herefordshire (Colonel Sir Thomas Dunne KG KCVO), as our Reviewing Officer on this occasion. Sadly the freefall parachute jump organised with our friends up the road had to be cancelled due to operational commitments. However, support came in the shape of the Training Team from the Rifles (based in Shrewsbury) and the good old Pinkie along with one or two other interesting Second World War vehicles came along with our great supporter Alan Bucknell and his dedicated team of enthusiasts.

Mike Moffat



Charlotte Wood had the honour of carrying the RAF Standard at the national Remembrance Service at the Royal Albert Hall.



Remembrance Day Parade 2007, Hightown.

DESTINATIONS 2007

Stuart ADAMS	Post A level applicant
Thomas AINSCOUGH	Birmingham Univ: Chemistry
Freddie ANTHONY	Birmingham Univ: Human Biology
Andy ASTON	Loughborough Univ: Automotive Engineering
Holly ASTON	Post A level applicant
Tom AUSTWICK	Loughborough Univ: Management
Tiggy BAGLEY	Post A level applicant
Phillipa BLANDFORD	Birmingham Univ: Sport & Exercise Science
Sophie BLANDFORD	Exeter Univ: Business & Economics
William BOYD-THOMAS	Post A level applicant
Matthew BURGOYNE	Staffordshire Univ: Web Design
Sophie CHAMPION	Post A level applicant
Olivia COHN	Leeds Met Univ: Events Management
Morgan CONDON	Reading Univ: English
Sarah CONNOP	Cardiff Univ: Pharmacy
Emma COOPER	Cambridge Univ (Girton): Geography
Callum CORBIN	Southampton Univ: Civil Engineering
Luke CROSS	Loughborough Univ: Business & Management
Isabel DRURY	Oxford Univ (Univ. Coll): Classics/English
Liam DUNACHIE	Cambridge Univ (Trinity): Music
Nathalie EAKINS	UWCardiff: Dental Technology
Amy ELLIS	UWCardiff: Sport and Exercise
Robert ERSKINE	Post A level applicant: Product Design
Luke FISHER	Cambridge Univ (Trinity): Music
Tyleri FITZGERALD	Kings Coll London: European Studies
Lily FORWOOD	UWCardiff: Art/Design Foundation course
Joanne FRY	Bristol UWE: Management/Real Estate
Harry GARDNER-CLARKE	Swansea Univ: International Relations
Amy GULLIS	Oxford Brookes Univ: Psychology
Edward GWYTHER	Brunel Univ: Product Design
Laura HEALEY	UWCardiff: Graphic Design
Laura HERRIOTT	York Univ: Environmental Management/Ecology
Rachel HEWITT	Loughborough Univ: Business
Richard HITCHINER	Aberystwyth Univ: Business & Farm Management
Charles HURT	Post A level applicant
Sophie JOSS	Bath Spa Univ: Art/Music
Madeleine KAIN	Post A level applicant: Classical Studies
Tessa KEATING	Lucy Clayton Coll: PR course; Post A level applicant
Katharine KILLICK:	UCW Newport: Art/Design Foundation course
William LAMBERT	Post A level applicant
Elena LAYTON	Bristol UWE: Property/Real Estate Management
Henry LORT	Post A level applicant: Sports Coaching
Elizabeth MARLOW	Hereford Coll Art & Design: Foundation course
Andrew MARTIN	Bristol Univ: Computer Science
Laura McNEIL	Bristol UWE: Media Communication
William MORRIS	Post A level applicant
Anna OLIVER	Post A level applicant: Medicine
Emma OWENS	Post A level applicant
Harry PANTALL	Post A level applicant
Duncan PARKER	Univ of Kent: Zoology/Animal Conservation
Frances PARRY	Cardiff Univ: Medicine
Georgina POCHIN	Post A level applicant: Performing Arts
Shay-Anne PREECE	Birmingham Univ: Medicine
Ben PRICE	UWCardiff: Product Design
Andrew PRING	Bath Univ: Natural Sciences
John PUDGE	Loughborough Univ: Business Management
Sarah PURSEY	Reading Univ: Geography
Robert REESE	Post A level applicant
Emma SARGEANT	Royal Agricultural Coll: Property/Real Estate
James SHUTT	Post A level applicant
Jack SMITH	Post A level applicant: Management
Sebastian SMITH	Univ College London: Chemistry
Natasha STODDARD	Loughborough Univ: Art Foundation Course
Nicola THOMAS	UWCardiff: Events Management
Luke WARD	Post A level applicant
George WATKINS	Post A level applicant
Douglas WEBB	Univ East Anglia: Environmental Science
Hannah WEBSTER	Birmingham Univ: Economics
Elizabeth WESLEY	Post A level applicant
Amabel WHITELOCK	Post A level applicant
Rhiannon WILLIAMS	Hereford Coll Art & Design: Foundation course

NEW STAFF

Hereford Cathedral Junior School welcomed both a new Headmaster and a new Deputy Head teacher this autumn term.

Headmaster Tim Wheeler was previously Director of Studies and Head of Classics at Bilton Grange. A keen sportsman, he plays and coaches most sports; he also plays the guitar and is a keen actor, director and writer.

Deputy Head James Debenham was previously deputy for 7 years at Foremarke Hall, the prep school to Repton School. His main areas of expertise are maths, history and geography and he, also, is a keen sportsman.



RETIREMENTS & DEPARTURES

Tim Lowe

Tim Lowe, Headmaster of the Cathedral Junior School for 12 years, has been appointed as Headmaster of The Grange, the Junior School of the Royal Grammar School & Alice Ottley, Worcester. Mr Lowe came to HCJS in 1996 from Wells Cathedral School, where he was Deputy Head of the Junior School and marketing director of the school. During his time at HCJS, numbers have grown, and developments include improvements to St David's Hall, a new ICT centre, a centenary library and of course, The Moat. He has managed to attract a huge range of celebrities and famous names to support the school, including the Duchess of York and the Duke of Kent.

With Tim's departure, the school also loses Karen Lowe, who as Secretary has provided such a wonderful support for both Tim and the junior school. Her calm and kind approach towards pupils, parents and staff will be greatly missed. Tim and Karen leave a happy and successful school and we wish them both success in Worcester.

Bob Hall

Bob Hall, Deputy Head of the Junior School, leaves after 31 Years of loyal service. His contribution to cricket, science, chess and much, much more, is legend. As a Biologist he has inspired many children with a passion for science, especially natural history, and as a sportsman many have become hooked on cricket. We wish him well in his retirement.

David Grace

David Grace retires after 20 years of service at the Junior School. He joined the school in 1988 as head of PE and Games. His organisational abilities at Sports Day were renowned and his football coaching has helped create the high sporting reputation enjoyed by the school. We wish him well in his retirement.

Helen Ferguson

Helen Ferguson leaves HCS after many years association with the Games department, initially as a hockey coach, but she has also coached rounders and made a particular contribution to school tennis. Helen has also run, or contributed to, numerous sports tours and trips – the Wimbledon strawberries and cream trip being her speciality. Her support of games at Hereford Cathedral School is fully appreciated.



Jo Helme

Jo Helme joined HCS 8 years ago; in that time her contribution to the Learning Support department at Hereford Cathedral School has been monumental. She has been a fantastic support for so many pupils, and her wise words, clear thinking and passion for learning will be sadly missed.



Fiona Rawlinson

Fiona Rawlinson has been on the HCS staff for 20 years and has been a loyal and tireless supporter of the school in so many different ways. As a teacher of Maths, Fiona has been particularly helpful to those who have not found this subject easy. She has also been instrumental in the provision of Japanese in the school. She was also a fantastic support to her husband, Guy, our previous first deputy, and her contributions to the general life of the school, its pupils, parents and staff have been far-reaching and deep. Fiona's retirement brings to an end the Rawlinson clan's official association with HCS, but no doubt, she will remain in contact with the school as both a former parent as well as member of staff.



John Taylor

John Taylor joined HCS 25 years ago from Sevenoaks School. He brought with him expertise and enthusiasm for both biology and rugby. For many years he was Head of the Biology Department, and numerous students will have enjoyed his excellent field courses. Indulging his other passion, John has overseen many rugby squads and for several years has been in charge of the famous Marches Sevens culminating in this year's Marches Sevens success. Most recently, John has been the staff Common Room President. John takes early retirement and therefore joins his son, David, as a 2008 leaver.



Marise Williams

Marise Williams has been at HCS for 28 years and has taught games, PE and Maths. She was Head of Girls PE and started girls' sport at HCS, introducing rounders, dance, volley-ball and aerobics. She has been a much loved stalwart of HCS, and games in particular, and her cheerful disposition will be missed. Marise also leaves at the same time as her daughter Abi.



Other staff who have left are: Mr Earnshaw, Modern Languages; Mr Dyke, Music; Mr Batchelor, Academic Deputy Head.

Thanks and farewell also to our three gap year students, Henry Lort, Pippa Blandford and William Boyd-Thomas. All three have made a great contribution to games at HCS and we wish them good luck for their future.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SPORT

The sporting life at HCS continues to be busy and competitive, from year 7 to 13, fixtures and practices take place every week.

The 2007 rugby season was not our best but we remained positive and upbeat throughout the year, wins over Bournside, Wycliffe and a tour to Ireland kept us going until Christmas. We also had a fantastic day at the Ospreys, ex Wales hooker Garin Jenkins and Wales Captain Ryan Jones putting the boys through a rigorous coaching session. The junior sides are progressing well, Michael Poolton outstanding as the under 14 Captain. This season has started well, 3 wins against St Edwards Cheltenham, Sir Thomas Riches and King's Gloucester have given the boys plenty of confidence for the rest of the season. The cricket season was again disrupted by the weather, the 1st X1 had wins against Brecon, Dene Close, Merchiston Castle and Kings Gloucester, Ben Stebbings was captain of the team

and ended his school career with 1925 runs, scoring 904 runs in year 11. The junior sides reached two county finals and the best performance of the year came from Max Porter, who took a hat-trick and scored 72 in the same game.

The girls have had continued success, the U18, U16, U15 and U14 all won their county hockey age groups and at netball, the U16, U15 and U14 also won the county tournaments. HCS supplies many girls to the county age groups, Rosie Hanks and Becci Heywood have gone one step further by being selected for training with the West of England squad. Rene Johnson has been chosen for the England U16 hockey squad, a fantastic achievement, especially as she is in the U15 age group. Annie Dent, Elly Viner, Abi Williams and Georgia Murphy have all made it into the West Midland training camp for netball and Emily Tompkins, Abby Whiteman, Tess Langford and Louisa Smith have been selected for the England rounders

squad. The U15 girls cricket team competed at Edgbaston in the West Midlands final only to lose in the final by 1 run.

There have been many successes at regattas with Kate Jones reaching the National Schools final, George Lort and Ben Jones reaching the semi-final at the same event and seven rowers represented the West Midlands at the inter-regional championships.

Harrison Probert and Joss Hancock won the Midlands U16 doubles tennis tournament, this was the 4th consecutive year, as they won the title twice at U14 and twice at U16, a marvellous effort.

Sport continues to play the largest part of extra-curricular life at HCS and it is not just the 1st teams that have the focus, we have played B and sometimes C teams regularly this year in certain sports, a great effort by pupils and staff, well done to everybody.

Mr R P Skyrme OH, Director of Games.

Ospreys Training

Last season, 23 pupils went down to the Neath Ospreys for a day of rugby.

They had an hour of training with the Ospreys coaching staff at their indoor training base in Llandarcy; the session was run by Garin Jenkins, capped 59 times for Wales and he was joined by Wales and British Lion, Ryan Jones.

The boys had a general warm up and then split into forwards and backs, various areas of play were discussed and practiced. After training, they watched the Ospreys play London Irish at the Liberty Stadium.

The day was a fantastic experience for the squad, having input from an ex and current international, with British

Lions experience. Thanks must go to Paul Thorburn, OH (former Neath player and Welsh rugby captain), who helped set up the day, Garin Jenkins and Ryan Jones.

*Richard Skyrme,
Master in Charge of Rugby*



Ospreys coaching

Ireland Rugby Tour

The HCS senior rugby squad made a trip to Dublin last season. Although they didn't win any matches it was a close run thing, losing 20-19 in their final match.



Rowing

Hereford Cathedral School Boat Club has had an eventful year. With the appointment of two new coaches, Liz Hoskins and Jane Delicata, assisted by gap year student William Boyd Thomas OH, the school's rowing is certainly on the up. The generosity and help of many parents and a sponsored row which raised £5500-£6000, enabled the club to invest in new equipment and boats including three single sculls, three double sculls and two quadruple sculls.

Intensive training and coaching allowed more crews to be entered nationwide and the season got off to a good start with all five crews who entered Evesham head coming away with a medal. Success continued through the winter with events won at Worcester, Marlow, Henley, Wycliffe and Worcester long distance sculls.

In the Easter holidays twenty-three boys and girls of mixed rowing ability went on the annual training camp to Banyoles in Spain, the venue of the 1992 Olympic Games. The summer term brought the regatta season with members qualifying for the inter-regional regatta which was unfortunately cancelled due to bad weather. The boat club entered the major Wallingford regatta, held at Dorney Lake - home to the rowing world championship last year - which proved successful with all crews doing very well. The next big regatta was the National schools regatta (the first event the new HCSBC tent was used) – crews rowed very well in the difficult conditions

and against very stiff opposition. Kate Jones managed to get to the semi finals even though she was sculling a year up. At the National Championships, Kate also earned a place in the final, and the J14 double of George Lort and Ben Jones got to the semis.

The Old Herefordian regatta was well supported with many old Herefordians turning up (due to the hard work of Jonathan Preece) and there was a great deal of racing to watch as rowers competed for the coveted Symonds Cup. The season finished at Llandaff regatta which resulted in eight wins out of twelve events entered.

By Steph Street - Girls Vice captain; Tomos Jones - Boys Vice captain and Jamie Thomas.



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Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of OH Newsletter, especially Helen Pearson and Juliette Austen-Chandler.

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DEBATING INFORMATION

This year, as part of Old Herefordians' Day 2008, there will be a new addition to the programme of events. The Old Herefordians Debate will see Old Herefordians compete against current members of the school for the honour of being the 1st annual Old Herefordian Debating Champions.

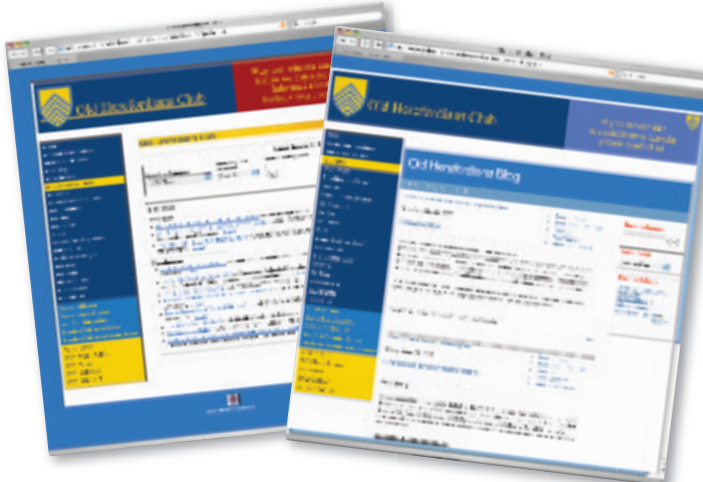
Debating has, for many years, been one of the school's most important activities. The debating society's minute books date back over a century. It is right that Old Herefordians celebrate this tradition of high quality debating at HCS by challenging the current school to a competitive debate. The format and motion of the debate are yet to be decided, but the Old Herefordian Debate promises to be an exciting addition to the programme of events on 6 December 2008.

The debate will take place in the Powell Theatre at 2:30pm.

Anyone interested in speaking in the debate can contact Chris Morgan on 07811 261312 or cwjmorgan@tiscali.co.uk.

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Old Herefordian's Club

President Mark Ellis OH 1972-1977

OH Day Saturday 6th December 2008

Please take this as due notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Herefordians' Club. To be held in the Zimmerman Building on Saturday 6th December 2008 at 10.00am.

Timetable of Events

9.30am	Coffee in the sixth form centre cafe (Zimmerman Building)
10.00am	Annual General Meeting (Zimmerman Building)

Agenda

- Minutes of the AGM held on December 8th 2007
- Matters Arising
- Presidents report – Mark Ellis
- Treasurers report – Jonathon Webb
- OH Trustees report – Peter Williams
- Rule Changes – Philip Dazeley
- Election of Officers
- Election of Committee
- Any other business

11.00am	Concert by HCS musicians
11.30am	OH Netball match
11.45am	Drinks reception in the Old Deanery
12.15pm	OH lunch and speeches in Dining Hall
1.30pm	OH Hockey (mixed) at Wyeside
2.30pm	Debating ~ OH vs. School in the Powell Theatre, Church Street
2.30pm	OH Rugby at Wyeside
5.30pm	Evensong in the Cathedral
7.00pm	Informal Dinner at Castle House Hotel, Castle Street (Limited numbers)

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