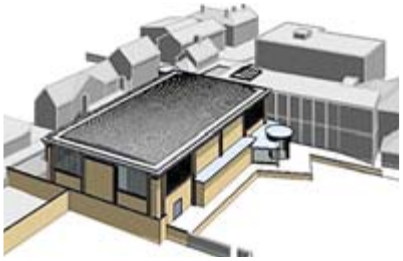
Old Herefordians' Newsletter 2007

NEW SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AND SCHOOL SPORTS HALL

Old Herefordians who return to visit the school, whilst nostalgic perhaps for their own schooldays, are genuinely impressed by the recent expansion and new developments at Hereford Cathedral School. The proposed new science and sports complex is the latest in an impressive list of improvements.

In recent years developments have included the award winning 'Moat' extension at the Junior School, the addition of the new Music Technology suite in the Zimmerman Building, the refurbishment of the Music Department at 31 Castle Street, the creation of the Sixth Form Centre in September 2006 and this summer the dining room has been expanded, redecorated and fitted with a new ceiling and flooring.

With the school continuing to flourish, there is additional pressure to provide first class facilities for a growing school population. The Governors of Hereford Cathedral School are therefore delighted to announce that planning permission has been granted for a new "state of the art" Sports Hall and Science Department. Building work will start immediately with an expected completion date of June 2008.



The innovative design that incorporates a full sized gym and sports hall along with modern science laboratories and preparation rooms was planned with particular care to blend in with the school's historic site. The city's planners were very complimentary about the level of care and the sensitivity that the architect and the school had taken to plan such a building within the historic core of the city.



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OH WEBSITE

The OH Club have recently launched a new website at **www.ohclub.co.uk.** The site offers many new features including details of forthcoming events, a calendar, online newsletters, reports on sporting events and social gatherings and an ever-expanding photo gallery. We have also included a members' directory, where you can submit your contact details and can track down old friends. To protect your privacy all details will only be accessible by the development office; however you will still be able to make contact with each other using the "Send email to" link provided under each member's section.

Why not have a look around the new site, register through the members' directory and even participate in the new Web Log (Blog) feature that enables people to contribute to ongoing discussions?



OH NEWS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT OCTOBER 2007

After taking over from Nick Bolt at the OH AGM last December, I set myself three objectives, firstly to ensure our finances were in good order, secondly, the website needed a complete overhaul and thirdly, our database needed to be brought up to date.

I can report that the finances have been very well managed by Jon Webb (OH 1979-1986), our OH Treasurer; we have made a £10,000 loan to the HCS boat club to help them purchase more boats, we have helped the Sports Department with a £6,500 donation to buy an all weather cricket pitch and we have also invested in our new website. A big 'thank you' to Russ Ticehurst for his work on the new site which is up and working well.



The database is now being worked on, and I must thank Helen Pearson our OH secretary for all her help this year. Based in the school Development Office, Helen is your first point of contact for any OH issues (tel: 01432 363 566 or e-mail: development@hcjs.co.uk). I must also thank Juliette Austen Chandler (OH 1983-1988) for giving her time to help with the database and OH contact list.

Our OH committee is strong; we meet regularly and have a good cross section of ages and experience. Howard Tomlinson is helping with the school OH history and sits on our committee. Peter Williams (OH 1940-1948) has had a huge input into the club and the OH Trust and still keeps me on my toes. Phil Dazeley (OH 1953-1958) is our secretary and I must thank him for his commitment and diligence. Andrew Davies (OH 1993-2000) has been a very supportive Vice President and Nick Bolt (OH 1968-1974) has continued to support and help. The other committee members are Richard Hammonds, Richard Skyrme, Anna Ellis, Gareth Dazeley, Juliette Austen Chandler, David Beresford, Paul Smith (Headmaster) and Clare Adamson (OH Editor).

I hope that you will notice a difference over the coming months with more e-mail communication. Please register on the website if you haven't already.

The London OH Club continues to be superbly run by Peter Fairman-Bourn (OH 1952-1959); his boundless energy has seen the London events prosper with ever increasing numbers, and he has been a great help to the club with his advice and ideas for our improvements.

And finally, whilst skiing with my family and friends over last Christmas and New Year, I realised there were 15 OHs and HCS pupils on the trip - just to prove this fact here is the photo...



President's ski trip:
Back row L-R:
Mike Owens, James Chase, Ben Owens, Richard Skyrme, Ben Ellis, Olivia Cohn, Thomas Cohn, Mark Ellis, Alistair McHarg and Hugo Cohn.
Front row L-R:
Emma Owens, Charlie Skyrme, Amy Ellis, Megan Ellis and Chloe Skyrme.

KALOI K'AGATHOI'S *CLOUDS*

"Clouds", an OH led musical adaptation of Aristophanes' classic comedy has just completed a successful tour ending at Hereford's Courtyard Theatre on Saturday 29th September.

Edward Tomlinson (OH, 2000) had begun translating from the original Ancient Greek text, scheduled for performance by Kaloi k'Agathoi in summer 2006, just weeks before his tragic and untimely death in April of that year. In order to make the preparations necessary to make the play as fitting a tribute to Eddie's memory as it could be, Kaloi k'Agathoi delayed the performance for twelve months until September 2007. With a grant from Arts Council England, a script completed and adapted for music by Alex Outhwaite (OH, 2000) and Simon Andrews (OH, 2003) and a stunning musical score by Liam Dunachie (OH, 2007), the project attracted hugely talented performers and crew members not only from Hereford's own thriving arts scene, but from as far afield as Bristol, London, Cambridge and Orleton.



Corinne Spencer as 'Moon'

On 1st September the show was launched with a charity event held at Hereford's Shire Hall that raised in excess of £2000 for Eddie's favourite charity The Primary Club and also Carbon Monoxide Gas Safety, a charity that supports the families of victims of CO poisoning and campaigns to raise awareness of its dangers.

After several weeks of gruelling rehearsal, the show premiered at the Borough Theatre, Abergavenny on the 19 September, and was followed by two nights at the Greenwood Theatre, London (21 and 22 Sept.) and two more at the Courtyard, Hereford (28 and 29 Sept.).

The script, which featured a happy blend of wit, witty vulgarity and plain vulgarity was engagingly brought to life by Sam Pay's boisterous Strepsiades, the unfortunate father plunged into the clutches of debt; Nick Mackenzie's Pheidippides, the son who put him there; and James Lark's Socrates, the man Strepsiades mistakenly turns to to solve his problems.

The OHs in the line-up included Louis Fonseca (2001), whose ad-libbing as Righteous consistently had the audience in hysterics; Morgan Condon (2007) as a shamelessly dressed student of Socrates who was revealed in two of the shows to be the love child of Bertie Bassett; and Ellen Boyd and Georgie Pochin (2007) who played two of the five Clouds and whose exquisite voices, coupled with that of soprano Corrine Spencer (née Hart, 2000) playing Moon, provided the production with a score encompassing every genre from opera to girl band, via gospel.

Besides Liam Dunachie, OH band members were Michael Brown (2001) on the cello and Ben Morgan on the clarinet. The Kaloi k'Agathoi committee – OHs John Crichton, Kerrith Davies, Chris Deutsch and Christina Robinson – provided tremendous support; OHs and people still at HCS in the backstage crew included David Taylor (lighting), Georgia Hutchinson (makeup), Anna Taylor (publicity), Andy Davies (publicity, 2000), Nico Vaughan (song writer and lyricist, 2001),

Mrs Julia Steels (costumes), Producer Ian Corder (2005), Assistant Producer Charlotte Prior, Company Manager and Education and Schools' Liaison Officer Siobhan de Souza, and the two Directors and Co-writers Alex Outhwaite (2000) and Simon Andrews (2003). The efforts of the final three to bring this production about over the last eighteen months cannot be overstated. Their hard work and commitment was rewarded with the magnificent reception that the shows received, perfectly illustrated by members of the audience, of all ages, approaching the crew afterwards and genuinely thanking them for the evening. This above all indicates the success of the production in achieving its main goal, a fitting tribute to the fun, inspirational and undeniably memorable Eddie T.

Nico Vaughan

Kaloi k'Agathoi would like to pay special tribute to the support received throughout from the Tomlinson family, and most especially from Howard and Heather, whose strength and unbeaten generosity of heart made it possible.

THE EDWARD TOMLINSON MEMORIAL DEBATE

On a cold and dark January evening this year, a large knot of Old Herefordians and present and retired HCS staff wended their way down the narrow streets to the Oxford Union building, with heavy hearts it must be said, to hear a debate in memory of Edward Tomlinson. Edward had died suddenly and tragically in Beirut in his sleep, a victim of carbon monoxide poisoning, in April 2006 at the age of only 24; and everyone who knew him was struck by the futile and senseless waste of a sparkling and coruscating intellect and a warm human being who relished life in all its variety.



Chris Deutsch OH with Dr Tomlinson in the Chair.

Edward had been President of the Union only three years earlier and the Union fittingly staged this debate, as a tribute to one of their illustrious line of Presidents; the Union has been a crucible forging many political leaders and Prime Ministers. It was particularly appropriate that Howard, Edward's father and our old Headmaster, was invited to act as President for the evening, and did so with style and panache, though it must have been a huge strain.

The motion for the debate was 'That this House believes the future is Blue.' As a past President of the Oxford Union Conservatives, Edward (it can safely be assumed) would have walked through the 'Aye' lobby; but more importantly, he would have thoroughly enjoyed it, for it was a fine debate in the best tradition of the Union, acidly witty, good humoured but ultimately passionate. Six speakers in all, including Chris Deutsch former Chairman of HCS Debating Society, and none enjoyed performing more than Michael Howard, who obviously supported the motion; but it was Clare Short who stole the show and whose fervent thesis the 'the future is not blue, it's certainly not red.....it must be green' nearly but did not quite win the day. The motion was carried by a mere handful of votes.



The Tomlinson Family with Clare Short and Michael Howard at the Oxford Union.

At the reception afterwards it was clear that all those attending including Edward's many friends from Oxford, as well as from Hereford, had been greatly moved but also felt greatly privileged just to have been present at this unique tribute. Who knows what Edward might have achieved at the bar or in politics had he been spared; great things no doubt. The tragedy is that we shall never know; but, if his passing is, as Michael Howard said, a great loss to this country, it is an even sharper loss to his loving family and many friends.

JVAC

LEAVERS' DAY

After being at HCS for 7 years our final day was emotional for everyone.

The day was particularly memorable because the Headmaster hosted a barbeque for us on the lawn of Number One; there were lots of funny speeches and prizes for all sorts of memorable events (most of them unknown to the school until that day!!). We were also presented with a cravat for the girls and a tie for the boys by the OH Club.



Leavers, July 2007

© J Shutt

Although we were sad to be leaving HCS, we were reassured that we will always be a part of HCS and welcomed back at any time. The presentation was very personal because the person giving out the cravats and ties was my Dad who is the current Club President – he knows most of my year group which made it an extra special occasion.

Amy Ellis

BRIDGE SUCCESS

The successful pairing of Old Herefordian brothers Ben and Tom Paske (2002 –2007) continues.

At the European Youth Bridge Championships held at Jesolo, North East Italy, in August 2007, they were the highest placed English team. Finishing 4th in the Under 20 category, out of 16 participating countries, means that they have qualified for the World Championships.

THE LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

Star national hunt jockey, Richard Johnson, an old boy, has recently become a Vice President of The Little Princess Trust.

The Trust was founded in 2006 in memory of Hannah Tarplee, a pupil at HCJS who tragically died from cancer at the age of 5. The Trust, which is based at the school, provides hairpieces and wigs for children who lose their hair through cancer treatment. There are three Partners in this charity – the Tarplee family, Peter Prosser Hairdressing and the school. Having started locally, the Trust has grown rapidly and now works nationwide.



The photograph shows Richard Johnson with Peter Prosser and Trust Chairman, Tim Lowe (HCJS Headmaster) visiting the new Peter Prosser salon on Church Street, Hereford.

For information: **www.littleprincesses.org.uk**.

OH ON DISPLAY

Old Herefordian memorabilia can now be viewed in a new display case situated in the entrance to the Zimmerman Building.

The case has been purchased through the generosity of Mr and Mrs Townsend in memory of their son Mark, OH 1981 – 1988.



Mr & Mrs Townsend, Jo Townsend and Nick Bolt (OH Committee).

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BELLS RUNG FOR 625th ANNIVERSARY

Eight Old Herefordian campanologists gathered at St Mary's Church, Eardisland, on 16 November 2006, to ring a celebratory peal.

Over three hours the team rang 5040 Grandsire Triples (composer J J Parks, 12-part) in honour of Hereford Cathedral School's 625th (1381 – 2006) anniversary.

1. George S Davis (1939 - 47), 2. Michael P Moreton (1942 - 49)
3. Peter D Sell (1959 - 65), 4. Bill P Nash (1956 - 60)
5. F Eric Roberts (1945 - 51), 6. Marcus C W Sherwood (1960 - 67)
7. Conductor: John C Eisel (1955 - 61), 8. David C Bland (1946 - 51)



Back row:
Bill Nash, Michael Moreton, Marcus Sherwood, David Bland.

Front row:
Eric Roberts, John Eisel, George Davis, Peter Sell.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

On Friday 9th March, Major George Clegg OH of the 1st Queen's Dragoon Guards, visited his old school with a few soldiers from his Regiment. George entered the Army as a Trooper and has steadily risen through the ranks to the Officer Commanding, Headquarter Squadron. In his time he has seen service all over the world including Bosnia and Iraq.

HCS CCF en masse packed into the College Hall to listen to his story and experiences within the British Army to date. George will be leaving his Regiment shortly to join the staff at the Army Foundation College, Harrogate as a Company Commander.



Major George Clegg addressing HCS cadets.

CCF

Old Herefordians might like to know that since 1989, over 223 ex-members of the HCS Corps have now entered one of the three Armed Forces. We have steadily seen between 8 to 10 members enter each year and the interest in a service career is gaining momentum. Although many take the option for commissioning a number do join directly after A levels.

We have seen ex-cadets enter a great variety of units including the Royal Engineers, Royal Logistic Corps, Parachute Regiment, Royal Signals, Intelligence Corps, Gurkhas, Infantry, Royal Army Education Corps, Royal Army Dental Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps, Special Air Service, Guards, Royal Marines, Special Boat Squadron, Royal Navy (pilots, navigators and engineers) and the RAF (pilots, navigators etc) to name just a few.

Most recently my daughter joined the Intelligence Corps and Verity Morris OH left Sandhurst on commissioning and also Jon Wear OH. Jon has decided to pursue a career in the Parachute Regiment. Not so long back my first Contingent Warrant Officer James Marshall, dropped in to the CCF Office to give me an update on his career. I was delighted to hear that he was now a Major and also married.

Although the Corps is not a recruiting organisation its activities, camps and expeditions give the cadets a good taste of what service life is all about and what is on offer should they decide upon a career in the Armed Forces.

I am always pleased to hear from those who have taken the plunge by serving their country worldwide. Please do contact me and let me know what you are doing as and when you can.

The CCF Office email address is as follows: **ccfhereford@yahoo.co.uk**.

Mike Moffatt
School Staff Instructor

MEDICAL CAREERS CONFERENCE SATURDAY, 14TH OCTOBER 2006

The rather formal title does not indicate the many interesting facets of this event.



Combining an OH reunion, for those with a medical related career, together with a forum for the exchange of careers information with current pupils from HCS and surrounding state schools, was the bright idea of Headmaster Paul Smith.

Ably and enthusiastically supported by Helen Pearson, Anne Johnson and John Morris, the day was a resounding success.

After a somewhat nervous start, when we wondered whether any pupils would forego a precious Saturday morning, we were surprised and delighted to find some 60 or so young people had found their way to the Zimmerman Main Hall.

The subjects to be covered were wide ranging and it would be invidious to make any individual comparisons, however, Ania Barling's informal and accomplished talk set the tone for the other speakers to follow. I found all the lectures fascinating and believe every one else did so too.

Engaging our young audience in "any questions" proved a little challenging, as some were, perhaps, somewhat overawed by the occasion but eventually a useful dialogue ensued. To this end, the coffee brake greatly helped to warm things up, at least the decibel level increased noticeably, as people busily networked.

Having dispensed with the business of the morning, we adjourned to the Old Deanery, where we enjoyed a much needed aperitif and chats with other OHs. Whilst none of my contemporaries were present, it was a great opportunity to exchange experiences with different generations of old (and not so old) pupils. It did however seem a little strange enjoying a drink in the hall where 60 years ago I had nervously attended ballroom dancing lessons, without of course, the benefit of girls or alcohol.

Lunch in the Dining Hall was quite simply the best meal I have ever had in HCS!

Bearing in mind that food rationing was a fact of life in 1947, the foregoing statement does no justice to the excellent and convivial meal that we enjoyed.

The day concluded with a trip round the school. Far from being an anti-climax, this proved to be most interesting. Being an engineer, my particular interest was in the Design and Technology dept, where the equipment and work on display was most impressive. There are many small businesses that would be pleased to have such up to date machinery and to produce work of such a high standard. The Art department provided another pleasant surprise, with images of great impact and considerable maturity.

Looking back over these six short and very varied hours, all credit and thanks must go to Paul and his team for running such a stimulating and useful event.

I have just one suggestion for the future, and that is to reinstate in the Old Deanery, one of the 1950s cheerless dormitories. This would graphically illustrate just how far the school has progressed and also provide a reality check for visiting Older Herefordians suffering from a surfeit of nostalgia.

Ian Flack, OH 1947-1951

GAP YEAR REPORT

John Challenger – a year at Windsor



Living and working in the heart of Windsor Castle is a unique and fascinating experience. Much of my routine involves playing the organ for the chapel services and chorister training and teaching. As well as this I have several duties at the choristers' school and also some free-lance organ playing.

The castle is the largest inhabited castle in the world, with hundreds of people living and working in it, and at the end of the day when the throngs of tourists depart the place becomes a living community. The house I live in is situated at the west end of St. George's Chapel among the houses of the lay-clerks, in the fifteenth-century Horseshoe Cloister.

St. George's Chapel is the chapel of the Order of the Garter, one of the earliest orders of chivalry founded in the Middle Ages. One of the most memorable occasions of the past year for me was to witness the Garter Day ceremony and procession, when Her Majesty the Queen admits new members of the Order of the Garter. There are eleven Kings and seven Queens buried in the chapel including Henry VIII and Charles I, buried in a vault beneath the quire. The chapel was the venue for the marriage blessing of Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall in 2005, and the celebratory service for the Queen's eightieth birthday in 2006. The organ in the chapel is a fine example of its kind, so this has been an ideal place to build up new organ repertoire. I have also had several playing opportunities at Eton College, just across the river, and at the Royal Chapel in Windsor Great Park, where the Queen worships regularly.

The choir term runs to a hectic and busy schedule, and aside from eight sung services every week it is often invited to sing at other prestigious venues; in September 2006 the choir toured the United States to sing for the 9/11 service of remembrance in New York and a further US tour is planned this coming October. It has been an amazing year for me at Windsor in so many ways and I know another great year lies ahead.

John Challenger



GHACHOK LINK PROJECT

Our link with Shree Sharada School in Nepal continues to flourish and this year sees our second group of OHs staying in Ghachok village, which is located close to the Annapurna range of mountains.



Harry Gardner-Clarke, Tiggy Bagley and Will Lambert are adjusting to their new environment and have probably eaten their umpteenth dhaalbat, which is part of the Nepalese staple diet. Ghachok village stands below the majestic mountain of Machapuchre, which is classified as the Holy Mountain. So far the Nepalese authorities have not granted any official permit to climb this semi technical mountain because of its importance within the Nepalese culture.

Our three Old Herefordians will be teaching up until Christmas, when they will all continue their travels, eventually ending up in the southern hemisphere prior to their return to the UK later in 2008.

For those unaware of this ongoing project, it was established after the first trip to Nepal in April 1998. The Ghachok Link Committee made up of past trekkers (parents & friends of HCS), has adopted the policy of slowly trickle feeding financial support out to Shree Sharada School, with the aim of improving the learning environment for the children without spoiling their idyllic and unique lifestyle. This appears to have worked, for the school has grown in stature and is now producing some excellent exam results, which in turn has woken the Nepalese government up to the hard work going on behind the scenes. Shree Sharada School has now gained Secondary status and has also increased its catchment area.

All money raised under the umbrella of this project ends up at the school and should OHs which to donate in anyway towards it please feel free to contact me here at HCS.

Mike Moffatt
Chairman Ghachok Link Committee



THE OH INTERVIEW



Giles Latcham, BBC Midlands Today reporter, was interviewed by members of the school magazine sixth form editorial team. Their questions were sent by e-mail.

Did HCS influence you at all in your decision to pursue a course and career in journalism?

Not really. I grew up listening to BBC Radio 4 – my mother always had it on at home – and this was the formative influence that got me interested in news and specifically in broadcasting. I remember the Today and PM programmes reporting the industrial strife and the winter of discontent in the seventies (yes I'm that old!), the Troubles in Northern Ireland, the rise of the Sex Pistols, Glasnost in the USSR – huge national and international stories that came into the family home via the airwaves. I found (and still do find) the immediacy of it immensely exciting. At school I asked our Careers Officer for advice about becoming a journalist. His answer was that if I had to ask him (and that by implication my mind wasn't inquiring enough to have found out for myself) then it probably wasn't the career for me. He had a point, but I pretty much knew the answers already! I used to write articles for our school rag "Blue and Gold", but we went too far one month and incurred the wrath of the Head who banned us.

Has journalism always been your number one career choice?

More or less. When I was about fifteen I wanted to be a doctor and go and work in Africa. But after attaining a "U" (unclassified) grade in my Biology O-Level I decided Africans would be healthier without me.

What was your favourite experience while attending HCS?

Hmm. I suppose crafty fags on the Castle Green isn't the answer you're after. There were many; the inspirational and entertaining teaching of Colin Gray, the camaraderie of first XV and county rugby, huge sprawling lunch time kickabouts, canoeing down the Wye to Ross, climbing and abseiling in the Forest of Dean. Sunny break times at The Buttery, falling in luurrvve, snowball fights with the local comprehensives, post rugby lock-ins at The Spread, skulking around in Oxfam overcoats pretending to be in a New Order video. ("New who?" I hear you say). There were bad experiences too but not enough to fret about.

How did you feel when you realised that you had been witnessed devouring a baguette on live television?

Can I say here?! The profile on the BBC website that you're referring to is very old now and I've gone on to feel like a berk on live TV on several occasions since. This has made me feel far more relaxed about looking stupid. It was nice to get messages on my computer from so many old friends though!

Do you find the field of journalism incredibly competitive?

Yes, and it helps if you're competitive by nature. It's a job a lot of people aspire to anyway, and on top of that at present the pace of change in the broadcasting sector is phenomenal. You have to keep up! But don't be put off – if you really want to do it and are prepared to put your back into it then go for it.

If advising a prospective journalist, what would be your top piece of advice?

There are lots of qualities but two of the best to cultivate are curiosity and versatility. Firstly, show interest in everything and learn to challenge what you're told. Go to the library daily and read at least two papers (tabloid and broadsheet). Force yourself to look at the financial pages and the sport – even if they don't appeal. Read at least

the top three paras of each story. It won't make you a specialist but it will give you a broad grounding. Listen to radio news programmes and watch TV bulletins and documentaries you might not normally watch. What are the questions the story or programme answers? What are the missing questions you'd like an answer to? Did the politician you see interviewed answer the question? Was he asked the right questions? Secondly, from an editorial point of view if you can turn your hand to the skateboarding ducks as well as the gangland shootings you're ahead of the field. Be flexible and don't be afraid to have a go. The versatility thing applies to technology as well. You need to embrace camerawork and editing. It's not that hard – even for an old dinosaur like me.

What has been your fondest experience of your career so far?

There are many. Curiously perhaps, a trip to Pakistan just after the 2005 earthquake (for the documentary programme 'Inside Out') was the best and the worst of times rolled into one. There was the horror of corpses decaying in streets and the despair of the bereaved, but also great kindness and resilience and humility; the best of humanity in the worst of circumstances. Reporting for 'Farming Today' from Parliament Square as the police and the pro-hunters laid into each other was quite an experience – but "fond" probably isn't the word. Least favourite? Eating roast squirrel with a family of self-sufficiency enthusiasts for 'Countryfile'. My son loves squirrels and I feel guilty every time he points one out. It didn't taste great either.

Have you met any famous or inspiring people while reporting?

Quite a few politicians, usually grabbing them on their way in or out of a building. I did a proper "sit down" with John Major when he became PM after Thatcher. At HCS I failed my Economics mock A-level and Major had just finished as Chancellor of the Exchequer – but he was very patient with my hopelessly inadequate grasp of the Exchange Rate Mechanism. Loads of footballers, most of whom were hard work I'm afraid. I did Hearsay (remember them?) for the Six o'clock news when they got to number one (all very nice, Myleen Klass prettier in the flesh.) But some of the most inspiring interviewees are so-called "ordinary people". One who sticks in my mind was a mother whose teenage son died in her arms after being stabbed in a fight at the local precinct. His killer was never caught. He was her oldest - she lived for him – and she had every reason to fall to bits consumed with self-pity and bitterness, but in spite of her grief she carried on, a loving, compassionate mother, caring and providing for her other children. You come across a lot of sad stories and if you can take away a positive from it, it helps to keep you sane.

Who would you like most to interview, and why?

I'm happy to take them as they come. Everyone has a story to tell – it's just that some need more drawing out than others! But wouldn't it be great to be talking to Madeleine McCann, safe and well, in her mother's arms.

What are your future aspirations other than 'captaining Arsenal', and do they lie with in a particular field of journalism?

I still enjoy daily news but I've really enjoyed working on longer TV documentaries and would like to do the same in radio. In TV you're constrained by pictures and have to stick to the pavement, in radio there are wide open spaces just waiting to be explored! And Arsenal seem to be doing alright without me at the moment.



Giles and daughter Lily

OH SPORT

OH REGATTA 2007

This year's regatta fell on the 24th June on a wet and windy weekend. With a schedule of over 50 competitors in single sculls and nearly 60 races, the event has grown into a full regatta in its own right, and like all regattas is reliant on the weather and river conditions to make a successful day.

As the rain fell everywhere else in the county, favour fell on the school and a dry afternoon, with even the odd glimpse of sunshine, saw racing from 2:30pm until the final at just before 6pm. Guest of honour, Mr Michael Moreton OH, named the single scull he had so kindly donated to the school with a traditional splash of Champagne before the first race took place. A very large crowd of pupils and parents, Old Herefordians, former Symond's Cup winners, well-wishers and passers-by were gathered to witness the proceedings.



Mr Michael Moreton naming the new boat

The Under 14 Boys' and Girls' and Beginners' races took place in the school's new 'Edon' training sculls in the first events of the day. These robust and safe new acquisitions to the fleet were provided through the efforts of the PTA and are now an integral part of the learning process for new pupils.

Races progressed throughout the afternoon, and with a race every three minutes there was plenty to see and admire including clashes, dead heats and some very exciting and close racing.

In the final for the Symond's Cup, Ed Deutsch prevailed against Callum Corbin by four lengths while in the girls' race Jade Newman defeated Tyleri Fitzgerald by three, taking the win in the newly-named "Michael Moreton OH".

An OH v School challenge was issued, the weapon of choice to be coxed fours and a distance of 1,000 metres proposed and accepted. The OH four comprised Will Lort (bow), Jess Davies, Jamie Corbin and Alex Deutsch (stroke) with coxswain Steph Bissell. Rising to the challenge for the school were Will Boyd-Thomas (bow), Callum Corbin, Tom Jones and Ed Deutsch (stroke) with Matt Crum (OH) in the coxes seat. With two competing pairs of brothers involved the fear was that, whoever won, there would be some very tense family gatherings later that evening.



The OH Crew

As the crews came into view at the bridge it was clear that one crew held a slight lead, although since they both occupied the middle of the river it was not clear which! As they came closer the blue and gold of the school colours could be seen in the lead, with clear water to the OH four. As they crossed the line to a three-length verdict the traditional "three cheers" rang out from a large and admiring crowd.

Prizes were presented by Mr Michael Moreton OH.

Phil Towle



Hereford Cathedral School & Old Herefordians' Regatta

Request the pleasure of your company.

on Sunday 22nd June 2008 from 2.30pm at Hereford Rowing Club

If you would like to row then please contact the development office requesting an application form.

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BELMONT GOLF DAY

OH golfers enjoyed a day at Belmont Golf Club on the 10th of May 2007.

Most of those present have not visited the school since leaving but the love of golf has brought us together. The course was in excellent condition and some of the holes run alongside the River Wye. It is a most beautiful setting, particularly in May when the variety of shades of green of the trees is stunning.

Howard Tomlinson (Headmaster 1987-2005) joined us this year and will be back in 2008 to help his team defend their trophy.



With Howard in the front of the photograph are Jeremy Clare (OH 58-64) and Allen Bailey (50-55), his team members.

Standing are John Dauncey (55-61), Ray Harris (55-61), Clive Mugridge (57-64), Richard Blott (55-62), Angus Craig (59-65), David Wright (57-62), Clive Hallett (55-62), Andrew Singer (58-64) and Clive Thomas (guest). Mike Blott (59-65) joined us later.

We play for the School House Cup. School House was closed soon after we left. Was this a coincidence?

The 2008 Golf Day will be held on Thursday 15th May 2008. Why don't you come and join us?

Andrew Singer (School House)

OLD HEREFORDIANS' CRICKET

The Old Herefordians' Cricket Club has played in the Brewers Cup Competition for the last six years. The Brewers Cup is a knock-out competition for school sides played on a friendly, but competitive basis.

Sadly, the Brewers Cup has come to an end. Therefore, it is time to reflect on the Old Herefordians' successes in the competition.

Firstly, some statistics. In their first three years of the competition, the OHs reached the final on each occasion. In 2003, the OHs won the competition at the third time of asking, beating St John's Leatherhead. The OHs reached the semi-final in the following year, but don't ask what has happened since then!

Some memorable moments. The semi-final on the 29th July 2001 (Tomlinson's first wedding anniversary – sorry Frances). Six hundred and seventy-six runs scored in the day. The OHs were victorious. R Skyrme 160; S Price 63; O Hewlett 54 – Greg Powell 0, run out having not faced a ball.

Three attempts at playing Hurstpierpoint in 2002 – but rain getting the better of us on each occasion. At the second attempt, a pleasant rainy afternoon was spent at the pub in Brighton. (I wonder whether the school ever paid for that parking ticket...)

The final in 2002. The OHs lost, but R Symonds won man of the match – scoring 53 not out and bowling 11 overs 0 for 22. Robbie kindly donated his prize, an annual subscription to the Cricketer magazine, to the school.

Some 'thank yous'. It goes without saying that getting a team out to play on a Sunday is no easy task. It is made even less easy when the match is away at Denstone, Taunton or Northampton. To all those who played, thank you for your commitment and dedication. Thank you to Richard Skyrme, without whom as captain the team would not have been as strong or committed – and the matches not as enjoyable. My thanks also go to Andy Connop, who is an endless source of information and addresses for OH cricketers. Finally, the catering staff and ground staff at school, who gave up their time to prepare food and pitches for the OHs.

The following is a list of those who have played for the OHs over the last six years. My apologies if it is incomplete.

Michael Tomlinson

Richard Skyrme (1972-77)
Gary Withers (1973-81)
Richard Binnersley (1975-80)
Nick Denny (1981-88)
Peter Butler (1978-85)
Greg Powell (1984-88)
Adam Herbert (1980-87)
Ed Symonds (1985-92)
Dave Kings (1987-94)
Andy Crisall (1987-84)
Andrew Johnson (1990-95)
Jon Andrews (1987-94)
Michael Tomlinson
Owen Hewlett (1990-97)
Steve Price (1990-97)
Jamie Layton
Stuart Turpin (1990-97)
Chris Powell
Adam Last (1991-98)
Giles Scott (1994-98)
James Morris (1994-00)
Tyson De Souza (1993-00)
James Powell (1994-00)
Ed Tomlinson (1995-00)
Rob Symonds
Adam Hewlett (1996-02)
Tom Harper (1996-02)
Ashley Nahorniak (1996-02)
James Burgoyne (2005)
Mark Lowden (1997-03)
Nick Townson
Gethan Jacobs (1998-05)
Tom Bates
Tom Austwick (2000-07)
Ben Owens (1997-05)

OH RUGBY

The annual School v OH game took place in bright sunshine on 9 December.

The Campbell brothers returned to play especially against their cousin Rob Erskine. Hugh had travelled all the way from Australia. Outstanding for the OH team was Jake Coates, fresh from walkabout in South America; early in the game he showed a clean pair of heels to run from his own try line and give the OH an early lead. The school side were short of players over 17 years old and so they borrowed Ed Godsall the school former captain. It proved to be a particularly good move as he went on to score two tries for the school to ensure the school won a good and tight match.

John Taylor

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Paul Thorburn, OH 1974-1981 was guest of honour at Speech Day July 2007.



Paul joined the school in 1974, the youngest of three brothers. He soon made his mark as a games player representing School and County in Athletics, Cricket and Rugby. At Swansea University Paul gained an Honours Degree in Microbiology. Whilst there he joined Neath RFC and played for Wales B and went to gain his first full cap against France in 1985. He gained a further 36 caps for Wales, 10 as Captain, and became the then record points scorer for Wales.

Since retiring from playing, Paul has been involved in management with Glaxo Pharmaceuticals, Welsh Development Agency, Rugby World Cup 1999, and, since 2006, as Strategic Development Manager for Ospreys Rugby. Away from Rugby, Paul has given time for charitable fundraising, completing the Dublin Marathon and a 100 mile walk in 3 days for NSPCC.

These are some of Paul's reminiscences of his schooldays at HCS taken from his speech...

"I also have fond memories of the school and am indebted to many of the teachers, staff and students who I shared 7 years of my life with. Some traditions have thankfully gone ... as a boarder at the Old Deanery, one of the punishments often handed out by the Monitors was called the Bridges, where at 6.00 o'clock in the morning, we had to run 3 laps of the route that took us down to Castle Green, across the bridge and then up to the old bridge before returning to the cathedral. At the time it was 'torturous' but on reflection probably helped me in my discipline for early morning training.

Having a father in the services meant that every couple of years we were posted to a different part of the globe and so on reaching the age of 10 my parents decided that I needed to follow in the footsteps of my elder brothers and I joined the Cathedral School in January 1974, the day that Hereford United beat West Ham United in the FA Cup. Attending that match was my last treat before entering this new world, but what a world I was entering – action packed and never a dull moment.

I must declare, although this is not necessarily something I am proud of, that my interests in school life revolved predominantly around the physical activity and sporting arenas, rather than on academic studies...My school time table was packed with action and excitement, football in the yard after breakfast, football at mid-morning break, football after lunch and then either formal sport in the afternoon or more football on Castle Green after school. Somewhere during the day lessons had to fit in, but for someone who was 'academically challenged', I opted to apply myself to things that I felt I was comfortable with and reasonably successful at.

The challenges of sport meant more to me than anything and my daily routine revolved around the next rugby match or 7 a-side tournament in the winter months and cricket/athletics in the summer.

Unfortunately, as a school, with limited playing resources, we were in the main second best against virtually all of our local rivals on the rugby field and matches against Belmont Abbey, Christ College Brecon, Llandovery and Kings School Worcester often required a 'cricket' score board rather than a match referee as they pounded us into submission. I recall one match against Belmont at U13 Level when we lost 114-0 and then when representing the 1st XV some years later, losing to Christ College Brecon by 104-0. It's just as well the try was only worth 4 points in those days!!!!!!

My school career ended in 1981, when after failing my A levels first time round I decided to leave, rather than re-sitting them at the school where I knew that I would end up doing more of the same... Thankfully, I managed to turn things around and did enough to gain a place at University where I read Microbiology.

The irony of all of this is that it was because of my academic achievements that I managed to achieve my life long ambition of playing rugby for Wales. Had I not gone to University, my rugby career would have taken a very different path and with every likelihood that my ability would have gone unnoticed, but by playing for Swansea University, I was selected to represent Welsh Universities, then British Universities and from that moment, my career in rugby changed for the better.

Selection for Neath RFC, one of Britain's most successful teams in the mid to late 80's gave me that platform and stage necessary and in my first season with Neath, whilst in my second year at University, I gained my first cap for Wales."

Clare Ashford, OH 1987 - 1994
Clare Ashford is Visits Services manager at the Tower of London and is living at Westcliff-on-Sea.

Emma Aston, 1995-1997
Emma Aston, whose progress through the universities has been via Oxford, Cambridge and Exeter, has now reached the University of Reading, where she is lecturing in Ancient History.

Keith Beresford, OH 1949 - 1958
Keith Beresford will be a guest performer at a charity concert, 'Classic Songs in the City', in Hereford Cathedral on Friday 26 October in aid the Royal National College (formerly the Royal National College for the Blind), Hereford.

In October 2005, Keith organised and played in a similar charity concert in London. It was very successful and with ticket sales, donations and the auction and raffle at the reception afterwards around £12,000 was raised, most of which went to Cancer Research. One of the people in the audience was from RNC, Hereford, and they asked for a repeat of the concert. Keith is looking forward to playing in the cathedral which he has visited only once or twice since leaving school in 1958.

Originally self-taught, Keith subsequently took piano lessons from a number of teachers, including Linda Ang who was taught by André Esterhazy, himself a former pupil of the famous Russian teacher, Heinrich Neuhaus (often known as the father of the Russian piano school) of the Moscow Conservatory. Keith regularly plays at professional functions in many different parts of the world, accompanying singers of a variety of different styles. He tends to concentrate on songs from the musical theatre. He earns his living as a patent attorney.

Ellen Boyd, OH
After leaving the Cathedral School Ellen completed a National Diploma in Performing Arts, and then moved to Melbourne to study

at the National Theatre Drama School. Having returned to the U.K last November she has been having a wee whale of a time, adapting and directing 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' with 9-13 year old, working at the Edinburgh Festival, and most recently 'Clouds' (see review, page 2). She is now hoping to continue her education by starting a BA in English Studies next year.

Rupert Broad, OH 1983 -1993
Rupert Broad works in Fulham and Hammersmith as a Sergeant in the Metropolitan Police. He and his wife Alexa have two sons.

Oliver Broad, OH 1986 – 1993
Oliver Broad has returned from Azerbaijan where he was working for BP. Still with the company, he is currently engaged on a project for their Security Department in Middlesex. He is married, has a daughter and lives in Lightwater.

Sam Broad, OH 1993 - 1998
Sam Broad is working as a junior doctor at the Derriford Hospital in Plymouth.

William Gould, OH 1984 - 1991
William Gould is living in Harrogate with his wife Olivia and son Dylan. He is a Senior Lecturer in Indian History at the University of Leeds and next year is due to spend six months in India, working on his current research project. William is also a trustee of a British-Romanian charity, which runs schools for young adults with special needs.

Andrew Green, OH 1985
Andrew Green has returned to his native Herefordshire with his wife and two children. He is a Project Manager with the Computer Services Corporation.

Anthony Gregory, OH 1987 - 2003
Anthony Gregory returned to school for the academic year 2006-2007, working for the HCS Music department.

Oliver Henman, OH 1991-1998
Oli Henman went up to Oxford (The Queens' College) to read Modern Languages and stayed on for a Masters (MPhil), which he chose to focus on Latin American politics. During this time he built up considerable interest in grass-roots democracy and he then went on to spend some time working in Brazil on a government project in the Amazon rainforest to develop sustainable planning through local community empowerment. Since returning to the UK, he has continued to work on democracy and empowerment, doing a stint as parliamentary researcher to Paul Keetch MP and more recently running a large-scale participatory democracy forum as part of a Europe-wide civil society project, the European Citizens' Consultations. He writes on participatory democracy and is about to start a new position as European and International Manager for the National Council of Voluntary Organisations.

James Holman, OH 1977 - 1984
James Holman works in the City as a Business Analyst with Henderson Global Investors . He is living at Teddington in Middlesex with his wife and two children.

Charles Hulley, OH 1991 - 1996
Charles Hulley is practising as a Criminal Defence Solicitor in his home town of Falmouth. For recreation he rows in a coxed four for Greenbank Falmouth Rowing Club and this year won the Senior B West of England Championships.

Pak Wai Hung, OH 1985 - 1992
Pak Wai Hung lives with his wife and two children in Cheltenham. Having spent nine years in London as an Immigration solicitor, he decided on a complete change of career and for the past two years has been the owner of a restaurant and bar in Cheltenham's High Street. Any OH who enjoys oriental cuisine should beat a path to 288 Bar and Wok without delay.

Ludi Hung, OH 1980 - 1987
Ludi Hung spent nine years as a solicitor specialising in commercial property before taking the decision to return to the family business - growing, importing and selling Chinese vegetables all over the UK. He now lives with his wife and two children at Bidford-on-Avon in the Vale of Evesham.

Anne Katona (née Roberts), OH 1975 - 1982
Talented musician and mother of three Anne Katona is back in Hereford. She was recently spotted in All Saints' Church making a guest appearance with the Gilbert Consort, of which Early Music Group she was once a key member.

Tim Knipe, OH 1990 - 1997
Tim Knipe whose formidable forensic skills in competitive debate were a pivotal factor in the rise of HCS debaters to prominence in competitions at national and international level in the years 1997-2000, is working in the City as a 3rd Year Associate with the American Law firm Cleary Gottlieb.

Paul Knipe, OH 1993 - 2000
Paul Knipe, is a Communications Executive for the London Borough of Hackney. Our hope is that he still finds time for that expressive saxophone we admired at school concerts.

Juliet Lewis, OH 1982 - 1989
Juliet is teaching in a primary school near Trowbridge and lives in Bath.

Michael J G Lewis, OH 1985 - 1990
Michael, (Ph.D Manchester – Science and Engineering, 2000), has been working for the research and development section of Infieon but has returned to England.

Nansi Lewis, OH 1981 - 1986
Nansi is a solicitor with Gabbs at Leominster. She is married with two children.

Clive A Loader, OH 1964-1970
Clive Loader FSI, joined a local firm of stockbrokers in 1971. Following many company name changes, mergers and takeovers he is now Divisional Director in charge of the Hereford office of Brewin Dolphin.

Laura Morris, OH 1991-1998
Laura Morris graduated from Loughborough University with 1st Class Honours in International Business. She is currently an Account Director at Nunwood Consulting, an International Insight agency based in Leeds, where she is managing a portfolio of clients including Standard Life, Next and OCR. A great believer in lifelong learning, Laura is currently studying towards a CIM diploma in Marketing.

Chris Noon, OH 1990 - 1997
Chris Noon and his wife live in County Durham. Having recently graduated in Law from the University of Northumbria, Chris is now working, mostly on criminal cases, in a legal practice in Hartlepool.

Tim Noon, OH 1984 - 1991
Tim Noon has moved on from St Davids, where he was Organist and Master of the Choristers, for pastures new in Liverpool, designated European City of Culture in 2008. In August of this year he took up his new post as Director of Music at Liverpool's Cathedral of Christ the King.

Ioan Overton, OH 1982
Ioan Overton is Project Manager for an IT consultancy. He is currently engaged on work for Barclaycard at Northampton and lives at Newport Pagnell.

Katy Price, OH 1990 - 1997
Katy Price is in business in Hay-on-Wye. Old Herefordians visiting the town and needing to update their mobile phones would be warmly welcomed at Communikate near the Town Clock.

Jon Priday, OH 1969 –1976
Jon Priday has just recently retired from the Presidency of the Staff

Common Room at HCS. Jon still continues to be a highly popular teacher of Mathematics at the school and has recently taken on the extra responsibility of Examinations Officer.

Siobhan Procter (née Seaman), OH
Siobhan Procter is living in Wellington, New Zealand with her husband and children.

Christina Robinson, OH 1996-2002
Christina Robinson is teaching Latin, Greek, Biology, Physics and Chemistry at Woking High School. As if that weren't enough, she is also editor of the British Morgan Horse Society Magazine.

John Robinson, OH 1997 - 2001
John Robinson is the Assistant Organist at Carlisle Cathedral, where he recently recorded his second CD, this time with Priory Records, to considerable acclaim from the critics. In August he married Emma Kerry at the Oratory School in London, where she teaches English.

Chris Rider, OH 1969-1976
Chris Rider has recently been appointed as Defence Attaché to the British Embassy in Amman after a year of learning Arabic. He becomes responsible for advising on all aspects of Defence policy and relations with Jordan. His recent appointments have included the post of Head of the Security Policy Unit for the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations in Kosovo and the post of Chief Planner for the Civilian Police Advisory and Training Team in Baghdad. He has also authored for the MOD a report on the personnel aspects of future basing for all three Services. He is married to Sabine and they have 3 children aged between 23 and 19.

Thomas Piers Seaman, OH 1997-2001
Thomas Seaman is a Senior Armourer in the RAF and has been serving in Basra, Iraq.

Paddy Shave, OH 1980 - 1987
Paddy Shave has run the Hop Pocket Wine Company with his wife Jane since 1999 and they live in Bishops Frome with their two children. Paddy also acts as wine consultant to Brightwells Auctioneers and may be contacted via paddy.shave@brightwells.com by any OH who wants to get in touch.

Clare Sherwood (née Tomlinson), OH 1974-1981
Clare Sherwood is living with her husband Simon and Oliver, 3 and Katy,10 months, in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. She is Head of History at Wycombe Abbey.

Nicholas Vaughan, OH 1994 - 2001
Nico Vaughan attended HCS between 1994 and 2001. He studied archaeology at Cardiff University and has worked at the Council for British Research in the Levant, Jordan. He is currently completing an archaeological survey of the Black Mountains, Powys. He wrote and performed music for Kaloi K'agathoi's production of 'The Frogs' (2002 and 2003) and provided two songs for 'Clouds' (see review page 2). He likes tea.

Michael Walling, OH 1974 - 1981
Michael Walling is living in Enfield with his wife Nisha and children (Hari, 4 and Amba, 2). He is Artistic Director of Border Crossings (www.bordercrossings.org.uk), a company working in inter-cultural theatre. During 2007 he directed The Dilemma of a Ghost for the company (in association with the National Theatre of Ghana) and edited a book on theatre and slavery. Michael also directs opera: most recently Nixon in China for the National Opera of Greece in Athens. He teaches regularly at Rose Bruford College and has been invited to lecture in Ningbo, China this December.

John Wear, OH 1996 - 2002
John has completed his army training and passed out from Sandhurst on 10 August 2007. He has joined the 3rd Parachute Regiment as 2nd Lieutenant.

Liz Wells (née Rhodes), OH 1977-1984
Liz Wells lives in Repton, Derbyshire with husband Nick and their two daughters. Liz teaches EFL and helps with Learning Support at both Foremarke Hall and Repton School.

Jeremy Wilding, OH 1974-1981
Jeremy Wilding is now Chairman of the Hereford Three Choirs Festival and has been appointed as a trustee of the Old Herefordian Fund.

Adam P Williams, OH 1970 – 1977
Adam Williams lives with his wife and four children in Germany. He works in the European Space Agency at Darmstadt and is currently commuting weekly between there and Toulouse, France, overseeing simulation training programmes for sending an unmanned addition to the international Space Station. In his spare time he trains for triathlons and runs his own model trains.

Dominic Williams, OH 1972 – 1979
Dominic Williams is settled in France with a French wife, son and daughter. He manages language training in Aeroports de Paris, commuting between Orly, Charles de Gaulle and Paris HQ. Having formed his first rock group in 1975, he still regularly plays bass guitar. After nearly a quarter of a century in Provence and Paris he remains nostalgic for lamb with mint sauce and pints of bitter in an English country pub.

Peter Williams, OH 1940 - 48
Peter Williams is father to Adam and Dominic and is still, 53 unbroken years on, involved in OH matters, maintaining a minatory presence on the OH Committee and manoeuvring among the assets of the Old Herefordian Fund. In his spare time he was elected as an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society as a documentary photographer, and, having won a national open competition in poetry speaking, has been heard this year strutting his stuff at the Ledbury Poetry Festival, and at the Dartington International Summer Music School.

ACADEMIC CONGRATULATIONS

Mary Brown, OH 1997 -2003
Mary has graduated from Van Mildert College, Durham University, and was awarded a BSC Honours (IIi) degree in Geography.

Chris Cullen, OH 1997 – 2004
Chris, who was Head of School 2003-4, graduated from St. Catherine's College, Cambridge with a II.i in Economics in July 2007. He has spent his past two summer vacations on trading internships with Barclays Capital at Canary Wharf and will return, full-time, to the same team in foreign exchange next year. In his year off he hopes to "do a ski season" as a barman in the French Alps and will then travel around South America with a university friend.

Kerrith Davies, OH 1997 – 2003
In 2006, Kerrith was awarded a First Class Honours degree in Ancient and Modern History from Christ Church College, Oxford.

Amy Hudson, OH 1997 - 2003
Amy was awarded an MChem (IIi) degree in Chemistry from Jesus College, Oxford.

Christopher Kelly, OH 1997 - 2003
Christopher has graduated from the University of Kent with an honours degree in Business Administration.

Matthew James Longbottom, OH 1997 - 2003
Matthew graduated with a first class honours degree from Brunel University in July 2006.

Lee Shutler, OH 1976-1984
Lee Shutler has been awarded an MA TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) from Canterbury Christ Church University in Kent. He is currently working for the British Council in Seoul, South Korea. He can be contacted on leehls65@yahoo.co.uk

The Editor is very grateful to Mr. Richard Rhodes for his help in compiling 'OH Spotlight'.

OHS KEEPING-IN-TOUCH

Mr Brookes and Mr Glover

Following the article by former HCS teacher and CCF Officer, Bill Glover (Newsletter 2005), a small reunion took place on 1st October 2006.

Around a dozen OHs - although there were several who would have liked to come but couldn't make it – and HCS Headmaster, Paul Smith, gathered at Bill Glover's house. Four of the group - Norman Stanier, Jeremy Clare, Richard Andrews and Nigel Austin – were involved in arduous Training Camps in the CCF in the late 1960s, and that was what prompted this gathering. Bill Glover and John Brooke were of course officers in the CCF as well as being schoolmasters.

This photograph was taken in Bill's back garden:



Left to right: Kate Clare, Nigel Austin, Norman Stanier, Jeremy Clare, Ann Stanier, Paul Smith, Marion Glover, Helen Austin, Bill Glover, Richard Andrews, John Brookes, Trudy Brookes.

G R G Jones and F A Crossman 1948-1954

Recently, Frank Crossman and his wife Davina travelled to Adelaide, South Australia, to meet up with Ron Jones and his wife Ann.

"So on New Year's Day '07 there was a BBQ at Ron and Ann's place for lunch then at Glenelg for afternoon tea. The evening meal was at a Mongolian restaurant. Quite a busy day! What a lot of reminiscences and laughter.

Some years ago Frank's brother John, in Cairns, bumped into Derek (Tommy) Farr and got talking. The upshot was that Tommy rang Frank to arrange a meeting. He also rang Ron to tell him the news. Ron was in Katherine, Northern Territory and Frank was in Romsey, Victoria. Unfortunately Derek died in Western Australia before the meet could take place but Ron and Frank have been in touch for several years.

We would love to hear from any of our contemporaries. Ron's email is ***grgjones@hotmail.com****".*



Ron Jones and Frank Crossman

Class of '75

In January 2007, the 'old girls' from the class of 1975 – 1980/82 met up for lunch at the home of Anna Ellis (née Brookes).

Some hadn't met for at least twenty-five years but everyone recognised each other which was quite a relief! A wonderful time was had by all and future gatherings are planned so please make contact via the Old Herefordians Club.



The photograph shows back row (left to right): Jamie and Elizabeth (Liz) Porter with daughter Jane, Suzanna Lifely (née Watkins), Jackie Chapman (née Croudace), Rosemary Pritchard, Alison Jones (née Bowler), Jackie Volostov's daughter, Jackie Volostov (née Smith) and partner, Karen Macdonald (née Glover), Ruth Kramer and Catherine Perry (recently married this summer to become Jenkins. Congratulations!). Front row: Steven Katona with Sophia, Annie Katona (née Roberts) with Lara and Nadia, Jackie Volostov's son, Sian Alderton (née James), Anna Ellis (née Brookes) and Nicola James-Moore. Apologies were received from Caroline Critchley (née Abell), Tamlyn Rabey and Anne Cianchi (née Bladon).

Graham Royan, OH 1985-1989

Graham Royan and his wife Donna recently made a visit to the UK. They have two children, Jessica and Thomas, and they live in South Africa.



REUNION WITH FAMILIES YEAR GROUP 1985 -1990

Saturday 26th April 2008

12.30 onwards

Music, food and Children's Entertainment

Do you remember?

Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Williams (née Vater), Mrs Wooderson (née Sharp), Mr Taylor, Mr Priday and Mr Shutt. They are all still here!!!

Please come along with your families and meet Mr Paul Smith (new headmaster) and look around the school. Share your memories with everyone!!!

Reunions are a wonderful way in which to re-connect with your year group and catch up with news from school friends. Many lifelong friendships are formed at HCS and a reunion is a great opportunity to rekindle those friendships and relive shared experiences, as well as building fruitful business relationships.

Reunions are also important to HCS because, through alumni gatherings the school shares in the lives and achievements of former students and guests are able to share news about developments at HCS.

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MARRIAGES

Angharad Fitzgerald-Lewis, OH 1990 – 1997

The marriage of Angharad Fitzgerald-Lewis (OH 1990 – 1997) and Edward Gamble took place on Saturday 16th June 2007 at the Lady Chapel of Hereford Cathedral and afterwards at Moccas Court, Moccas.

Bridesmaids were Tyleri Fitzgerald (OH 2000 – 2007), Holly Morris (OH), Gemma Billig (née Pratt OH), Melissa Whitehouse (OH), Alice Ventham and Alexandra Gamble.

Other OH guests included Tessa Harrison (née Alcock), Sarah Compton (née Tomlinson), Tim Compton, Hannah Meredith (née Whittal), Grizel Clouston, Adam Billig and Jake Lightowler.

Melanie Evans and Alistair Fleming, OHs 1984 -1991

Melanie Evans and Alistair Fleming were married in Eye Church in August 2007.

Melanie writes *"Alistair and I met as 11 year olds at HCS in September 1984 in what was then Mr Theakston's class "1M". We shared strikingly similar backgrounds – we were both only-children of veterinary surgeons married to teachers; both brought up in somewhat isolated but blissful rural homes surrounded by animal rescues from our respective father's surgeries. Romantic interest in each other was a recurring theme but was always unrequited on one side or the other throughout school days and our twenties.*

Shortly after an OH Dinner and Dance (marking Dr Tomlinson's retirement) in December 2004, true romance finally blossomed. Our thanks to Torie Darke for organising a table at that fateful event!

Alistair proposed in Old Town, Salzburg after a skiing holiday in March 2007. We married on 25 August 2007 in Eye Church, North Herefordshire and the next day, Alistair whisked me away on a surprise holiday to The Seychelles. All-in-all, a pretty good start to married life!"



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Old Herefordian guests, (1984 to 1991 unless otherwise stated), from left to right are:

Emma Marks (née Rogers), Matthew Bridgland-Taylor, Bethan Harvey (née Deakins), Andrew Harrower, James Pratt 1983 – 1990, Mark Wyszynski, Paul Izon, Natalie Morris, Sam Lister (née Baker), Dominic Voyce (previously Barton-Hill), Philippa Mayo 1986 – 1991, Suki Carpenter (née Austen-Adams), Steve Thomas, Anna Thomas (née Wyszynski) 1985 – 1990, Victoria Darke (née Havard) 1983 – 1990, Toni Quinlan, Rachel Mears (née Hope) 1986 – 1991, Anthony Mears 1985 – 1992, Sarah Mahoney (née Shallcross), Robina Farrimond (née Lloyd) 1982 – 1989.

Tara Miles, OH 1986 – 1995

Tara Miles married Julian Kelly on 4 August 2007.

The marriage took place at Pencoyd Church, Herefordshire, and the reception was held at the family home in Harewood End; the catering was supplied by Chris Owen, OH. Tara and Julian live in Bicester.



Tara Miles and Julian Kelly

BIRTHS

Julie Harries, OH

Julie is pleased to announce the arrival of Bethan Rose North, born 21 April 2007 at Neville Hall Hospital, Abergavenny.

Julie, who works for the Hereford Times, Chris and Bethan live in Hay-on-Wye.

Justin Miles, OH

Justin and Joanne Miles are pleased to announce the arrival of baby daughter Isabel, born 28 July 2007.

At one week old, Isabel was the youngest guest to attend the wedding of her aunt Tara!

NOTABLE OLD HEREFORDIANS

A Distinguished Old Herefordian and Somerset Scholar.

I have recently been doing some research on Somerset scholars for a lecture* I am giving for the Cathedral Friends on the life and legacy of Sarah, fourth Duchess of Somerset (1631-92). *[*The Edward Tomlinson Memorial Lecture, Thursday 15th November, 7 pm College Hall. A few tickets are still available: 01432-274783].*

Fred Weatherly KC (1848-1929) was one of the most distinguished of all the 400 or so Old Herefordians who gained Somerset scholarships to Oxford and Cambridge over the 300 years of their existence (from c. 1680-1980).

The eldest son of a country doctor from Portishead, he was educated at HCS in the 1860s, gaining a Philpottine exhibition and Somerset scholarship to Brasenose College in 1867. He stayed at Oxford, as a university coach, for some years after graduating before qualifying as a barrister and moving to London and then Bath. At school and university, he had started writing poems – winning poetry prizes in the sixth form and reciting his own congratulatory ode on the installation of the Marquis of Salisbury as Chancellor of Oxford. Subsequently, he wrote several thousand popular songs, at least 1500 of which were published, including 'Danny Boy' (1912), 'Roses of Picardy' (1916) and, of course, 'Floreat' (the school song). He is described in the new *Dictionary of National Biography* as having written '*the words of many of the most popular songs in the English-speaking world for over half a century*'.

Fred Weatherly was a loyal OH – he even edited the *Herefordian* for a couple of issues – who looked back upon his school days with considerable fondness. '*My love of music*', he wrote, '*found a genial soil at Hereford*'. Some things never change.

Howard Tomlinson





A NOTABLE SCHOOL

Hereford Cathedral School is listed in the first *Public Schools Year Book* published in 1889. Only thirty-six schools are recorded, including Radley Charterhouse, Eton, Harrow, Westminster and Winchester.

Following the forming of the Clarendon Commission in 1861, a nationwide investigation of the great schools occurred. This enormous investigation was undertaken to cover not only the foremost schools but also many others throughout the country. Hundreds of inspectors were so engaged. The Clarendon Commission was closely followed by the Headmasters' Conference.

Competition was aggressive to ensure recognition and standards required would be unacceptable in today's climate; schools had to be expensive enough to exclude the "lower classes and lower middle classes", to be principally boarding and provide an education based upon the classics.

To be included in the first recognised list of Public Schools was an immense achievement when one considers those not mentioned.

When the Public Schools Club merged with the East India Club, schools were listed by reference to their foundation, by being named on the main staircase at the entrance hall. In ascending order, it was a tie between Hereford and Kings School, Canterbury.

Peter J Swain, OH 1950 - 1955

ISTANBUL BOUND

On reading of the retirement of Mr Jim Dunn (OH Newsletter 2006), Alistair Sutherland (OH 1974 - 1976) was prompted to send this photograph of the Istanbul trip leaving Castle Street.

This was the 8th July 1976 (the photo appeared in the *Hereford Evening News* the next day), the start of a 30 day, 5,300 mile trip.



Left to right: Alistair Sutherland, Nick Wallis, Steve Adams, Kev Riley, Martin Nicholson (standing up out of the bus door), David Topham (partially hidden by door), Chris Brooks, Mike Langford, Jim Dunn (with map) and Andrew Sheldon.

SCHOOL MEMORIES

Taken from the memoir of the late Alan Leighton Davis, OH 1936 - 1943

"...I had come second in the Hereford Scholarship. I was offered a scholarship of £50 a year against boarding fees at that time (unbelievably) of £98 a year.

Long and anxious discussions took place to which I was sometimes a party. My father did not believe that he could afford even the limited fees he would have to pay, and it was with great reluctance that my mother had to telephone Hereford to say that I could not take up my scholarship for that reason. Their reaction was to increase my scholarship offer to the biggest, I think, the School had ever given up to then. They offered me a scholarship of £73 per annum leaving total fees, including boarding, of £25 per annum to be paid.

I said I would like to go to Hereford and my parents agreed. Buying the uniform was exciting and I was equipped with the regulation grey suit and the necessary games togs. On Sundays in those days we still used to wear the awful bum freezer suits which I think were de rigueur at Eton, with mortarboards.

I was allocated to Langford House which was perhaps a mile or so from the main School and which contained about 25 or 30 boys of varying age groups. Harry Wardle and his wife ran Langford House. Harry was a rowing man with immense shoulders but had suffered some crippling accident – it may have been the First World War – which made him walk with a pronounced limp. I did not like Mrs. Wardle. This was probably because she was fairly harsh at bath time, but mainly because our last meal of the day, tea, consisted invariably of pieces of bread and margarine. We were encouraged to bring jam and things like that from home. The trouble was that the bread and margarine having been cut was put on large plates covered with a large tea cloth which had obviously been washed or disinfected in some substance which smelt like methylated spirits. It affected everything it touched, and it was only our massive hunger which drove us to eat this awful muck. Breakfast generally consisted of beans on toast with sometimes a sausage or a piece of bacon. We had to come back to the house for lunch which I remember as being reasonably substantial although not very appetising.

On Fridays fish was invariably served. Jeff Timms, who was a little older than I was, hated fish and resolutely refused to eat it. Every Friday he was told to eat his fish; every Friday he refused; and every Friday was given four strokes on the backside with the cane by the House Master.

It is strange how pain figured so much in my life at Hereford without – as far as I am aware – leaving the slightest psychological mark on me, or chip on my shoulder. In the study below our dormitory two sixth-formers were studying hard for Oxbridge scholarships, Mac Ricketts, who was a very good fullback at Rugby and a cricketer, was Head of the House, and Louis Fleming-Jones, really rather an idol of mine, who both obtained scholarships either to Oxford or Cambridge. Every evening they would arrive in the dormitory and say to us "We know that you are going to talk and we know that you will break the rules. We are not going to interrupt our studies by coming upstairs to stop you unless you make so much noise that we cannot work. Therefore we will give you a small whacking now to remind you of what it will be like if you do make such a noise that we are forced to come upstairs." And they duly gave us a couple of whacks each on our pyjama-clad bottoms.

One of the great joys was to go to the playing fields before breakfast, which were not far from the house, to swim in the River Wye. All the mornings seemed to be sunlit. There always seemed to be dew on the grass and we swam like young porpoises for about half-an-hour whenever possible."

OBITUARIES

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

Peter Arrowsmith, OH 1951 – 1957
Peter Arrowsmith died on 22 October 2006.

Francis Berry, OH
Professor Francis Berry died 10 October 2006, aged 91 years.

Robert H Field, OH 1951 – 1957
Robert Field came from Newport, Monmouthshire and joined the school in 1951 as a boarder in Deanery House.
Robert was a keen sportsman, taking part in most sports, and was a member of the School Boxing Team. His main interest, however, was rowing and he was a cox in the HCS Boat Club, winning the Junior Sculls Cup in 1954. He went on to gain 1st IV colours in 1955, helping to win several trophies for the school at various regattas.

As well as being a member of the School Choir, Robert was also an active member of various extra-curricular activities throughout his time at the Cathedral School, which included the Debating Society, Photographic Society, Chess Club and the Jazz Appreciation Society. He was also a Corporal in the CCF, gaining his Certificate 'A' in shooting.

On leaving Hereford he attended Portsmouth College of Technology and eventually entered the insurance industry. He was qualified as an IFA.

Robert Field died in August 2007 at the age of 66.

John E S Gagg (later known as John Gage),
OH 1952 - 1960
John Gage was born in 1941 and attended St Martin's Primary School before joining HCS as a dayboy during the Fifties. He was remembered as a larger-than life character, a keen rugby player and one of the first to learn Spanish at HCS.

On leaving school John went to Manchester University and gained a First Class BA Honours degree in Modern History with Economics & Politics. His first job was as Marketing Manager for Food Brokers Limited in Kingston-upon-Thames between 1964 and 1966. He then joined the Economics & Politics Dept. at the University of Aston in Birmingham as a lecturer, where he stayed for 2 years.

John, who emigrated to Australia in 1968, lectured at the Australian National University in Canberra, where he stayed until retirement in 2006. As well as becoming a senior lecturer at the School of Economics, Faculty of Economics & Commerce, he also became Deputy Director, National Europe Centre. He was later appointed Director of the Latin American Center in Canberra where he lived with his third wife Monika.

John died of cancer on 7 July 2007. A memorial service later took place at The Europe Centre in Canberra, where he was praised and honoured by his family and many of his friends and colleagues.

Wynne Llewelyn (Griff) Griffiths, OH 1933 -1940
It is with regret that I advise the passing of my father Wynne Llewelyn (Griff) Griffiths, on 9th June 2006 aged 84, peacefully at home after a short illness.

While at Hereford he excelled at sports coxing the 1st IV in '38 with three wins at Marlow Regatta losing to Cheltenham College, played for 1st XV and captained the 1st XI in '40 - won 8, drew 2, lost 1.

After leaving Hereford he enlisted in Royal Air Force Auxiliary and was subsequently sent to Canada to learn to fly. Excelling as a pilot he was kept in Canada as an instructor returning to the UK in 1944. After the war, as a commissioned officer in the RAF, he flew mostly Mosquitos and Meteors attaining the rank of Squadron Leader. After retiring from the RAF he moved to Oxfordshire where he joined Oxfam and put his knowledge of the flying world to good use organising airlifts of aid around the world.



Howard P G Griffiths,
OH 1957 - 1962

Wilfrid F Moreton, OH 1935 – 1942
Wilfrid Moreton was born in 1924, the first of three children of Canon and Mrs Moreton. When Canon Moreton was appointed a member of the clergy at Hereford Cathedral, his family took up residence within the cathedral precinct.
Wilfrid joined the school in 1935, later serving his country overseas during World War II as an officer.

After the war he entered the teaching profession and taught in several schools in the south of England before moving up to Yorkshire where he remained for the rest of his career.

Wilfrid was a tremendous supporter of the OH Club and always made a point of keeping in touch with his former school after leaving Herefordshire. Despite his declining health in recent years he still showed a continued interest in OH matters, often submitting articles and news items for The Herefordian magazine.

Graham E Morris, OH 1939 – 1946
Graham Morris died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 78 after a long battle with cancer.

He was born on 2nd August 1928 and, on leaving the Cathedral School just after the WW II, joined the Royal Air Force where he later took up an Officers commission and trained in radar operations both in the UK and overseas.

On becoming a civilian, he entered the teaching profession and later became a senior lecturer in science, electronics and IT at Hatfield Polytechnic. He married Elizabeth, also a teacher, in 1968 and they lived in Hatfield.

Matthew Nelson, OH 1974 – 1978
Matthew Nelson died on 8 October 2006, aged 38.

Anthony David Nuttall, OH 1948 - 1954
Professor Anthony Nuttall FBA, who died suddenly in Oxford on 24 January 2007 aged 69, was a noted Shakespeare scholar and one of the finest literary critics of his generation.

He was born 25 April 1937, the younger son of a Hereford schoolmaster; his brother was the late Jeff Nuttall, author of

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Bomb Culture (1968). He attended HCS and Watford Grammar and in 1955 he went up to Merton College, Oxford, to read Classical Moderations and, later, English. It was here, with Iris Murdoch as his graduate supervisor, that he developed his interest in the interface between literature and philosophy. His book Two Concepts of Allegory (1967) was based on his Oxford BLitt thesis and he followed this in 1974 with another important book A Common Sky: Philosophy and the Literary Imagination. He always published as "A D Nuttall" and continued to publish many well-respected books during his career – A New Mimesis (1983), Why Does Tragedy Give Pleasure? (1996), Openings (1992), and Dead from the Waist Down (2003) are perhaps the best known and Shakespeare the Thinker is due to be published in April.

In 1962 he was appointed assistant lecturer at the University of Sussex and taught there for more than 20 years, being appointed professor in the 1970s and eventually being promoted to Pro-Vice-Chancellor. In 1984 he took the opportunity to return to Oxford, teaching at New College, and was appointed to a personal chair in 1992 and was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1997. He retired from teaching in 2003.

Anthony Nuttall was renowned for his engaging style as a lecturer, his helpful comments to undergraduates and his dedication and efficiency in performing his administrative duties. Above all, he was noted for his geniality.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, whom he married in 1960 and their son and daughter.

Harry B Singer, OH 1932 – 1939



Harry Singer died on the 12th October 2005 at the age of 84. My father was at HCS immediately before the war and joined the Army in 1940. He served in the Royal Artillery as an officer and, among other campaigns, he landed in Normandy two days after the invasion commenced in 1944.

He was articled as a Chartered Accountant to his father in Bridgend in South Wales shortly before the outbreak of war and resumed his studies immediately after his demob. He joined his father in partnership when he qualified and continued in practice until his retirement. In 1981 he was accorded the honour of being elected President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

At school he studied classics and represented his school at rugby and rowing. Two contemporaries of his whom I met shortly after his death recalled how he was a full back with a powerful kick. He would kick goals from the half way line. This was in the days when a heavy leather ball containing a "bladder" was used!

He was awarded the OBE in 1995 for services to charity: He was the National Treasurer to SSAFA, who care for ex servicemen and women.

His brother, Geoffrey (OH 40-46) was at the school during the war years. He was a medical GP in Yately, Hampshire for many years and saw it grow from a small village to a huge commuter town. He died in 2000.

Andrew Singer, OH 1957 - 1964

James Stearns, OH 1954 - 1958

James Stearns was a former School House resident who had joined HCS from Courshorne and Dulwich Prep.

James was a farmer by profession and lived in Kent. As well as eventually becoming a local Tory Councillor, he was a founder member of the Cranbrook Rugby Club, having been a former player, then more recently as Club President. Latterly he ran a bed & breakfast business within Sissinghurst Castle, Kent, with his wife Pat, with whom he had been married for over 40 years

James unfortunately suffered an aneurysm whilst on board a BA flight about to take off from Johannesburg bound for London. He and Pat had just completed a well-earned holiday in Southern Africa. A Thanksgiving & Memorial Service was held at St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook and the small church was full to capacity with family and friends, some of the mourners being former HCS students from The Fifties era.

John Brian Upton, (OH 1936 – 1947)



John Upton died suddenly on 18 November 2006, aged 76, at home watching England playing rugby against South Africa.

John joined the Prep School in 1936 and spent the war years in 'Big School' where he particularly enjoyed sporting activities, representing the school in rugby, cricket and shooting. He spent much of his spare time in the countryside, working and playing on farms and fly-fishing with his father at Eardisland.

He was articled for five years to the City Engineer and at 21 left Hereford to join Peter Lind, a firm of civil engineers in London, working on major construction projects across the country, knowing that he wanted to work in the open air.

While doing his National Service in the RAF he met his wife, Dorothy, and they married in 1956. After the arrival of two daughters, the family moved to the Birmingham area where John worked for George Wimpey, living first in Castle Bromwich and moving to Sutton Coldfield in 1965. Enjoying his work enormously, he became Managing Director of Wates Construction (Midlands), responsible for all contracts outside London and one of the most competent and respected men in the industry. To quote from a letter received from a business associate at the time of his death *"I cannot think of an incident at work or play when John was other than straightforward and in charge - he left no bad memories"*.

By the time he retired in 1990, two granddaughters and three grandsons had arrived, who gave him untold pleasure. During his sixteen years of retirement he harked back to his boyhood pursuits, enjoying fly-fishing on the River Dove in Derbyshire, shooting with his dog in Warwickshire, playing golf and bowls at local clubs in Sutton Coldfield and just being in the countryside.

Besides his family, John was never happier than when he was spending time with his many friends, chatting and, above all, laughing.

John always said that he'd had a marvellous life and he considered himself a very fortunate man. In the way that he died he most certainly was - England was actually in the lead and went on to win the game!

Mrs. Dorothy J Upton

SCHOOL NEWS

A level and GCSE results


Headmaster, Paul Smith

"This year's A level results were once again, very good. In total, 40% of the grades achieved were A grades and 63% were either A or B.

For the second year running, two Art students have scored marks in the top five country-wide. Congratulations to Elizabeth Marlow and Rhiannon Williams, who have won AQA Board prizes for their stunning achievement. Congratulations must also go to the Art department for maintaining such consistently high standards over the years.

The GCSE results included the highest number of A* and A grades ever achieved: nearly 60% of all grades were either A* or A. Both Emily Tompkins and Joseph Fisher achieved all A*s and another eight students secured all A*s and A grades. Congratulations to Richard Watkins who scored one of the top five marks in the country for Economics.

Not to be outdone, all twenty-four Year 10 (4th year) pupils taking GCSE Maths a year early secured an A* grade.

New pupils and new staff

At the start of the new academic year, September 2007, we welcomed 78 new pupils to our first year - the highest number for some years - as well as new pupils to Year 8 (second year), Year 9 (third year), Year 10 (fourth year) and the Lower Sixth.

Increasing numbers in both the junior and senior schools reflect the confidence that pupils and parents have in the excellent co-educational experience that HCS provides. I have been heartened by the number of prospective and current HCS parents who have spoken to me with such obvious enthusiasm and appreciation for the school and for the way in which it is developing.

At the start of the term, we also welcomed two new members of staff to the junior school and four new senior school staff:

Mr Meurig Thomas is the junior school's new Director of Music, and Miss Rhian Scott, a Year 1 teacher.

In the senior school, Mrs Samantha Price is our new Deputy Head, responsible for pastoral care. Mrs Price joins us from King's School, Canterbury where she was a Housemistress of a girls' boarding house. Mrs Price teaches History of Art and History.

Mrs Rhian Floyd joins us from Aylestone School as our new Head of Geography. In addition to being an excellent Geography teacher, Mrs Floyd is also a Commonwealth Games target rifle shot.

Mr Michael Jackson joins the Economics Department and will also teach ICT. Mr Jackson was head of ICT at Weobley High School and, although Economics is his first subject, his expertise at ICT will be a great asset to the school. With the initial "M" and the surname "Jackson" there will inevitably be some confusion when referring to the Economics Department's staff!

Miss Gallagher, a recent History graduate from Sussex University, replaces Mr Gregory as our new Music Administrator. We also have five gap year students. Carrie Brown and George Ryan are based at the junior school whilst Henry Lort, Pippa Blandford and Will Boyd-Thomas join the senior school.

Our new rowing coach is Miss E Hoskins who will work alongside Ms Delicata. Miss Hoskins has considerable experience, having recently been sponsored by the Amateur Rowing Association to do an MA in Sports Development Coaching at the University of Wales Institute of Cardiff. She is currently assistant coach to the Welsh national rowing team".

TRIPS

Choir USA tour

The Hereford Cathedral Choir made its third visit to the United States in October 2006.

This was the choir's first tour of America's west coast. The busy schedule involved singing in services and giving concerts in churches and cathedrals in five different cities, culminating in a service sung jointly with the choir of Grace Cathedral, San Francisco.


Choir at Golden Gate Bridge

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Nepal

In October 2006, an intrepid group of pupils, staff and parents made an expedition to Nepal. HCS CCF has been organising visits to the Himalayas since 1998. The visit combines challenging trekking in the mountains with learning about life in Ghachok village and supporting Shree Sharada school.


HCS climbers on the Khorpa Danda Ridge at 4000 metres.

Prague and Krakow

In an exciting 'First' for the Religious Studies Department, twenty pupils from the fourth to sixth forms visited the Czech Republic and Poland during February half-term. In the dead of night the group left a glittering Hereford shivering under a blanket of snow to arrive in a dazzling Prague bathed in unseasonably warm sunshine. After a guided tour of this most beautiful medieval city, visiting the cathedral, churches and historic monuments, there was time to shop! Before departing for Poland, pupils visited the Jewish Quarter synagogues and museums including the artwork of children captive in Terezin during the Second World War.

In Krakow, the fascinating ancient capital of Poland, the group visited the Jewish ghetto and Oscar Schindler's factory. Most memorably, the pupils listened to an account by a Holocaust survivor, not Jewish himself, whose family had sheltered a Jewish family whilst at the same time billeting Nazi officers in their home. The trip culminated in a tour of the Auschwitz-Birkenau complex at Oswiecim, which profoundly affected each individual.


HCS pupils on the Charles Bridge, Prague

Chernobyl children

Children affected by the Chernobyl nuclear accident visited HCS in the summer term. Second year pupils, who had raised money towards the visit, entertained the children and their interpreters with a music and magic show.



Chernobyl children in the Gilbert Library

CCF NEWS

Cadets from Hereford Cathedral School CCF won the Combined Cadet Force Trophy on Sunday 4th March 07. This event takes place annually and is held at Sywnnerton Training Camp in Staffordshire.

The event comprises of four phases, an inspection, a timed race across an obstacle course, a speed march and the final phase is a shoot which is marked. The competition lasts a day and is hotly contested each year by teams from all the West Midlands.



The shoot and march team

VC-10 Flight

HCS pupil, Douglas Webb was chosen to experience life as an RAF Airman for a few days in January. As a supernumerary crew member on a VC-10 passenger flight flying from RAF Brize Norton to RAF Akrotiri in Cyprus, Douglas was invited to travel on the flight-deck.

"The first thing I realised was both pilots didn't have any hands on the control column! ... The captain took me through all the basic systems of the VC-10, showing me the role of the major controls. I was shown what the navigator and engineer were doing, and I was shown how they actually find their way to the destination using what seemed like a very complex and confusing flight-path map."

Despite the VC-10 developing a major electrical fault before the return flight, Douglas had *"A truly great experience"*.



Douglas Webb

SPORT

Cricket Tour



Cathedral School cricketers toured South Africa in February

Marches Sevens



HCS v St Edwards in the quarter final – lost

© J.A.Taylor

This year the Marches Sevens was played in atrocious conditions and by the time the final was contested between Llandovery College and Filton College it was almost impossible to spot the difference in colours. Llandovery, who had looked powerful all day and had already knocked out Millfield, proved to be too strong and won the trophy for the second time on this the thirtieth anniversary of the tournament. Our boys had a good run finally losing in the Quarter-finals.

Can you put names to these faces?

If you can, please email Helen Pearson at the Development Office - development@hcjs.co.uk







RETIREMENTS

Anne Bigley



Mrs Bigley, Deputy Head Pastoral, has retired after twenty-five years at Hereford Cathedral School.

She graduated from Manchester University with a joint honours degree in Economics, History and Politics. Initially working in marketing for Proctor and Gamble, she later became an exams officer for the Bar Council and then a teacher of History. Mrs Bigley was appointed to HCS as a part-time Economics, junior Geography and History teacher in 1983, by the then Headmaster, Mr Barry Sutton. In her time at HCS, she has taught all those subjects, been Head of Economics, Head of Economics and History, Head of Cornwall House, a member of the Senior Management team and in recent years Deputy Head Pastoral. In addition she has contributed to many areas of school life: a sixth form tutor, girls' games, especially hockey, careers advice, Coordinator of extra-curricular activities, Coordinator of Activity Days, PSHE, Duke of Edinburgh awards, PTA Committee... and much more.

Mrs Bigley is also an ISI School Inspector and has been responsible for mentoring newly qualified teachers as well as overseeing the induction of all new staff to HCS.

However, it is in her role as Pastoral Deputy that Mrs Bigley has made the biggest contribution to our pupils, staff and parents and many are greatly indebted to the wise counsel and caring approach that Mrs Bigley has taken towards their individual concerns. We thank Mrs Bigley for a quarter of a century of service to Hereford Cathedral School and wish her and her husband Len much happiness.

RETIREMENTS

Guy Rawlinson



"Mr Rawlinson: a truly colourful character who has been much needed and immensely valued and who will be greatly missed."

Following outstanding academic success at Merchant Taylors School, Guy Rawlinson won a scholarship to King's College Cambridge where he continued to win further prizes and scholarships. When Guy decided to enter the teaching profession the Senior Tutor at King's described him as '*the highest powered scholar to go into teaching from this college for forty years*'.

In 1970 he started his first teaching post at Kingston Grammar School. In 1972 he started teaching at Cornwall College, not however in the West Country but in Montego Bay, Jamaica. At Newcastle-under-Lyme School, from 1974 – 87, he taught Latin, Ancient History, Greek, IT and Microelectronics; he was rapidly promoted to Head of Classics and later Deputy Vice Principal.

Dr Tomlinson appointed him the first ever Deputy Head at HCS from a field of 200 hopeful applicants in 1988. He has done so much in his time at HCS, it might be easier to list what he has not! He has been in charge of Parents' Evenings, Staff and Monitor duties, Invigilation timetable, staff cover, Mail day, staff Handbook, furnishing of buildings, ICT, First year Latin Course, Greek, Duke of Edinburgh, Cross Country and much more. He has been involved with the school's management and development over the years including difficult times such as the phasing out of boarding, Saturday morning school and the decline of the Assisted Places Scheme.

As first deputy to the Headmaster, he was responsible for the day-to-day running of the school; he was acting headmaster for the autumn term of 1997 and spring term of 1998. Guy is a committed Christian and his support for this Cathedral School cannot be overstated. He has inspired, enthralled and entertained both pupils and staff with his wonderful assemblies. He has been a wonderful ambassador for the School and has worked tirelessly to facilitate good relations with the local community.

'*If you need a job doing well...*' Guy was the person to do it. No matter what the task – a high level management decision or painting white lines in the car park – Guy would always do it efficiently and to perfection. Thanks to Mr Rawlinson's devotion and unstinting efforts behind the scenes, the school has run like clockwork for the past 21 years.

Ms Anita Pritchard

Anita Pritchard, who has retired after a long illness, joined the school in 1979. Her subjects were computing and Maths and in both areas she flourished and was popular with the pupils.

Outside of the class Ms Pritchard helped with first year games and equestrian events. Each year she organised the School one-day event team at Stonar. Her personal knowledge of talented youngsters round the county forged many strong teams and excellent results. She also played badminton at county level throughout much of her adult life.

Phil Towle

Phil Towle resigned his position as rowing coach so that he could concentrate on his teaching career at Hereford College of Technology. Mr Towle has been a member of staff since 2001 and in that time has been employed as Marketing Officer, Admissions Registrar and most recently as rowing coach. His contributions to rowing have helped to raise significantly the profile of this sport at HCS.

DESTINATIONS 2006

Archer, Amy	Open Uni: Science Course
Barrett, Edward	Hartpury College: BTEC Nat. Dip. Equine Studies
Batchelor, Christine	Cambridge (Girton): Geography
Blandford, Lucy	Bath University: Biochemistry
Bradley, Emma	Reading Uni: Land management with planning
Brisbane, Charlie	Post A level applicant: Mechanical Engineering
Campion, Thomas	Bristol Uni: Music
Carson, Mark	Bournemouth Uni: Multi-media and digital system
Challenger, John	Cambridge (St John's); G Y, Organist Royal Chapel, Windsor
Cheetham, Jonathan	Exeter Uni: English
Crum, Matthew	Sunderland Uni: Pharmacy
Davies, Spencer	Bristol UWIE: Marketing
Deutsch, Peter	Birmingham Uni: Medicine
Dowling, James	Post A level applicant
Dowse, Pia	Falmouth Univ College: Art & Design foundation course
Duggan, James	Uni of Wales Inst Cardiff: Dental Technology
Eastman, Fred	Hfds CAD: Foundation course
Edwards, Katy	Cardiff Uni: Town Planning
Edwards, Luce	Post A level applicant
Farnell, Tim	Durham Uni: Natural Sciences
Frith, Victoria	Durham Uni: Natural Sciences
Galloway, Samuel	Hfds CAD: Art & Design foundation course
Godsall, Victoria	Post A level applicant: Sports Science
Grundy, Jack	Exeter Uni: Business Economics
Gwyther, Harriet	Post A level applicant
Hatfield, Rowena	Leeds Trinity All Saints: Forensic Psychology
Higman, Rosalind	Cambridge (Corpus Christi): Modern & Medieval Languages
Hughes, Holly	Oxford Brookes: Occupational Therapy
Hunter-Choat, Sarah	Bristol Uni: Modern Languages
Hunting, Justin	Bristol Uni: Aeronautical Engineering
James, Polly	Zoology
Jennings, Sara	Post A level applicant
Jones, Elizabeth	Birmingham Uni: Biology
Kaye, David	Bath Uni: Biology
Keating, Patrick	York Uni: History
Kent, Christopher	Bristol Uni: Chemistry
Leech, Frances	Oxford (Balliol): Modern Languages
Leeds, Richard	Post A level applicant
Lewis, James	Cardiff Institute: Business Studies
Lewis, Robert	Cardiff Institute: Accountancy
Lindsay, James	UCL: Geography
Mackay, Laura	St Andrew's Uni: Geography
Maughan, Hugo	Essex Uni: Philosophy & Politics
Melville, David	Post A level applicant
Meredith, Charles	Uni West of England: Sports Coaching
Middleton, Kerri	
Morgan, Tilly	Oxford Brookes: Intonation Tourism Management
New, Josephine	Hfds CAD: Foundation course
Nightingale, Sarah	Harper Adams: Land Management Foundation
O'Sullivan, Megan	Post A level applicant: Criminology
Owens, Edward	Post A level applicant
Partridge, Edward	Reading Uni: Business and Agriculture
Pearcy, Phillip	Cardiff Uni: Economics
Pember, Mason	Post A level applicant
Phillips, Ashley	Post A level applicant- Business Management
Pitchforth, David	Cardiff Uni: Nursing
Probert, George	Imperial College: Aeronautical Engineering
Pudge, Perry	Loughborough Uni: Business/Management
Reese, David	Post A level applicant: Marketing
Roderick, Piers	Post A level applicant: Geography with Education
Selfe, Amy	Royal Holloway: Psychology
Shepherd, Rebecca	Post A level applicant
Stock, Harriet	Manchester Uni: Business Management
Twidale, Samuel	Post A level applicant: Music
Warner, Simon	Post A level applicant: Engineering/Economics
Warren, Sam	Bath Uni: Aeronautical Engineering
Watkins, Hannah	Bath Spa Uni: Art/Education
Williams, Hannah	Bath Uni: Biochemistry
Williams, Steven	Harper Adams: Recreation, Leisure & Tourism
Wilson, Richard	Southampton Uni: Law

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Old Herefordians' Club would not exist without the help and dedication of its committee members. The committee meets once each term in Old Deanery in addition to the AGM in December. This year we were very pleased to welcome two new OH Committee members, Juliette Austen Chandler and David L Beresford.

Juliette Austen Chandler



Juliette Austen Chandler is 37 years old, married to Stuart and has two young children, Oliver aged 5 and Lily aged 4, who both attend HCJS, as well as four older stepchildren. Juliette was Head Girl at HCS in 1987/88 but would be the first to admit that this may have owed more to her considerable sporting prowess and leadership skills on the playing fields than to her intensive application to her studies. After leaving school, she worked in London for 10 years, for the most part for one of Prince Charles's charities, Business in the Community, before returning to Herefordshire in 2000. She will be found helping out in the OH office from time to time, which she combines with a number of other activities including being a PTA rep at the junior school.

David L Beresford

David L Beresford, OH 1949-56, brings many skills to the committee from his varied career. After an "academically undistinguished time at school", he studied engineering in Liverpool. In the early 60s he went to live in the Channel Islands and in the early 70's started a Toyota dealership, which he ran until 1989. David learnt to fly in 1986 and then decided to take up aviation, obtaining his commercial pilot's license in 1989. He flew commercial jets until retirement in 2002 but continues to do some part-time simulator training for trainee pilots. David is a widower with two children and three grandchildren.

THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE



Helen Pearson

The OH Committee would like to thank Lynda Freeman for all her help in managing the Development Office during Helen Pearson's maternity leave. Welcome back to Helen and congratulations on the birth of baby Olivia.

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Old Herefordians In London

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Tuesday 6th November 2007
DOGGETTS COAT & BADGE
1, BLACKFRIARS BRIDGE, SE1
Meet in The Terrace Bar, 3rd Floor from 11.am onwards . Lunch served 1pm
For more information, please contact:
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Old Herefordians' Club
O H Day Saturday 8 December 2007

Timetable of Events

9.30am	Coffee in the Sixth Form Centre (Zimmerman Building)
10.00am	Annual General Meeting (Zimmerman Building)
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	OH Rugby at Wyeside

Contact numbers if you want to play Rugby, Hockey or Netball

Rugby	John Taylor 01432 363525 *(school)* 01531 670510 *(home)*
Hockey	Lisa Ferneyhough 01432 363561/363528 *(school)*
Netball	Lisa Ferneyhough 01432 363561/363528 *(school)*

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