

Old Herefordians' Newsletter 2006



RETIRING PRESIDENT

After six years as President of the Old Herefordians' Club, Nick Bolt is standing down at the AGM this December.

Nick first started attending OH committee meetings when he was a member of the Prep School PTA some 14 years ago. Nick is also a Trustee of the Old Herefordians' Trust.

A Herefordian born and bred, Nick attended both the Prep School (now the Cathedral Junior School) and Hereford Cathedral School until 1974, when he left to pursue a career in estate agency. This was cut short when he had a horrific car accident in March 1975, which left him hospitalized for three months, followed by a further 12 months of physiotherapy. This led to a career change! He started working for his father, Michael Bolt, also an Old Herefordian, in the family building company. Nick now owns and operates Bolts of Hereford, refurbishing commercial and office premises throughout the UK.

In May this year Nick married Fiona Philips, also an OH, although they didn't meet through school or the OH Club! Nick has two children, Hattie 24 and Barnaby 21. Barnaby attended both the Junior and Senior Schools. Fiona has two children, Alex aged 8 who is at the Junior School and Daniel 11, who has just completed his time there.

"I have enjoyed my time as president, it has been a privilege to serve the school, and I wish my successor, Mark Ellis, every success".



NEW PRESIDENT

Mark Ellis will take over as OH President at this year's AGM. He follows Nick Bolt who has done a fantastic job for the last 6 years.

Mark (OH 1972-77) is 45 years old, married to Elaine and has 3 children, Ben aged 19 and an OH currently studying music at Leeds University, Amy aged 17 who is in the 2nd year of sixth form at HCS and Megan who is 9 and is at the Junior School.

Mark often refers to his school years, particularly his year in 5 'O', this was the class set up to coach pupils who didn't quite gel with academia! On leaving HCS in 1977 he attained an OND in Business Studies at the local Technical College and, in 1979, he joined his father's shop Ellis Sports based in Hereford. In 1987 he started M and M Sports, a mail order company, with his business partner Martin Churchward. The company bought end of lines and cancelled orders from the big sports and leisure brands and sold these products through a catalogue that was mailed to the ever-increasing customer base – latterly the Internet became a huge vehicle prompting further growth. Based at its head office and distribution centre in Leominster, it is now one of Herefordshire's biggest employers with over 500 staff. From small beginnings the company became a local success story and, in 2004, Mark and Martin sold the majority of their shares, still retaining a stake but handing over control to a new team backed by the venture capitalist firm ECI who renamed the company M and M Direct. Mark is now a director of several other local companies as well as managing his property investment company. He feels he has a bit more time on his hands and is involved with the OH Trust and is looking forward to his new role as President of the OH club, hopefully putting in a bit more effort than he did in 5 'O' !!



OHs FUND EQUIPMENT

This year the OH Committee, on behalf of Club members, has assisted the school in purchasing some very expensive new equipment. The Club has jointly funded, with the PTA, a laser cutter costing £20,000 for the Design and Technology department. Controlled by a laptop computer, this highly sophisticated machine both engraves and cuts pupils' designs into resistant materials such as plastic, glass, wood and stone. Craig Howells, Head of Design and Technology, said *"We are delighted that the OH Club has been able to help fund the laser cutter which can be used at different levels of complexity, enhancing pupils' design work from the 1st year through to A level"*.



The Club has also donated money to enable the Sports department to purchase Tom Graveney Crictweave artificial cricket practice wickets for Wyeside. This is an all-weather surface designed to defy the summer rain and keep the cricketers practising in the nets all season.

LEAVERS' GIFTS

Traditionally, leaving HCS and becoming an Old Herefordian has been celebrated with a dining hall tea. This July was certainly a special occasion for the sixth-form leavers. The traditional tea became a barbeque blessed with sunshine – and with sticky buns of course! And for the first time they were each given a gift from the OH Club presented by Chairman Nick Bolt and Deputy Chairman Mark Ellis. Ladies received a newly designed OH scarf, the gentlemen an OH tie and all received a specially printed



L to R: Mark Ellis, James Lindsay (Deputy Head of School), Tizzy Jones (Head of School) and Nick Bolt

2006 Leavers' Book containing a group photograph, form lists, names of teaching staff, details of the OH Club and blank pages to collect memories and details of their fellow leavers. We wish the 2006 leavers well in their future studies and careers and remind them to keep in touch with the OH Club.

OH NEWS

GAP IN THE GAME RESERVE

If you decide to take a gap year, one of the most worthwhile things you can do is to visit other countries, to get you used to organising yourself, living away from home and coping with the unexpected. Over my gap year I worked in several jobs, but by far the most exciting was working on a game reserve in South Africa.



I flew to Johannesburg from Heathrow in April 2006, with an unscheduled day in Zurich due to missing a tight connection. Zurich did not enthrall me, but then speaking no German and having no Swiss Francs my entertainment options were limited. As I missed my first connection I had to reschedule all my later flights.

Lesson One: Porters in airports will give their all if you offer them money for getting you on a plane in time.

Finally arriving at the game reserve, I was flung into the life of a game lodge. My job was unpaid, but I received all board and lodging and could ride with the guests on the game drives each day. This compared very favourably with the gap year 'packages' on offer, which would charge you several thousand pounds for less than a month in a much more sterilised environment. Organising your own experience is very rewarding, can get you a more realistic view and can be cheaper. BUT...

Lesson Two: If you are newly working abroad, there will be strange initiation rites. I had to eat mopane worms and dance a traditional dance. I'm not sure which was worse...

Most jobs that you can get abroad, unqualified, will be in service or hospitality, and mine was no exception. About half of my working day was taken up by guest or lodge work, such as cleaning the pool, working on the bar or helping to serve food. The other half of the work was more varied and far more interesting. Some days I would be fitting washbasins or cleaning out the kitchen's fat-trap. Other days I would be helping a group of labourers haul the pump out of the borehole or digging a pipeline for a sewerage overflow. Or I might just be walking around the lodge's (unfenced) grounds checking for any large snakes making a nuisance of themselves!

Lesson Three: If you don't like snakes, don't go to Africa!

Of course, if you manage to land a cushy place like I did, you'll get all the amenities. I had a nice hut all to myself, with my own shower and toilet block, complete with hot and cold running scorpions. Being able to go out on the game drives was a great privilege as well, and I ticked off just about every animal possible. By being out there for so much longer than any of the tourists I also came to appreciate every sighting, no matter how small. For the first week you are just trying to capture the best picture of the most impressive animal. Then you start to realise that the sightings you enjoy the most are not of the biggest, scariest or most impressive creatures. My favourite memory was when we watched a pair of wildcats by torchlight going through a territorial dispute. When we got back to camp, the guide turned to me and said "You know – that behaviour's never been documented. All it says in the field guides is 'territorial displays are unknown'..."

Guess that makes me an expert!

Ian Corder (OH)

KALOI K'AGATHOI'S GUIDE TO ARISTOPHANES

As part of the Three Choirs Festival Fringe, held this year in Hereford, talented classicists and performers from Kaloi k'Agathoi offered a series of three free workshops on the subject of Aristophanic comedy.



Admittedly the thought of audience participation exercises had some approaching the workshops with trepidation, but after an enthusing introduction and a couple of hearty warm-ups the audience was prepared to plunge into anything they were asked to do. With class sizes of between 20 and 30 each night (some keen students managing to make all three sessions), it was pretty lively, especially the night with the tug-of-war...

When the punters weren't acting things out themselves they were presented with masterly demonstrations of the singing competition from 'The Assemblywomen', the Right v Wrong agon from 'The Clouds' and the opening scene of 'The Frogs'.

These tremendously enjoyable elements were brought together by the group of OHs that make up Kaloi k'Agathoi, our home grown classical drama group, currently establishing themselves as a Community Interest Company and branching out from just pure performance into the world of education, for schools, adults and INSET. My one regret is that Kaloi k'Agathoi wasn't around when I was choosing my A-level subjects.



Siobhan de Souza, Head of Classics

For more information on productions and workshops, contact: info@kaloikagathoi.com.uk.

OHs KEEPING-IN-TOUCH

Daniel Barrett

(OH 1970 – 1975)

Dan has been working as a Site Director with the Canterbury Archaeological Trust for the last 6 years. (If you were quick you might have caught a glimpse of him trying to hide from the Time Team Cameras.)

This summer Dan graduated from Oxford with a Masters' Degree and plans to move back to the Midlands with his partner Loretta.

Ruth Farrell (née Barrett)

(OH 1989 – 1991)

After a degree in English and History, Ruth changed direction completely and trained as a veterinary nurse. Now married to James, a vet, they have a son, Theo, together with four dogs, three cats, numerous hens and other visiting and ever-changing livestock. They have been living in Derbyshire but the whole menagerie is moving to Bedford later this year.

Guy Maughfling

(OH 1973 -1980)

Guy is living in Nairobi, Kenya, leading a group within PricewaterhouseCoopers in East Africa. Married to Katie, with an 18 month old daughter, Rebecca, and another baby expected in late September 06, the family spends a lot of time on safari, and when not in Africa they have a house in Crete where they grow olives and lemons.

L J Meredith

(OH 1949 – 1955)

L J Meredith, residing in Moreton-on-Lugg, sends best wishes to all Old Boys from the 1949-1955 era. On leaving school he joined Lloyds Bank in Hereford and, after National Service, became Assistant Manager in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire from 1974-1988. Tragically, his wife was killed in a traffic accident in 1982 leaving him to care for three young children. He took early retirement from the bank and returned to Herefordshire where he became involved in local politics. He was elected as a Liberal Democrat member of Hereford & Worcester County Council and subsequently of the new Herefordshire Council having helped to restore its status as a separate county. The electorate made him redundant after seven years service (and no pension!) and since then he has remarried and been involved in property development and (gentleman!) farming. In his leisure time he is a keen supporter of Hereford UFC and horse racing and travels and is still in contact with various OHs at home and abroad.

J Jeremy (Jake) Spear

(OH 1963 – 1968)

Jake Spear visited the school in October. After a career as a teacher of geography and geology, he spent 15 years as an estate and forestry worker. Jake now works as a gardener and tree surgeon in Lower Normandy where he has his own woodland and is a hut-dweller (with a 33in waist!).

The photograph was taken in Old School (now the Librarian's office!) in 1966 and shows 'Empty Room', a play written and performed by **Robert Phillips** (standing), **Rob Dunhill** (left), **J J Morris** (centre) and **Jake Spear** (right).

**MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS****Miranda Greene**

(OH 1991-1998)

The wedding of Miranda Greene (OH) and Stephen Jones took place on Saturday 3 June 2006 at St Mary the Virgin, Eardisland. The bridesmaids were Merry Albright (née Greene, OH), Naomi Hodges (OH) and Minerva Albright (daughter of Merry and Ben). Other OHs present were Ben Albright, Jake Lightowler, Giles Scott, Rachel Smith, Heather Hall and Joanna Harper.

Miranda graduated from Warwick University with a degree in Ancient History and Archaeology. She worked for Herefordshire Council from 2002-2005 as the New Audiences Officer – creating and developing a website detailing the history and archaeology of Herefordshire. Miranda is currently employed by Shropshire County Council as the Cataloguer & Researcher for the Discovering Shropshire's History website, based at Shropshire Archives.

Felicity Hoare

(OH 1989-1996)

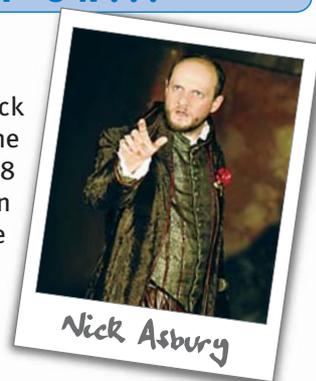
The marriage of Felicity Hoare and Simon Abbott took place on Saturday 27 May 2006 at St Michael and All Angels Church, Brampton Abbots and afterwards at Parkfields Country House, Pontshill in Ross-on-Wye.

Other OHs present were: John Hoare-Usher, James Hoare-Usher, Russell Atherton-Usher, head bridesmaid Mary Kabra (née Beach), Jess Davies, Harry Jones, Lizzie Jarvis, Giles Codd, David Sheen, Steve Morris, Amy Williams, Vicky Collett, Lucy Larkin (née Morris), Alex Lazarus and Vik Fox.

SPOTLIGHT ON...**Nick Asbury**

(OH 1982 –1989)

An interview with actor Nick Asbury appeared recently in the *Hereford Times* (17 August & 28 September). Although acting is in the blood – both his parents were involved in amateur dramatics in Hereford – Nick says he owes much to the 'inspirational' teaching of Colin Gray at HCS.



Nick played the role of Somerset in *Henry VI* with the Royal Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford this season. As fight captain for the production he ensured that the sword fights went as choreographed and without injury! Aged 35, his career has spanned a considerable range of acting roles – from appearing as Basil Brush's pianist ("fantastic job and a great character to work with"), to *The Bill*, *Doctors* and *Dunkirk* on tv.

If you would like to see Nick on stage, he will be appearing in *Richard III* at Stratford in February 2007.

Matthew Broome

(OH 1984-1991)

Dr Matthew Broome is Lecturer and Consultant Psychiatrist in the Section of Neuroimaging, Division of Psychological Medicine at the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London. In November he will take up his new post as

A NOTABLE OH ESPECIALLY TO STEAM RAIL ENTHUSIASTS!

Arthur Henry Peppercorn a Chief Mechanical Engineer of the L.N.E.R. and a designer of some superb locomotives was a pupil at HCS from 1901 to 1905. He left to enter the Doncaster Locomotive Works of the then Great Northern Railway, his career much influenced by H.A.Ivatt and Nigel Gresley until he became CME in 1946.

A biographer notes his general affable manner and ability to obtain respect and cooperative input from his staff, it would be a nice thought to attribute this at least in part to his HCS experience! *A D F Morgan (1948-1955)*

Associate Professor at the University of Warwick.

His speciality is adult psychiatry - psychosis, schizophrenia, and neuropsychiatry, but he has also worked in acute hospital medicine and neurology. As an academic psychiatrist he mixes clinical practice with teaching but mostly does research into cognitive psychology and neuroscience, functional neuroimaging, and philosophy.

'I am very grateful to the staff at HCS in that they enabled me to get to medical school - Dr Mowe, Mr James, Mr Dunn, and Mr Morris were inspirational teachers.'

Nicholas Foster

(OH 1989-1992)

Nick Foster was interviewed recently for Flight International Magazine – he is a senior test engineer for Messier-Dowty, leading designers and manufacturers of aircraft landing gear.

Nick graduated from Oxford (Brookes) University with a 2:1 in automotive engineering and planned to work in motorsport. However, as the automotive industry was in decline, he successfully applied for a graduate trainee job in aerospace manufacturing. Now a senior test engineer, he designs tests for aircraft landing gears. Nick has been involved with projects worldwide: he has worked with the Germans on the Eurofighter, the Koreans on the KAI T-50, and with Boeing on the 787.

Michael Hankinson

(OH 1957 – 1962)

Composer Michael Hankinson is a former HCS chorister and organ scholar who graduated from Trinity College of Music and pursued his career in South Africa, starting as resident composer in a film studio.

In 1980 he became Durban City Organist and later formed the 'Soundwaves' contemporary music group and the Durban City Orchestra. He has composed numerous film scores, a ballet and the orchestral score for the world's first Zulu opera. His shows based on the work of Queen and Freddie Mercury broke box office records and he has produced many other rock shows.

In 1994, Michael arranged and conducted the concert given for the inauguration of president Nelson Mandela. Ten years later he composed 'A Mandela Portrait', inspired by the speeches and achievements of Nelson Mandela and influenced by traditional Xhosa music.

Michael has held the post of Resident Ballet Conductor at the State Theatre in Pretoria for 10 years and is Conductor and Music Advisor to the Johannesburg Philharmonia Orchestra.

Michael returned to the UK in July to conduct a gala concert with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra with Sir Richard Attenborough as MC. He was hoping to contact some contemporary musical OHs.



Robert Hollingworth

(OH 1976 – 1984)

An interview with conductor Robert Hollingworth has appeared in *Classical Music* magazine (5 August 2006). Robert was an HCS chorister and also studied violin and keyboard, going on to read music at New College, Oxford, followed by a post-graduate Early Music course at the Guildhall School of Music.

At Oxford he founded the vocal ensemble I Fagiolini – which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. The group tour worldwide and have made several recordings (www.ifagiolini.com). Noted for its imaginative programming and innovative approach to performances, I Fagiolini received the prestigious Royal Philharmonic Society's Ensemble Award earlier this year, only the second time the award has been made to a vocal ensemble.

Robert was conductor of the Leicester Bach Choir for four years and has also directed Florilegium, The Bach Players and a number of other choirs and orchestras in the UK and abroad. In addition, he is a regular guest conductor at both Lacock and Dartington International summer schools.

John C U James OBE

(OH 1951 – 1954)

John James was awarded the OBE in the New Year's Honours for services to tennis. John has held several high-ranking posts within the professional tennis world. His career started when he was voted a council member of the Welsh Lawn Tennis Association in 1963 and since then he has been an international umpire officiating at the Wimbledon Championships, an organiser of Davis Cup and Wightman Cup matches and in 1981 he became secretary of the Lawn Tennis Association; until his retirement in 2002, he was Tournament Executive Officer at the AEL T A Wimbledon Championships. In 1991 was elected onto the International Tennis Federation Olympic Committee, in 2001, he was elected vice-chairman of the British Olympic Association and chairman of the British Olympic Foundation and in 2002, he was made president of Tennis Europe.

Originally from Llandeilo, John James now lives in Osterley, Middlesex.

Harriet Lowe

(OH 1993 – 2000)

Harriet has just released her first album 'Ascension'. As one reviewer comments - 'Extraordinary, soulful, sexy she's got it all'.

The album can be downloaded from: www.harriee.co.uk or CDs can be obtained by mail order from bproductions@yahoo.co.uk.



Peter Pember MBE

(OH 1959 – 1966)

Peter Pember has been awarded an MBE in recognition of his contribution to the community throughout his working life as a civil servant at the Inland Revenue and the prominent role he plays in his local church and with Hentland Parish Council.

ACADEMIC CONGRATULATIONS

William Bradley

(OH 1995 – 2001)

William Bradley has graduated with a First Class Honours Degree in Engineering from Portsmouth University. William has also been awarded the *Frederic Barnes Waldron Prize* by the Institute of Engineers; the prize – a medal, a certificate and a cheque for £200 – is awarded to the best mechanical engineering student nominated by the university. William is intending to take up a graduate trainee post in mechanical engineering.

John Bray

(OH 1996-2002)

Johnny Bray has graduated with a 2:1 Degree in Land Management and has secured a graduate job as a commercial surveyor with Savills in Mayfair, starting in September.

MONT BLANC CHALLENGE

Eleanor Quinton

(OH 1983 - 1990)

Eleanor Quinton has completed the Mont Blanc Challenge (OH News Update, May 2006), and is grateful to all OHs who got in touch and offered sponsorship for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Eleanor raised £4,500 and contributed a further £700 herself to cover costs; the overall sum raised is thought to be around £70,000.



Eleanor joined 35 other people on a trek across the Mont Blanc range in September 2006. All trekkers returned safely, albeit exhausted and with a wide spectrum of minor physical complaints between them!

Eleanor's husband Chris died of Motor Neurone Disease aged 43.

OH REMEMBERED

Jimmy Stenner

(OH 1984 – 1991)

Major Martin Everett (OH 1956-59), Curator, The South Wales Borderers and Monmouthshire Regimental Museum – The Royal Regiment of Wales (24/41st Foot), forwarded the following information extracted from a report published in *Guards Magazine* (Summer 2006): 'On 18th May 2006 at Clarence House, The Prince of Wales presented Sarah Stenner (widow) with a copy of the portrait of Major Jimmy Stenner MC who was tragically killed in Baghdad in 2003 whilst serving with the Special Air Services. The portrait was painted by Diana Blakeney for the Welsh Guards and now hangs in the Officers' Mess at Wellington Barracks... The Prince of Wales had previously presented Jimmy's Military Cross to Sarah at Highgrove. It was awarded posthumously for an extremely brave action on Operation TELIC 1 in Iraq... He was one of the brightest and most talented officers of his generation and is sorely missed by both regiments.'

OH SPORT

BELMONT GOLF DAY

The third meeting of OH golfers was held at Belmont Golf Club on a beautiful day in May 2006. Part of the course is close to the river and runs along the riverbank. At that time of the year the area is a picture. On the opposite side of the river is Breinton and scene of the Hull Races in past years.



Twelve OHs have attended during the first 3 years. We meet at 11am, have bacon rolls and start at 12noon. We play in teams of 3 and compete for the School House Cup. At 6pm we have supper in the Lodge followed by tongue in cheek prize giving and speeches. Everyone has a prize. Accommodation is available at the Lodge where B&B is very reasonable.

The photograph includes (*back row*) Andrew Singer, Jeremy Clare, Mike Blott, David Wright, Clive Thomas (*guest*), Allen Bailey and Clive Mugridge; (*seated*) Ian John (*guest*), Angus Craig and Ray Harris. You may be surprised to learn, given the youthful faces, that we were all at HCS over 40 years ago!

It really is a lovely way of seeing old friends in a relaxed setting.

Come and join us in 2007 (10th May) - venue etc the same.

Andrew Singer 01656 785628 or abs.singer@btinternet.com.

GOLF VICTORY

The Old Herefordians were victorious in their annual golf match against Hereford High School Old Boys on 24 September 2006 at Herefordshire Golf Course, Wormsley. The players were celebrating the 20th anniversary of this event – although this year Whitecross didn't participate. The OH side was captained by Paul Morris OH and consisted of eleven players and included Alan Blake OH who was the originator of the event.

If you are interested in joining the team for next year's match, please contact Paul Morris (tel. 01432 344779).

OH RUGBY

A good entertaining game of rugby played on a perfect afternoon, saw the school squeak home by 19-15. Luke Cross scored and converted the school's first try and shortly after Ashley Phillips kicked the ball the length of the field to score. At 14-0 it looked as if the old boys might be overrun, however after half-time the OH side gelled and scored twice by Chris Vallentinni and Jack Anthony and it was only a further try by Ashley Phillips that made the game safe for the school.

J A Taylor



OBITUARIES

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

Andrew W Butler, OH 1952 – 1959

Andrew Butler, who lived in San Francisco, California, died 6 September 2004.

Peter Children, OH 1958 – 1965

Peter Children died aged 58, on 30 September 2006. Peter, who lived at Wessington Court, Woolhope, was a well-known local businessman and successful sportsman.

Although brought up on the family farm at Norton Canon, he pursued a career in the engineering industry. He started out in the sales and estimating department of Painter Brothers and later he was sales director of Woodville Polymer Engineering in Ross-on-Wye. He was co-founder of TRP Sealing Systems, based at Rotherwas, an international operation that earlier this year was awarded a Queen's Award for enterprise. TRP celebrated 25 years in business the day before Peter died.

Peter was an enthusiastic sportsman. He was a formidable rugby player who made his debut for Luctonians Rugby Club at the age of 17 as a second row-forward. In his long career with the club, he captained the team and made representative honours with the Combined Counties. He was still playing in the first team when his son Simon made the team as an openside flanker. In 1988, Peter was made first team manager and Simon was elected club captain. Peter also played cricket for Brockhampton.

Robert Edward Davies, OH 1931 – 1939

Robert Edward Davies, who lived near Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, died on 19 December 2005.

Major (Retd) E D Downes, OH 1938 – 1946

David Downes died on 12 November 2005 in Nottingham. David joined the school as a chorister but he was also a very good sportsman and captained both cricket and rugby teams.

On leaving school he joined the army, being commissioned into the DCLI and he also served with the Parachute Regiment. When he retired from the army he became a teacher and eventually retired to Lowdham, near Nottingham where he played golf with great enthusiasm.

Major (Retd) H J Downes

Gerald Feltham, OH 1931-1944

Gerald Feltham died aged 79 in November 2006. During National Service, Gerald served in India and although he later became a quantity surveyor in he retained a lifelong interest in the army. In the early 1960s he joined the Territorial Army and was a member of the Hereford Light Infantry. He became commandant of the Hereford and Worcester cadets in the 1980s and when he left he was made an honorary colonel. In spite of the many demands

of his professional life and TA commitments, he also found time to be a leading member of the Freemasons, a senior member of the Vaga Lodge, a grand officer and a provincial grand officer; he had also become president of Hereford's Probus IV group.

Norman Hidden, OH 1926 – 1932

Norman Frederick Hidden died on 17 April 2006 aged 92. He was born 24 October 1913 in Portsmouth and attended HCS from 1926-32, where he became captain of football, vice-captain of cricket and a victor ludorum. He won a scholarship to Brasenose College, Oxford.

Norman Hidden was a greatly respected teacher and was senior lecturer in English at Middlesex University from 1964-1973. He was Chairman of the General Council of the Poetry Society of Great Britain (National Poetry Centre) and founder of the New Poetry magazine; for many years he was also a member of the Executive Committees of the English Association, the Council of the National Book League and the Advisory Council of the English Speaking Board.

He was editor of several poetry anthologies and was himself a published poet: his poems about Hereford 'High hill', 'The dark cathedral' and 'Mappa Mundi' appear in his poetry collection *For My Friends* (1981). He also published a wartime autobiography *Liaison Officer* (1993), a collection of short stories *Caravan summer* (1999), and perhaps of particular interest to Old Herefordians, *Dr. Kink and his old style boarding school* (1973), a semi-autobiographical work based on his time at Hereford Cathedral School.

"My experiences at the school are recorded in the semi-autobiographical Dr. Kink, a literary experiment presenting a complex picture of a boy's love-hate relationship both with father and school. I have revisited Hereford many times and the present school is totally different from the horror of Dr. Kink's days."

John Price Hughes, OH 1941- 1948

Actor John Price Hughes died recently at his home in Brighton at the age of 71. From a musically talented family, John won a chorister scholarship at the age of nine. He sang solo on many occasions, including the Three Choirs Festival, and he became head chorister; this was probably where his love of performing was initiated. On leaving school he worked at H P Bulmer and subsequently spent his National Service with the RAF in Aden where he did some acting and presenting on Radio Aden.



He returned to Hereford and acted in many productions with the YMCA and the Greeland Players and finally moved to London in the late 1950s to become a professional actor. He played many and varied theatrical roles and appeared alongside actors such as Eric Sykes and Ernie Wise; his TV roles included the Spanish ambassador in

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Elizabeth R and he acted in films with Richard Burton (1984) and Bruce Willis (The Fifth Element). His great love, however, was live theatre to which he dedicated his life – he was a well-known and respected character actor and a director of great strength.

Mary Evans (sister)

Clive Lawson Tilsley Jenkins, OH 1955 –1958

Clive Jenkins died in Epsom, 1 December 2004. He enjoyed his years at HCS and in 1958 set a school record by taking 10 wickets in an innings against King's Gloucester. On leaving school he joined the Standard Bank of South Africa, the start of a long and successful career in banking. After a two-year tour to various African countries and a post in Malta, he returned to the UK to join Lloyd's Bank and was then appointed to manage the Chicago office – the second highest position in Lloyd's American operation. Later, he became the number two in the Middle East department in London and was an acknowledged expert in Middle East business affairs in the City. On leaving Lloyd's, he joined Bank Saderate where he became joint managing director.

Clive was a very fine fly fisherman, an expert on French wines and a collector of antiques. He occasionally attended the OHIL dinners and although he spent most of his working life in London, he had intended to retire to Herefordshire.

Barrie R T Jenkins

John Gwynne Lloyd, OH 1930-1936

John Gwynne Lloyd died on 1 March 2005. He arrived at HCS at the age of 10 and left at 16 to go to Cardiff, gaining his B.Sc(Eng) at the age of 19. He joined Sir R McAlpine's construction company in 1939 and then joined the Air Ministry Works Directorate on airfield construction. In 1945, as an RAF Flight Lieutenant, he was posted to Singapore for three years for the renovation of Changi and Seletar airfields.

On return, he specialized in water engineering, starting with design for Bath City Corporation Water Department; in 1951 he became Deputy Engineer and Manager for the N E Derbyshire Joint Water Committee followed by Engineer and Manager for the Mid-Glamorgan Water Board in 1955.

In 1965, he was appointed Engineer and Manager to the Mersey and Weaver River Authority and in this role he served on many national committees. With this almost unrivalled experience of water and river engineering, he became Director of Planning to the new North West Water Authority, and after two years he was made Chief Executive of the Authority – from which post he retired in 1980.

My husband's guiding thought throughout his life was service to the public. I think that Hereford Cathedral School must be very proud of the large number of fine and influential former pupils it has launched into the world.

Mrs S M Lloyd

James Pugh, OH 1999 – 2004

James died as the result of a car accident earlier this year. He was a popular pupil at HCS and played both rugby and hockey and was a member of the climbing club. James moved to Stratford-upon-Avon two years ago and attended the sixth form at King Edward VI School; he had planned to take a course in mechanical engineering at Sheffield University.

Giles Richard Carless Shepard, CBE, OH 1941 - 1945

Giles Shepard died 21 April, 2006, aged 69. A pupil at the Prep School during the war, he then attended Eton followed by a commission into the Coldstream Guards. After five years army service he left to become a director of Charrington and then in 1967 joined H P Bulmer as a director, at the same time studying management at the Harvard Business School. In the 70s he held a number of prestigious directorships and was eventually appointed managing director of the Savoy Group in 1979.

Giles Shepard was noted for his new management style, sweeping away the notion that it was "a privilege to work for the Savoy and a private income helped". He was also renowned for his sartorial elegance, especially the high military shine of his shoes. He owned 12 pairs of black lace-ups for the office and he judged others by their footwear: "*When someone comes to see me for a job, I will always look at their shoes,*" he said. His suits were Savile Row and he liked to wear canary-yellow shirts with matching socks.

After leaving the Savoy Group he became deputy chairman of the Ritz, resurrecting the hotel from a period of decline, until he retired in 2004.

He was chairman (1982-2002) of the City and Guilds Art School and was involved with several other charities and organizations and, in 1986-87, served as High Sheriff of Greater London.

(Full obituary in The Times Online 26 April 2006)

Edward Alexander Tomlinson,

OH 1995 – 2000

Edward Tomlinson, an aspiring politician and former president of the Oxford Union who dreamed of leading his country, has died suddenly aged 24.

He suffered a seizure in his sleep on 5 April, 2006, at a hostel in Jounieh, Beirut, where he was learning Arabic.

Edward won a scholarship to Abberly Hall school in Worcester and then to Hereford Cathedral School, where his father, Howard, was headmaster.

He played First XV rugby and First XI cricket, touring the Caribbean with the latter in 2000. Locals in Barbados are still searching for one ball Edward launched for a trademark six. Indeed his bat, called 'Excalibur', was the only possession ever prized by a man who viewed materialism with indignation. Aside from sport, Edward was a colour sergeant in the cadet force, a school monitor,



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and became one of only ten sixth-formers nationwide to be selected for work experience at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in Whitehall.

He and his friend Alex Outhwaite formed one of the country's most successful debating pairs, competing across the UK and coming fifth in a national tournament in Oxford. He was a founder member of the school's male voice choir and also performed in sketch shows, cabarets and plays, including classical productions. He was translating Aristophanes, 'The Clouds' for Kaloi K'agathoi, the Cathedral School's classical theatre company, at the time of his death.

Straight A's in Ancient Greek, Medieval History, French and Latin took him to St John's College, Oxford, where he got a 2:1 in Classics. At the Union Edward came into his own, winning a string of elections to become president. He was also president of the Oxford University Conservative Association - becoming one of the few people since Tory Leader William Hague to have held both positions. One debate he organised on homosexuality and the Church was sunk at the last moment after a key speaker dropped out. Edward said: *"I later learned the Archbishop of Canterbury himself had decided to torpedo the debate, in order to ensure Anglican unity worldwide. I was absolutely furious and totally shattered at the time but, looking back, I suppose it's quite a compliment."*

In his final year at Oxford, he won the Astbury Scholarship and Harmsworth Exhibition and would have taken up a place at the Middle Temple in August, with the hope of becoming a barrister.

Friends and family remember an almost shambolic side to Edward's life which could at once infuriate and amuse. Keys, wallets, phones, luggage, cricket bags and clothes were lost on a regular basis. On one occasion, he boarded a train from Hereford to London, only to find he had left his wallet on his kitchen table. He stepped off the train and as it pulled away from the station, he realised he had left his luggage on board. Edward rushed home and quietly "borrowed" his parents' car - calling them later to explain. It was his mother, Heather Tomlinson, who answered the phone. "Good news and bad news mum," he boomed. He had arrived in London, with luggage and wallet, having caught up with the train. Unfortunately the family car was now abandoned somewhere near Worcester Foregate Street station. On a double yellow line.

As a post-university break, Edward started a cultural trip in the Middle East in January, learning Arabic at the University of Saint Joseph in Lebanon. He kept a diary - sadly the first and last of his life. In typically whimsical and witty style, the entries moved from a discussion of militant violence to the unreliable nature of bus drivers and the virtues of "stunning" Lebanese girls.

In one entry, he decided that at his wedding (he was not even engaged) he would have his friends sing the operatic duet *"Time to Say Goodbye"* as he whisked his wife away on honeymoon. It was sung, instead, at his funeral. No one there could quite believe they were saying farewell to Edward so early in his sparkling life.

More than 700 mourners attended his funeral in Hereford Cathedral - a tribute to his overwhelming

popularity across all ages and walks of life. Friends told how a call, a postcard or an email from "Eddie" could lighten the darkest days. He was loving, tolerant and forgiving - as befitted his Christian faith. He was also a "giant" of a friend, brother and son.

One of the most touching tributes came from his landlady in Beirut, who had known him for less than a week. She wrote: *"Sometimes one is fortunate enough to meet people like Edward, who make a lasting impression on you. I think they have a spiritual quality that raises them above the level of ordinary people. I guess they are just that bit closer to God than the rest of us."*

Richard Edwards (OH)

Philip Paul Ben Ward, OH 1949 - 1952

Philip (Ben) Ward died in March, aged 70, in New Brunswick, Canada.

At HCS he was in School House. He was a good scholar, mainly in maths but also in classics under the legendary 'Tiger' Bell, then head of Classics. Ben's great love was the cathedral where he was the regular crucifer and also a server. He was also in the school choir. Although not a games player, he shone at fives and wasn't too bad at cricket. He was official First XI scorer for the team captained by the future England cricketer Peter Richardson.

Ben was in the fifth year, having spent only three years at HCS, when his father decided to take the family to Canada. He continued his education at Toronto University and then came top in the all-Canada examinations for insurance underwriters - a remarkable achievement. After eight years in insurance, he entered the Anglican Church of Canada as a priest. After serving in livings in Canada and Britain for many years he was appointed a Canon in the diocese of Fredericton, New Brunswick. He was married with three sons and eleven grandchildren.

John Powell Ward (OH 1953 - 1955)

Clive Aubrey Richard Weston, OH 1980 - 1987

Clive Weston died shortly after his 37th birthday, on 7 April 2006, having been diagnosed three and a half years earlier with a brain tumour. He had joined HCS as a day boy until his final year when he opted to board in the Old Deanery. He became Deputy Head of School and received a number of academic prizes, as well as representing the school at both cricket and rugby. As an oboist he was an enthusiastic member of the school orchestra, but he was most at ease with the piano which he played with enormous gusto, entertaining his friends at many a party both during his school days and beyond.

Clive read Classics at Pembroke College, Cambridge. Such was his strength of character that he refused to allow injuries caused by a mugging in his second year to overcome his determination to achieve, and he went on to graduate with a starred first class degree. He was called to the Bar by Middle Temple two years later, by which time he had been given a number of awards including an



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Astbury Scholarship and a Queen Mother Scholarship. He went on to have a successful career specialising in personal injury and professional negligence claims. His clerk's appraisal of him was that he would have taken Silk before he was forty.

In 1997, Clive married Rebecca Sabben-Clare, another barrister, in the Chapel of Winchester College where her father was Headmaster. They enjoyed nine years together and Rebecca's love and courage were an immense support to Clive during his final illness. He also drew strength from his membership of St Peter's Church, Hammersmith, where he sang in the choir and served on the Parochial Church Council. He relished the opportunity to become involved in the musical life of the church and to widen his already huge circle of friends. As in other areas of life, people were drawn to his warm and generous personality.

At his funeral an Appreciation was given by his friend and colleague Patrick Blakesley, who spoke with admiration of his "*lightly worn but colossal intellect*". He mentioned Clive's continued links with his HCS friends:

"I would listen incredulously to Clive's tales of his friends known collectively as the Hereford Mob. He told me unlikely stories about annual holidays with them in Pembrokeshire, which invariably involved somebody suffering serious injury. Several of them had improbable names. But when I met the likes of Windy, Bini, Sim, Kelvin, Paddy, Jules and Simon, I was incredulous no longer. They, and others from Clive's fourteen years at HCS, exemplify what, in a strong field, I think was Clive's greatest talent – a talent for friendship."

It was noticeable that as Clive's life moved towards its inevitable close his Christian faith deepened. He shared with his father an interest in Apologetics and they regularly exchanged letters on this subject. His last birthday present to his father was a book entitled '*The Twilight of Atheism*'. In Clive's memory, St Peter's Church plans to organize an annual "Clive Weston Memorial Lecture" on an apologetic subject.

The Appreciation at his funeral included the following comment from his family:

"In the last two years, Clive's faith became increasingly important to him and took on new meaning. He believed in a God whose love was unending and unconditional. The effect this had on his life was evident in an increased awareness and appreciation of friends and family, with whom he freely shared his faith. It was Clive's certain belief in a 'life more abundant' awaiting him which helped him to cope with his suffering and enabled him to think beyond his pain to the needs of those closest to him whom he lovingly prepared for this day."

One of the many ways in which Clive demonstrated his capacity to remain outward looking was in his efforts to raise money for the Brain and Spine Foundation, a charity whose support he had greatly valued. The funeral Appreciation closed with these words:

"The greatest tribute that I can pay to Clive is to say that by his gentle example he teaches us how to live, and how to die."

Anthony Weston

SCHOOL NEWS

Exam Results 2006

School records were once again broken with 47% of our A level students achieving the top 'A' grade.

Twenty students gained all 'A' grades and two pupils were awarded examination board prizes: Christine Batchelor and Pia Dowse, who scored full marks in their A level Art examination, were the top achievers out of 5435 candidates in the country.

There were other notable achievements: John Challenger who, having recently gained diplomas from the Royal College of Organists and Trinity College of Music London, also gained three 'A' grades. Rosalind Higman leaves with five 'A' grades; the OCR Board were so impressed with Rosalind that they presented her with a West Midlands bursary, the only one awarded this year, for a place at Cambridge University. Sportsman James Lindsay, Deputy Head of School and captain of the 1st VX, also achieved a clean sweep of 'A' grades. Vicky Frith leaves Hereford Cathedral School with her Queen's Scout Award, Gold Duke of Edinburgh award and four 'A' grades, whilst Ogden Bursary award holder Simon Warner also achieved three 'A' grades.

Oxbridge success for Dean's Scholars

Three Sixth Form Dean's Scholars, Frances Leech, Rosalind Higman and Christine Batchelor secured their places to Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

Rosalind is off to Cambridge to study Modern and Medieval Languages at Corpus Christi College Cambridge, whilst Frances has secured her place to read French and Italian at Balliol College Oxford. Christine will be going to Girton College Cambridge to read Geography.

GCSE Results

GCSE pupils at HCS have again achieved excellent results. All pupils attained at least 5 GCSEs graded A* to C. Boys and girls did equally well with a quarter of the year gaining the equivalent of straight A* or A grades. Nearly half of all the GCSE grades achieved were either an 'A*' or 'A'.

Music Department

John Williams has retired after 21 years as Head of Music at HCS:

"My 21st and last report and it's been a good year in many respects. The opening of the new Music Room and our Music Technology suite in the Zimmerman block together with our Pre Prep Music and GCSE and A level teaching in the pleasant, welcoming, civilised facilities of No 31 means that finally we have first class facilities.

But good facilities aren't everything – indeed, these are relatively unimportant, compared to the experience of teaching the pleasant, talented students that we see each day. We say goodbye to some real stars: John Challenger who holds three grade 8 distinctions and two diplomas, and is to take up the St George's Windsor Organ Scholarship, Sam Twidale and Tom Campion who both hope to read Music at university, and both hold grade 8 distinction on their respective instruments, and Hattie Stock, our talented violinist from the Menuhin School who has been a musical revelation to many of us in her performances. Another leaver, Pia Dowse picked up an ATCL flute diploma, along with Laura Herriot, and Rosemary Channin who we said goodbye to in 2005, now goes to the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Liam Dunachie already holds grade 8s on voice, piano and violin, and is now a member of the National Youth Jazz Orchestra, and Luke Fisher gained 145 out of 150 marks for his grade 8 trumpet. Grade 8s have also gone to Alex Summers and Sam Wilson (distinction), Douglas Webb, Tizzy Jones and Christine Batchelor (merit), and a grade 8 violin distinction went to Hannah Roper, a Cathedral Junior School 10 year old! What an achievement!

Five pupils passed A2 (4 As and 1 B) and seven AS Music and with 32 GCSE music candidates on the books for the next two years, the academic music looks pretty healthy. In the AS and A2 Music Technology exams there was 100% grade A passes.

The BBC Courtyard Musicians Platform chose John Challenger, Liam Dunachie, Hattie Stock, Tizzy Jones, Emily Tompkins, the Recorder Consort (Mary Wall, Emma Cooper and Sophie Joss) and the Jazz Band as winners; and Amalie Fisher and Antonia Lazenby, together with the Junior Singers performed in the junior concert in the afternoon. The Hereford Festival gave special mention to our Junior Choirs, Tizzy Jones, Emily Tompkins, Mary Wall, Alex Deutsch and Asher Carruthers.

It was also good to have Jemima Phillips, the Royal harpist, back with us for a "Ceremony of Carols" with our Senior Girls' Choir just before Christmas which we performed in the Cathedral at lunchtime and again in the Shirehall in the evening.

Then, on Speech Day, many old pupils came back for a lunchtime sing in "Zadok" and a really special, tingling performance of the Wagner "Mastersingers" overture and the finale of Saint Saens' Organ Symphony. The cathedral resounded to the sound of nearly 100 in the orchestra, crowned by Peter Dyke on the Father Willis. Not a bad way to bow out! It was wonderful to hear Debbie Clarke and David Greatrex perform and note how they had progressed. Also it was such a joy to conduct an orchestra that not only contained pupils and peris, but such distinguished Old Herefordians like Ellie Briggs (*oboe*), Julian Edwards, Anthony Gregory and Naomi Howell (*clarinet*), Heather Hall (*bassoon*), Robert Parry and Stacey Williams (*trumpet*), Rosemary Channin (*french horn*), Peter Rowat (*trombone*), Suzanne Casey and Peter White (*violin*), Liz Dollins (*viola*) and Rachel Warner, Michael Brown and Nicola Higgins (*cello*). Also John Seymour on the cymbals! It was also lovely to see people like Julie Hollingworth who had done so much for school music in the past.'

Japanese visit

Japanese is taught as an extra-curricular subject and our senior students again entered the national Japanese Speech contest for schools. Felix Leech took part in the finals, which were held at the Japanese Embassy in London, and was awarded second prize in the Key Stage 4 section, winning the silver medal and a digital camera. Many congratulations go to Felix, especially as he was competing against older students who study Japanese on the timetable and not as an extra-curricular activity.

Students from Seikyo Senior High School visited HCS for the last two weeks of the Spring Term. This was Seikyo's second visit and again it was a most enjoyable and enlightening experience for both Japanese and British students.

Maths Success

The HCS Maths Department have been celebrating the achievements of their junior pupils in the National

Mathematical Challenges. So far in 2006, 93 1st to 4th Form pupils have been awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate. These awards are based upon their achievement in an exacting assessment of mathematical thinking and puzzle solving.



The school's organiser of the event, Mike Taylor, said, "These fantastic results are due to both the enthusiasm of the pupils and the dedication of the Maths Department. It is very encouraging to see the success and pleasure the pupils have experienced in a potentially daunting subject!",

OHs of WW1 remembered

Forty-five HCS pupils visited the First World War battlefields of the Somme and Yprès. Pupils had researched Old Herefordians who fought and died in WW1 – their sixty-seven names can be seen in the cathedral – and located their graves or memorials using the Commonwealth War Graves website. It was poignant to see those familiar names, far from Hereford, and to think a little about what they may have experienced or suffered whilst fighting for their country.

If you have any information on WW1 Old Herefordian casualties, the HCS History Department would be pleased to hear from you.

New Sixth Form Centre

This September HCS Sixth Form moved into their new study centre in the Zimmerman Building. The old Buttery has been transformed into an exclusive 21st Century café for the sixth formers (and staff!) with superb catering and sofas which would grace any high street coffee shop. The centre is fully equipped with computer facilities and spacious new studies.



Medical Reunion

Doctors, dentists, veterinarians and other medical professionals gathered at HCS on Saturday 14 October, for the first of a series of professional reunions. The aim of the day was to inspire students from HCS and local schools by offering them the opportunity to meet with OHs who have chosen a career in medicine. The guest speakers included Dr Frank Ryding from the International Red Cross and several OHs – Ania Barling on life as a medical student, Dr N Farr, veterinary surgeon, and I Flack talking on medical design engineering.

Debating Society

Topics for debate ranged from the controversial 'This House would give healthcare preference to those living a healthy lifestyle' to the more topical 'This House believes that

international sport is war without the weapons' (which was debated six weeks after England had regained the Ashes!).

Eight teams fought for the President's Cup, with Paddy Keating and Peter Deutsch eventually winning, having opposed the motion 'This House would elect judges'. The Society was very grateful to our new President, Mr Smith, for adjudicating at the final.

This year we entered two teams for the Taylor Trophy GCSE competition where we battled through to the Grand Final, reaching the final 4 out of 32 schools in the West Midlands. Two teams of 4th form debaters also competed in the International Competition of Young Debaters, with Alex McGhee and Will Thorman reaching Finals Day at the prestigious Oxford Union

Arguably our greatest success came in the 'Mace' competition. Our experienced team of Paddy Keating and Peter Deutsch travelled to Worcester for the Regional Finals. In what was recognised as a very close result, we were placed as runners up to Cheltenham Ladies' College and RGS; Cheltenham Ladies' College went on to the England Final.

RETIREMENTS

The past two summers have seen the retirement of some senior members of staff who between them have clocked up an incredible 135 years of teaching at HCS!

Bob Clarke (1981 – 2005)

Head of Design & Technology

Although originally appointed to teach physics, Bob Clarke soon established the teaching of Technology in the school and played an active role in the appeal which raised funds for the development of the Portman Centre on the site of the former



New Block. Design and Technology expanded under his leadership to become a popular option at GCSE, and at A level provided the opportunity for potential engineers and those interested in design and fabrication to work on major projects.

He and his wife Carol were houseparents at St John House, then the house for girl boarders. Situated close to the night life in the centre of the city, it cannot have been an easy task to keep girls in and unwanted intruders out. One memorable incident involved Bob accosting and removing a drunken Canadian special forces serviceman from the roof one Saturday night.

Jim Dunn (1968 – 2005)

Head of Chemistry

Jim Dunn (known to many pupils of the 1970's and 80's as Dickie Dunn and because of this to parents as Richard!) started his career at HCS in the year before Neil Armstrong set foot on the Moon, a distant past not only for pupils but also for most current members of the Common Room. He became Head of Chemistry in 1998 and under his leadership the department continued to attract large numbers of sixth formers and exam results were always amongst the best. The rigour and attention to detail shown in his Chemistry teaching were also deployed in his job as Examinations Secretary, a task which increased in complexity year by year. Famed for his explosive experiments such as 'Black Arthur', Jim was also the instigator of many 'firsts' at HCS – the first ski trip, the overland expedition to Istanbul by minibus and the canal boat trips.



Colin Gray (1979 – 2006)

Head of English

When Colin was appointed, the English department consisted of two rooms and a cupboard. The A level take up was eleven. The following year the number was twenty-six and English Literature remained consistently the most popular choice at A level throughout the eighties, reaching an absolute high of forty-four in the late nineties. Due to Colin's commitment the numbers have hardly dipped. Now the department boasts six specialist teachers, has its own suite of rooms and a designated computer area. What a contrast with 1979.



Generations of HCS pupils have good cause to thank Mr. Gray. He is a very modest man and a fair one too. His teaching style was never loud or dogmatic and he was always quick to praise, especially creative writing. Some have even become English teachers as a result. What better compliment can there be than to emulate your old English teacher?

Hilary Gould (1980 – 2005)

Co-ordinator of Modern Languages

Hilary Gould taught Modern Languages at HCS to the highest school levels for 25 years. She was appointed successively Head of German, Deputy Head of Modern Languages, Head of French and Co-ordinator of Modern Languages, and has seen MFL move three times from the old "New Block" (now part of the Portman Centre), to No. 34 and to its present modern facilities in the Zimmerman Building. Hilary Gould has also been an outstanding middle school and 6th Form pastoral Tutor with Cornwall House and a Higher Education Adviser, as well as the organiser of many exchange trips to Strasbourg.



John Williams (1985 – 2006)

Head of Music

John Williams has been the school's longest ever serving Director of Music. John was loved by everyone alike and his caring and accommodating manner was key to the friendly family atmosphere of the department. It is a phenomenal testament to his leadership that so many of the peripatetic team have remained at HCS for so long – the peripatetic team total well over 400 years of combined service to the school! His devotion to the job allowed for the smooth running of the music school – after all, how many of us are here at 7.15 am or thereabouts every morning – and it's this extra time that enabled future events to be planned and potential problems, clashes and conflicts of interest to be avoided.



Under his expert guidance music has thrived at HCS; so many pupils, past and present, have achieved the highest musical standards and even pupils not undertaking instrument lessons have had opportunities to participate in inspirational musical events.

Moving on

Damian Cummins, Head of Sport, and Dylan Bennetts, Head of Geography, left the school in July 2006 to take up new teaching appointments.



THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE



Helen Pearson

Helen Pearson took on the role of OH Membership Secretary at the school Development Office a little over a year ago. During this short time she has made many innovations and improvements which have ensured the smooth running of the new membership database.

By the time you receive this newsletter, Helen will be on maternity leave and the office will be supervised by Lynda Freeman.

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**Old Herefordians In London
 AUTUMN LUNCH**

**DOGGETTS COAT & BADGE
 1 BLACKFRIARS BRIDGE, SE1**

**8 November 2006
 From 12 pm onwards**

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**Old Herefordians' Club
 O.H Day Saturday 9th December 2006**

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Herefordians' Club will be held in the Zimmerman Building on Saturday 9th December 2006 at 10.00am.

Timetable of Events

9.30am	Coffee in the new 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
5.30pm	Evensong in the Cathedral
7.00pm	OH Dinner in Briscoe Room, Old Deanery

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

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Tickets for Lunch and Dinner:

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**BELMONT
 GOLF DAY**

Thursday 10 May 2007

**Coffee & bacon roll (11 am)
 Round of Golf
 Dinner 6 pm**

Cost £42

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