



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OLD BLUES' ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the CHOBA June e-mail newsletter for 2010

EVENTS

Due to the large number of activities in the calendar, we will only publicise events in the current month, the following month and additionally any new events notified to the office. For a full list of all events in 2010 please refer to:

<http://www.chassociation.org/events/index.php>

| FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2010 | | | |
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| Date | Section | Venue | Contact Details |
| Tuesday 1st June | Shropshire and Welsh Borders Old Blues | The Coach and Horses, Swan Hill, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NF | Please contact the Secretary Peter Simmonds - 01743 246508 for further information. |
| Wednesday 2nd June | East Sussex Old Blues | The Cock Inn, beside the A26 between Lewes and Uckfield | If you would like more information please contact the Secretary, Sarah O'Reilly on 01825 840727 or email at: sw1303@hotmail.com . |
| Monday 7th June | West Sussex Old Blues | The Royal Oak on the A286 just south | Please contact the Secretary Sue Howell Evans on 07791 241409 or by email at |

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| | | of Midhurst - postcode GU29 0EP | she1549@yahoo.co.uk if you would like more information |
| Tuesday 8th June | Peele B Annual Reunion Lunch | Crockfords, Mayfair, London | Please contact the Secretary Ken Mansell on 02086685075 or by email at Ken.Mansell@btinternet.com . or 15 Purley Hill, Purley, Surrey, CR8 1AP |
| Friday 18th June – Sunday 21st June | Ontario and Eastern Canadian Old Blues | Donald Gordon Centre, Queen's University, Kingston, ON. | For further details contact Josh Reynolds at patjoreynolds@sympatico.ca |
| Saturday 12th June | 20 Years On Reunion (leavers of 1989/1990) | CH, Horsham | Invitations have been posted - to register early interest contact the CHOBA office |
| Saturday 12th June | Yorkshire Old Blues Luncheon | Rudding Park Hotel, Nr Harrogate HG3 1JH | Please contact Megan Godden for further details. Tel: 01904 766683 or email megsgodden@hotmail.com |
| Thursday 17th June | East Surrey Old Blues | The Bell, Outwood, Nr Bletchingley | Please contact Paul Winterflood for further details. Tel: 01883 65 3017, or email woolhams@btinternet.com |
| Saturday 3rd July | Herts, Beds and Bucks Old Blues Luncheon | “The Boot” Public House, Sarratt, WD6 3BL | Please contact the Secretary, Jim Nelhams for further details. Tel: 0208 449 7076, hbob@chassociation.org |
| Monday 5th July | West Sussex Old Blues | The Royal Oak on the A286 just south of Midhurst - postcode GU29 0EP | Please contact the Secretary Sue Howell Evans on 07791 241409 or by email at she1549@yahoo.co.uk if you would like more information |

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| Wednesday 18th August | Severn and Avon Old Blues | The Five Mile House, 5 miles North of Cirencester on the A 417 | Meeting at 12.00 for 12.30 for lunch. For further details please contact Peter Wornell on 01225 703517 |
| Tuesday 31st August | Old Blues Golfing Society | Milford | Please contact the Secretary, Rosemary Adkins at Rosemary.Adkins@btinternet.com for further details. Tel: 01825 765327 |
| Wednesday 8th September | Masonic Chapter | Freemasons' Hall, Holborn, London | All Old Blue masons are welcome at the meeting and any Old Blue wanting to join please contact Michael Beare 01462 456050 mdb@listerbeare.co.uk |
| Tuesday 14th September | Old Blues Golfing Society | Old Thorns, Liphook | Please contact the Secretary, Rosemary Adkins at Rosemary.Adkins@btinternet.com for further details. Tel: 01825 765327 |
| Thursday 23rd September | Masonic Rose Croix | 10 Duke Street, St James, London | All Old Blue masons are welcome at the meeting and any Old Blue wanting to join please contact David Spackman 01189 781613 |

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| | | | david-wendy@spackman.go-plus.net |
| Saturday 25th September | Old Blues in Finland | Turku, Finland | We hope to get Old Blues together from all over Finland to celebrate St Matthew's Day - venue and details to be confirmed. For further details please contact Maria Vatanen (née Grogan). Email: FinlandOldBlues@googlemail.com Tel: +358 (0)40 353 7009 |
| Wednesday 6th October | 50 Years On Reunion (leavers of 1959/1960) | CH, Horsham | Invitations will be posted but to register early interest contact the CHOBA office |
| Friday 15th October | Queensland Founder's Day Dinner | Brisbane, Australia | 6:30 pm for 7:30 pm. Venue to be announced nearer the date. Please contact Meg Russell-Hines for further details. Tel: (07) 3229 6577 or email meg@hmcgroup.net.au |
| Saturday 16th October | Founder's Day Dinner | CH, Horsham | Please contact the Hon Sec to the Stewards of Founder's Day, Roger Eades on rogereades@02.co.uk or CHOBA, Counting House, Horsham RH13 0YP |
| Sunday 17th October | Bath and West Old Blues Annual Lunch | By kind permission of Elizabeth Cairncross at Wells Cathedral School, Wells, Somerset. | Please contact the Secretary, David Farrar for further details. Tel: 01934 862226 d.farrar@btconnect.com |
| Wednesday 20th October | Masonic Lodge | Bakers Hall, London | All Old Blue masons are welcome at the meeting and any Old Blue wanting to join please contact Michael Pitcher 01844 346687 mike@pamuk.demon.co.uk |

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| Friday 22nd October | East Midlands Founder's Day Dinner | Quorn Grange Hotel near Loughborough | Please contact the Secretary Wyn Parry for further details. Tel: 01162 301054,or wyn45.parry@talktalk.net |
| Saturday 23rd October | Friends of CH – Founder's Day Dinner | The Union League Club, Chicago | Please contact Belinda Reiser for further details. Tel: (630 469 5268) or belindareiser@hotmail.com |
| Sunday 24th October | New South Wales Old Blues Annual Lunch | Sydney Harbour | Contact Roger Wickins 02 997 32158, rrog1213@bigpond.net.au |
| Saturday 30th October | The Caledonian Society of Blues Founder's Day Lunch | The Queen's Hotel, Perth | Please contact the secretary John Shippen on 015395 33039 or john@shippen.org.uk for further details |
| Saturday 6th November | 40 Years On Reunion (leavers of 1969/1970) | CH, Horsham | Invitations will be posted but to register early interest contact the CHOPA office |
| Wednesday 17th November | Severn and Avon Old Blues | The Cross Hands, Old Sodbury, at the crossroads of A432/ A46 at traffic lights. | Meeting at 12.00 for 12.30 for lunch. For further details please contact Peter Wornell on 01225 703517 |
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| Monday 29th November to Thursday 9th | Exhibition of photographs by Tony Ray-Jones | CH, First Floor, Art Department Gallery | The exhibition will be open by <u>appointment</u> <u>only</u> . A private viewing will be held on Friday 26 th November 4-6pm, followed by a discussion of Tony Ray-Jones' work and life at 6.15pm. |

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| <p>December</p> <p>Private Viewing Friday 26th November 4-6pm</p> | | | <p>If you would like to attend the private viewing and discussion, or the exhibition on viewing days, please contact Lisa Williams on 07973 143170 or lisasamos@yahoo.com.</p> |
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NEW DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Lesley Humphreys has been appointed as Director of Development, taking up her new role this month. She will lead the Development team in a focused effort to reinvigorate fundraising - an effort that is vital to enabling Christ's Hospital to remain true to its mission of providing an outstanding education to disadvantaged children regardless of their means.

Lesley has been Marketing & Development Director at Millfield, the largest co-educational boarding school in the UK where, among her many accomplishments she built the school's development programme.

IMPROVEMENTS IN COMMUNICATIONS

We have reviewed the way in which we enable CHOBA members to communicate with each other and we have concluded that we could significantly improve communication if contact details were available to CHOBA section secretaries (in accordance with Data Protection Act 1998). This will result in better communications fulfilling our aim to help Old Blues keep in touch with each other and Christ's Hospital. We would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire which was enclosed in the recent edition of The Old Blue and return it to us. We will place you in the nearest active section to your postcode unless you inform us otherwise, additionally you are welcome to join any other section or activity group indicated on the form - please inform us of your preferences. Unfortunately there are areas of the country (e.g. Wales, Isle of Man, Teesside, Tyne and Wear and Northumberland), where the nearest active section is some distance away, so if there is an enthusiastic person who could consider organising and co-ordinating local events in these locations then I would love to hear from you.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL HONOURS ITS WAR DEAD

On 27th April, representatives of Christ's Hospital, led by the Head Master, Mr John Franklin, and Chaplain, Father Ian Colson, attended a service at St George's Church in Ypres to unveil a plaque donated by an anonymous Old Blue commemorating the 670 Old Blues, and staff, who had made the final sacrifice in all armed conflicts.

The Deputy Head, Mrs Jo Thomson, read "Aftermath" by Siegfried Sassoon and Thomas Isaac, Grecian played the Last Post and Reveille. The school staff and pupils were supported by a small group of Old Blues, the majority of whom had served in the British Army, who later laid a CH crested poppy wreath at the Menin Gate during the Last Post Ceremony.

THOSE OLD BLUES WHO ARE SADLY NO LONGER WITH US

Chief Petty Officer Ted Bradley (CCF Staff Instructor 72-87) died March 2010

Mr Robert Craig (MdA 1952 – 1957) died 17th May 2010

Mrs Patricia Hill (nee Archer) (3's 1944 – 1951) died May 2010

Mr Peter Reeve (MdB 30-38) died in May 2010

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL HERITAGE - Postcards by Clifford Jones

Since 1901 more than 1000 postcards have been published featuring Christ's Hospital and from this it is possible to build up a fascinating view of CH recent history. A new booklet has just been published, written by an Old Blue, Clifford Jones, which includes rare cards of the School in London, pictures of events at Hertford before the site was closed in 1985, and many cards relating to the School at Horsham.

'An excellent publication, full of interesting material, presented in a very readable way.'

Read about the early history of The Blue, the School band, the original railway station, the School's post office, and the original colours of the house games shirts. Why are the boarding houses so named? Who opened the New Science School, arriving by an aeroplane that he landed on Big Side? What was on the menu in 1913? What happened in the days before television when an attempt was made to tune into a radio broadcast in 1922? What is the story of the Dominions Library?and much more.

48 pages, full of detail about the School in the last century and with 150 illustrations.

Price £9.50 per booklet plus £1.50 UK postage for first booklet & 50p for any additional booklets.

All income goes towards funding the work of the Museum. Cheques to be made payable to payable to Christ's Hospital.

Please send all orders to The Counting House (Museum), Christ's Hospital, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 0YP

OLD BLUE IN SOMERSET

Peter Hill (BaA1948 – 1956) a retired BBC correspondent on politics, is currently involved in voluntary work in the Somerset area (Montacute and Lytes Cary) as a house guide and lecturer. He gives presentations on various historical subjects e.g. Strawberry Hill, its garden, Horace Walpole, stained glass, coats of arms, Tudor portraits, the Duke of Buckingham, etc, all of which relate to the houses he has worked in as a steward. Other subjects include the Tudor collection of the National Portrait Gallery at Montacute, Elizabethan masons' marks and the history of the reporting of Parliament.

If any Old Blue would welcome a speaker on these topics within travelling distance of Somerset please could they contact me at the CHOBA office on 01403 247665 and I will forward to Peter.

EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS BY TONY RAY-JONES

One of Britain's most influential photographers and Old Blue (1950-1957)

29 November – 9 December by appointment only

In his short life Tony Ray-Jones became one of the finest young photographers of his generation capturing the English, our rituals and customs at the end of the vibrant sixties. Promoting photography as an art form, he depicted a witty social commentary of the British people, leaving a legacy that continues to be an inspiration to new generations of photographers. His work is in private and public collections worldwide.

The exhibition and discussion panel together provide a unique opportunity to learn about a man who created some of the most memorable images of the British and whose overall approach to his medium helped shape what many consider to be the greatest ever generation of British photographers.

Tony Ray-Jones Exhibition opening Friday 26th November 4-6pm.

Discussion of Tony Ray-Jones' work and life at 6.15pm.

The exhibition will be open **by appointment only** from Monday 29th November to Thursday 9th December in the Christ's Hospital Art Department, First Floor Gallery.

If you would like to attend the private view and discussion, or the exhibition on viewing days, please contact Lisa Williams on 07973 143170 or lisasamos@yahoo.com.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

A full list of events can be found on the school website at: www.christs-hospital.org/school-life-whats-on-box-office.php

CAREERS

Seeking a Journal Publisher Geochemistry and Geophysics – Oxford based

Education and experience:

University degree BSc/MSc/PhD in a (relevant) scientific field

Publishing experience or relevant other commercial experience

For further information please contact Bethan Keall (BaA 92-96), Executive Publisher

Phone: +44 (0)207 424 4280 or e-mail: b.keall@elsevier.com

OLD BLUE SECTIONS

YORKSHIRE OLD BLUES

This group is meeting for lunch at the Rudding Park Hotel, near Harrogate on Saturday 12th June
Please contact Megan Godden (nee Fisher - Col B 88-95) for further details. Tel: 01904 766683 or megsgodden@hotmail.com

Additionally Megan is taking part in a sponsored 120-mile bike ride across the Hebrides in July to raise money for The Katie McKerracher Trust. This is a new charity set up and run by members of Megan's family in memory of a family member, Katie, who lost her battle with an inoperable brain tumour last year, aged only 10. The charity aims to raise money to help and support the families of children with cancer. For more information and to make a sponsorship donation please see www.justgiving.com/Megan-Duncan or email Megan.

REGULAR MASONIC MEETINGS

All Old Blue masons are welcome to attend any of the meetings below, please contact the named person. Any Old Blue wanting to join please also contact any of the listed names:

LODGE – BAKERS HALL, LONDON

Meets: 4th Wed in Jan 26/1/11
4th Wed in Feb 23/2/11
3rd Wed in Oct 20/10/10
4th Wed in Nov 24/11/10

Michael Pitcher 01844 346687 mike@pamuk.demon.co.uk

CHAPTER – FREEMASON'S HALL, HOLBORN

Meets: 3rd Wed in May 19/5/10
2nd Wed in Sept 8/9/10

Michael Beare 01462 456050 mdb@listerboeare.co.uk

ROSE CROIX – 10 DUKE STREET, ST JAMES

Meets: 1st Tues in April 7/4/10
4th Thur in Sept 23/9/10

David Spackman 01189 781613 david-wendy@spackman.go-plus.net

EAST ANGLIAN SECTION – appeal

We are looking for a Secretary for the East Anglian Old Blues Section, if you could consider this role or sharing the role with another Old Blue then please could you contact me on administrator@chassociation.org. The role is primarily to organise get togethers and lunches and keep fellow Old Blues in touch with each other.

OLD BLUES GIRLS SPORTING CLUB – Match Report

Please find below the Netball report from the most recent match on the 26th April 2010. It was great to see people back at CH playing some sport and it was a closely fought match as you will see from the following summary. The group hopes to set something up for September so please get your friends together and come along.

“It was time again to show the school netball team what we Old Blues are (still) made of! As always on these occasions we turn up to CH with an air of excitement but also with butterflies in our stomachs. Whether it's the fact that we are back on school premises, where everything looks and smells the same, or whether it's knowing that we're about to play a grueling 40 minutes of netball (when another year has gone by and the only exercise most of us has done is walking up the occasional escalator on the underground). Who knows? The butterflies always seem to help as we find ourselves fired up for the match...with the exception of Miss Motyer who we had to literally drag out of her 3-bed palace and onto the netball court! Good job we did too, because we certainly needed her valuable height and flailing limbs in defence.

With Polly and Rachel as shooters, Annie, Jemma, Charlie and Thea in the centre and Bethan joining Ilona in defence we made a surprisingly formidable team!

After taking a few minutes to get settled into our positions, we found our form and the goals started rolling in. We finished the first quarter 4-3 up. After all these years we've still got it!

The CH team, although (apparently) not their full 1st team were led by Michelle Kalu who, as always, dominated the court from her position as GD. When the ball got into the hands of their GA, Hayley, it was almost certainly goal time. But with our shooters - who certainly hadn't lost their skills - we ran away with the lead in the 2nd quarter ending the first half 10 - 7 up.

Success, as the CH team pointed out, is usually a short lived affair for us Old, Old Blues whose fitness usually gets the better of us. Well...their theory rang true in the 3rd quarter as we let the goals slip by. Isobel Day as GS proved to be a real asset to their team - hardly missing a shot. We had to have one bad quarter and that was it! The CH team scored 9 goals in 10 minutes to take the lead 15-12 with just the final quarter to go.

This fired up us Old Blue's and although our limbs were aching and our lungs were feeling the strain we fought hard for the last 10 minutes to bring the score up to a very commendable 22-18. Not bad for a bunch of Old Blues!”

SCHOOL TOPICS

BAND AT LORD'S

It was the Band's 16th appearance on the pitch at Lord's to play during the lunch interval of the **England v Bangladesh First Test on Friday, 28 May**.

The Band was honoured to be invited to perform at the world's major venue for cricket and over 100 pupils from Christ's Hospital provided a wonderful spectacle. This year's Band Captain was Hugh Lindley and Senior Drum Major was Henry Kilmister, both aged 18. The youngest players were Zac Moxon (Bassoon), Sophie Glenny and Olivia Walsh (Clarinet) aged 13.

The School has historic links with the MCC including Lt Col John R Stephenson – Secretary of the MCC 1987 – 93; Dennis Silk – President 92-94 and Chairman of TCCB 94-96, cricketer, John Snow and several Old Blues are MCC members.

PUPILS RAISE £5,000 FOR RWANDA PROJECT

A joint venture with Christ's Hospital pupils and Horsham's Tanbridge House School raised over £5,000 for Rwanda. Fundraising events over the last two terms have included a collaborative Theatre evening and Fashion Show as well as separate events such as the sponsored 'Running for Rwanda' in which over 100 CH pupils took part raising £3,100.

SCHOOL PHOTO

Watch a video of the children having their School photograph taken! <http://www.christs-hospital.org.uk/school-slideshow-list.php>

POSTCARD FROM THE ROOF OF THE WORLD - CHRIST'S HOSPITAL EXPEDITION TO NEPAL – DECEMBER 2010

Introduction. As you may be aware 12 students from Christ's Hospital will be conducting an expedition to Nepal from the 7 – 23rd December 2010. During the visit they will participate in a charity project, trek to Annapurna Base Camp and will be able to experience the cultural diversity of the country. The trip will be wholly organised by students and staff from the school and not purchased from a specialist agency or funded by the School or Foundation.

Fundraising for the Trip. The students attending the expedition are entirely self-funded. Prior to departure students will be required to undertake group fundraising activities to offset the costs of the expedition and to raise money for the charities we will be working for whilst we are in Nepal. Links to the two charities we will be visiting are given below.

Shamrock Boarding School - http://shamrock-school.org/our_mission.html

The Gurkha Welfare Scheme - <http://www.hggws.org/>

What we are asking for? As part of the programme of fundraising the team will be running a 'Postcard from the Roof of the World' event. For the sum of £5 any member of the Christ's Hospital community or their friends or relatives will be able to sign up to receive a postcard sent by a member of the expedition whilst they are in the Himalayas. The £5 received by the expedition team will be divided up between meeting the costs for the expedition and fundraising for the charities with which we will be involved. As such £2 will be donated towards the Gurkha Welfare Scheme and Shamrock Boarding School and £2 will go towards supporting the costs incurred by students for the trip. The remaining £1 will cover the cost of the postcard and postage from Nepal.

What you will get in return? For your donation you will receive a hand written, personalised postcard written by a team member and sent during the expedition. Though this may seem like a small return for the cost we are hoping that you will see it as an opportunity to keep in touch with the activities of students at the school whilst being able to help improve the lives of people living in difficult conditions in Nepal.

How to get a postcard. If you would like a postcard sent to you, a relative or a friend please write to the address below or contact me by email at admininstrator@chassocaiation.org and we will provide an order form.

The Christ's Hospital Nepal 2010 Expedition Team

Nepal 2010 Expedition Team
c/o Mrs C Mason
Thornton A
Christ's Hospital
Horsham
West Sussex
RH13 0YP

DAY PLACES

A significant recent decision has been that Christ's Hospital will be offering full-fee Day places from September 2010 at age 11, 13 and 16. The total numbers of Day pupils will be limited to ten per year group and no more than one day pupil per year group will be placed in any of the sixteen boarding houses. This initiative is part of the income-raising strategy, to reinforce CH's ability to remain true to its original mission by providing a free or subsidised education to children from all backgrounds, particularly those in social, financial or other need. The day pupil's experience will cover a full CH day and will be the same as a boarding pupil's experience except for the overnight stay.

Margaret Wadman
CHOPA Administrator

Registered Charity Number 306975

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