



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OLD BLUES' ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the CHOBA October 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>

If you have not received any information about any of the events below, and you feel you should have or you would like to receive information from this section in the future, please contact the CHOBA office directly and we will amend your record accordingly.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2010			
Date	Section	Venue	Contact Details
Tuesday 2nd November	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 3rd November	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 .
Wednesday 3rd November	West Surrey Old Blues	The Anchor, High Street, Ripley GU23 6AE at 1pm	Please contact the Secretary John Swayne on 01483 453703 or by email at swayne_1@btinternet.com if you would like

			more information
Thursday 4th November 2010	Kent Old Blues Luncheon	White Rabbit, Sandling Road Maidstone ME14 2RF	Event: Informal lunch time meeting Details: 2nd Quarterly Meeting of KOBS For further details, please contact Richard Briggs on 01732 352590 or richard@misterbee.co.uk . All Old Blues are welcome
Saturday 6th November	40 Years On Reunion (leavers of 1969/1970)	CH, Horsham	Invitations will be posted but to register early interest contact the CHOBA office
Tuesday 9th November	Herts, Beds and Bucks Old Blues Luncheon	Brookmans Park Golf Club, AL9 7AT	Please contact the Secretary, Jim Nelhams for further details. Tel: 0208 449 7076, hbob@chassociation.org
Saturday 13th November	Yorkshire Old Blues - Luncheon	Monk Fryston Hall, Monk Fryston, LS25 5DU	The lunch will begin at 11.45, for a 12.30pm. Please contact Megan Godden for further details. Tel: 01904 766683,or megsgodden@hotmail.com
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
Thursday 18th November	East Surrey Old Blues	The Bell, Outwood, Nr Bletchingley	Please contact Paul Winterflood for further details. Tel: 01883 65 3017,or woolhams@btinternet.com
Wednesday 24th November	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

Monday 29th November to Thursday 9th December Private Viewing Friday 26 th November 4-6pm	Exhibition of photographs by Tony Ray-Jones	CH, First Floor, Art Department Gallery	The exhibition will be open by <u>appointment 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. 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 .
Wednesday 1st December	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 .
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Friday 3rd December	Newbury Old Blues Annual Dinner	Newbury Rugby Club	The Newbury Old Blues Annual Dinner due to take place in October had to be postponed and will now take place on the 3rd December at Newbury Rugby Club. For more information, please contact Mary Davenport 01488 668287 or mary_davenport@hotmail.com .
Saturday 4th December	Herts, Beds and Bucks Old Blues Luncheon	<u>Please note the change of location to:</u> The Cock Inn, Church Lane SARRATT WD3 6HH.	Please contact the Secretary, Jim Nelhams for further details. Tel: 0208 449 7076, hbob@chassociation.org

		This is close to Holy Cross Church.	
Monday 6th December	West Sussex Old Blues – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH	<u>Please note original venue is closed until further notice. Additional information regarding new venue to follow</u>	Please contact the Secretary Sue Howell Evans on 07791 241409 or by email at she1549@yahoo.co.uk if you would like more information
Tuesday 7th December	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.
Tuesday 14th December	CHOPA Carol Concert	St Andrews Church, Holborn	Further details to follow
Jan 2011 – date tbc	Oxfordshire Old Blues - Evensong and Supper	Oxford – exact location tbc	Please contact the Secretary John Evans for further details. 27 Clevelands, Abingdon, OX14 2EQ; Tel: 01235-525059; jhevans@sky.com .
Wednesday 26th January 2011	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
Saturday 19th February	Old Blues Rugby Football Club Reunion	Motspur Park	For more details contact Bryan Hall at bcmhall@yahoo.co.uk
Wednesday 23rd	Masonic Lodge	Bakers Hall, London	All Old Blue masons are welcome at the meeting and any Old Blue wanting to join

February 2011			please contact Michael Pitcher 01844 346687 mike@pamuk.demon.co.uk
Saturday 30th April	Old Blues Day	CH, Horsham	More details to follow in the New Year

Copies of recent CHOBAs newsletters are now available on our website in the news section <http://www.chassociation.org/news/index.php>. Back copies can be found in the news archive section.

SECURITY ON SITE

We welcome visits from Old Blues, families and friends but the need to safeguard the welfare of our students means that we must manage carefully all such visits. This is in response to government legislation.

The School is therefore asking everyone to observe the following rules when visiting the site:

- Prior to any visit, please contact the School or Foundation in advance, for further information please follow the link <http://www.chassociation.org/contacts/index.php>
- Visits may not be feasible at certain times, for example when important examinations or other assessments are being conducted.
- In order to comply with government safeguarding regulations, all School visitors must adhere at all times with the School's policies, administrative rules and regulations; a brief resumé of which will be given to all visitors to read when registering at security.
- Visitors will be required to register with security on arrival and to report to the security building when arriving or leaving the school premises.
- CH requests visitors to wear and visibly display a Christ's Hospital pass, or other approved identification, when on school premises.
- Cars must be parked in the official car park.
- No visitor should seek to enter a boarding house or other school buildings except the reception area unless they are supervised by a CH member of staff or attending an official event.

Official Policy

We hope that all our visitors both past, present and in the future will understand the reasons for adhering to this policy.

NEW CHOBAs BOARD MEMBERS REQUIRED

Applications are invited for new members to the Christ's Hospital Old Blues' Association Board.

Board members who have served for their appointed time have now or will have stepped down by early 2011. The Board has, to date, comprised Old Blues of varying professions and skills and the Board wishes to maintain this valuable cross-section.

The aim of the Board is to:

- Work in partnership with Christ's Hospital and support it in the development, enhancement and maintenance of a network of mutually beneficial and enduring relationships between Old Blues, staff, pupils, School and Foundation;
- Provide support to the CHOBA Administrator and advise on the type of service to be provided; and
- Assist with events and activities where appropriate.

The ways of communicating to CHOBA members include 'The Old Blue', a variety of Old Blue events and reunions, the CHOBA Sections within the UK and Overseas, the website and a dedicated Facebook page. Other areas of activity, current and planned, include re-launching the Careers Network a revised portfolio of publications and establishing a range of reunion activities for 2011.

What are the commitments of a Board Member?

Meetings of the Board are held twice a year at the school, and bi-monthly telephone conferences keep everyone up to date. The initial term of office is for three years. This role is not remunerated.

How to apply:

Applications are invited from Old Blues who would like to contribute to the continuing development of an active Old Blue community and represent their peer group on the Board.

Interested applicants should contact Margaret Wadman, the CHOBA Administrator, by email, telephone or letter, for an application form which will need to be submitted by Wednesday 1st December 2010. These applications will be considered, in confidence, by the CHOBA Board Nominations Committee which will take into account the competencies, experience and skills of each applicant and how they might contribute to the work of CHOBA. Interviews will take place by end of December 2010. It is hoped any appointment to the CHOBA Board will be confirmed during January 2011.

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CHOBA CAROL CONCERT - Tuesday 14th December

The venue this year is: **Church of St. Andrew, Holborn. London EC4A 3AB.** <http://www.standrewholborn.org.uk/>

Come and join us for a festive concert; enjoy some great music performed by your fellow Old Blues with a glass of warming mulled wine and a mince pie.

Tickets are only £6.00 Adults, £3.00 Students under 16 years, Children under 12 years free. Order your tickets today – call the CHOBA Office or download an order form from the CHOBA website at: <http://www.chassociation.org/news/index.php>

If you want to volunteer to take part in the choir, simply email us at the CHOBA Office and we'll be delighted to add you to the list. The music is being conducted by Old Blue and current CH Director of Music, Adrian Bawtree, and rehearsals start at 4.00pm.

As well as music from the choir there will be festive readings given by various Old Blues, and plenty of chances to join in with the singing! It's a great way to round up a day of Christmas shopping in the city, or to brighten up those dark winter days on your way home from work.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Order your ticket today at: <http://www.chassociation.org/shop/>

CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE

The Christ's Hospital Old Blues' Association have produced a set of Horsham and Hertford themed Christmas Cards. There are five designs to choose from, each design comes in a pack of 10 cards. The designs you can choose from are:

- Hertford circa 1950
- Housey Snowmen
- The Avenue
- The Quad
- Winter Fun

These are on sale priced at £4.75 per pack of 10 (including postage – UK only). Should you wish to have these sent overseas please contact the office directly for postage costs. To order, please contact Margaret Wadman at the CHOBA office (01403 247665) or order and pay securely online at the CHOBA Shop:<http://www.chassociation.org/shop/>

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS FROM CHOBA

Our range of CH merchandise would make a great gift and can be ordered online

Stock includes:-

- CH silk single crested tie
- Cufflinks
- Hooded Sweatshirt
- Polo Shirt
- Fleece Jacket
- Rugby Shirt

To order please visit our [Online shop](#) or contact the [CHOBA Administrator](#).

OLD BLUES DAY 2011

The date has been confirmed for Old Blues Day 2011

Old Blues Day 2011 will take place on **Saturday 30th April**.

This will be a family-based day following on from the successes of previous years. The activities and events on the day will be confirmed nearer the time - there will be plenty to do, see and take part in, so **put the date in your diaries now**.

Tickets for morning coffee, lunch and tea will be available from the middle of February via [The CHOBA Online Shop](#), or alternatively [contact Margaret in the CHOBA Office](#).

Come along with your family and meet up with old friends and contemporaries - it'll be a great day!

RE-LAUNCH OF THE CHOBA CAREERS NETWORK

We shall be reporting our progress in future issues.

OLD BLUE NEWS

Professor D M R Taplin DSc (LaB 1950-1957)

In Sendai, Japan on October 6th 2010 David was awarded the title of "Emeritus President of ICF: The World Academy of Structural Integrity". ICF: WASI addresses problems such as the BP Deepwater Horizon Accident in the Gulf of Mexico and his Plenary Lecture at Sendai addressed this structural integrity problem and safe design via systems modelling.

OLD BLUE WALKS

In June 2010 two old blue, ex-Kirby Signallers met for a walk on their old camp territory on Amberley Down. Ukridge (Jim Compton Mid A 41-48) and Yachon-Heron (aka Andre McLean CoLA 42-49) , decided that we were not up to a sixteen mile walk from Housey to Amberley, pulling carts with their tents, food, and field radios. Instead they drove to Amberley along the old route, as far as they remembered it, up Amberley Down, and then walked along the Downs Way, till it was time for their sandwiches. After their walk they went down and found a suitable pub down beyond the railway station. We thought that other ex signallers might want to join in next year. If anyone is interested in a walk on the downs or exploring the old route, perhaps they would let Andre know. Does anyone have any photos of the camps, or CFK ? Please contact Andre McLean (andre.mclean@btinternet.com) or post to 97 Albert St ,Camden Town, London NW1 7LX .

BOOK REVIEWS

David Bennett (ThA, 1954-62) has published "Firefighters of Cambridge" based on his experiences as a firefighter in England in the 1970s. It is available on the Internet from Amberley Publishing, price £6.99, go to Local History.

Sue Davies-Jenkins (2's 1957 – 1965) has published "Hang on Tight - Christ's Hospital: from Girlhood to Governor"
Hang on Tight is a diverse mix of photographs, original poetry and prose and tells the story of Sue Davies-Jenkins and her journey from schoolgirl to Donation Governor at Christ's Hospital. It also provides a professional woman's perspective on the second half of the twentieth century to the present day.

Here Sue describes her Sussex childhood at the children's home that her mother ran, her time at Christ's Hospital, Hertford as a boarder from 1957-65, a VSO gap year in Malawi, student life at the University of York including auxiliary nursing and a placement at the London Hospital and territorial, then regular army service in the Women's Royal Army Corps.

In 1973 Sue married Major Michael Davies-Jenkins, Royal Welsh Fusiliers and left the army. In 1983 Sue joined Dyfed Army Cadet Force, helping to set up a pilot scheme for girls. She served with the Army Cadets for two decades, eventually covering PR for cadets and reservists throughout Wales. With her husband Michael, Sue ran Llandaff Cathedral Choir Association. Living with widowhood since 1999, she remains deeply involved with her parish church in Cardiff and works as a chaplaincy lay visitor at the University Hospital of Wales.

Sue has always retained strong links with Christ's Hospital. With contributions from staff and a recent pupil, and many gems from the school's past, *Hang on Tight* has much to delight the thoughtful reader. Whilst not exclusively about Christ's Hospital, the book shows how its unique ethos has permeated the author's adult life.

Any profits from this book will be donated to Christ's Hospital.

To order:

By Phone: 0191 3735660

By Fax: 0191 3739652

By Email: memoirclub@email.msn.com

FACEBOOK PAGE

Please find a link to our Facebook page which will be updated with events information and photos.

http://www.facebook.com/pages/Horsham/Christ's-Hospital-Old-Blues-Association/134264489946276?ref=ts&_a=15&

CH WORKS

The works slideshow for last year is on the website now. Please follow the link <http://www.christs-hospital.org.uk/school-slideshow-list.php>

THOSE OLD BLUES WHO ARE SADLY NO LONGER WITH US

Michael Allkins (BaA 1946-1951), died on 24th October 2010

Edwina Ashton (nee Taylor) 5's 1928 – 1943, died 20th October 2010

John A Barnes (MdA 1929-1936), died on September 13th 2010

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