



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

OLD BLUES' ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the CHOBA February e-newsletter for 2011

Copies of recent CHOBA 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.

An electronic copy of the recent Blue and Old Blue can also be found on our website shop to download free of charge at <http://www.chassociation.org/shop/>

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SURVEY!

The idea behind this is to help us to get our communications with you as up to date and as relevant as possible. Please do complete and return this – we've even included a pre-paid envelope. There are some exciting initiatives currently being put together and we wouldn't want you to miss out!

OLD BLUES DAY 2011

Old Blues Day 2011 will take place on **Saturday 30th April (the day after the Royal Wedding)**

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 please **put the date in your diaries now**.

Tickets for morning coffee, lunch and tea will be available from the middle of this month 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!

RELAUNCH OF CAREERS NETWORK

We will be re-launching the 'Careers Network' on 30th April (Old Blues Day) to widen the opportunities for Old Blues in this particularly difficult economic climate. We have been thrilled that in 2010 we helped 34 Young Old Blues by putting them in touch with Old Blues who could provide them with careers advice, specific industry expertise, work experience/placement, which in one case led to a job offer and another to an internship. We have been very fortunate to have the support of Neville Osmond (MaA 44-51), Kate Atkinson (ColB 93-00) and Andrew Howgego (ThA, BaA 70-78) who have guided, directed and assisted with this initiative. We are committed to raising the awareness of CHOBA to our younger audience in 2011 and this is one of the ways we can achieve this aim.

We express our thanks to all those who have recently offered or reconfirmed their skills and experience to the careers network giving us comprehensive coverage across many industry sectors.

We look forward to helping even more Old Blues in the coming months via the careers network and each month and will make regular reports via articles in the e-newsletters throughout 2011. The intention is to provide relevant information to help more Old Blues in pursuit of their chosen career. If you think you could

offer careers advice either general (eg recruitment and guidance) or industry specific and inspire fellow Old Blues then please contact the CHOBAs office on 01403 247665 or administrator@chassociation.org

At present we are particularly interested in the following industry sectors:

Architecture
Business Analysis
Events Management
Financial Management
Insurance
Investment Banking
Hazard Management and Risk Analysis
Legal and Legal Services
Marketing, Advertising and Promotion
Medical Service and Healthcare
Museum work
Politics and Political Affairs
Project Management
Property Management
Publishing and Journalism
Theatrical and Acting
TV, Film and Radio
Veterinary Services and Animal Care

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS - Lent Term 2011

Fri 4th Feb 8pm - Court Room Classic – Baroque Music! - An evening of music from the Baroque era performed on period instruments.

Mon 7th Feb 7.30pm - Bluecoat Concert – St Johns Smith Square - The annual Bluecoat Concert in the magnificent acoustic of St John's.
Tickets available from the venue. Tel: 0207 222 1061

Fri 4th Mar 8pm – An Evening of Chamber Music - Featuring Juliet Edwards Piano, Rachel Ellis Violin and Guest Artist Judith Souther Cello.

Sun 6th Mar 2pm – Singing Masterclass - Discover how people are taught to sing!

Thur 10th Mar 8pm – After Miss Julie by Patrick Marber - The London Classic Theatre Company bring Strindberg's brutal, sensual love story of post-war England to Christ's Hospital Theatre.

Sat 12th Mar 10.15am – Choral Society Workshop - Keen singers are invited to join the Choral Society for this workshop day on Belshazzar's Feast by William Walton.

Sun 13th Mar 3pm – Christ's Hospital Concert Band - The famous Concert Band performing an entertaining programme of light classics, solos, film music and much, much more.

Tue 22nd Mar 1.10pm – Chichester Cathedral - The Chamber Orchestra will perform a selection of works including Mozart's Symphony 29 in A major.

Sun 27th Mar 7pm – Angus Ross Memorial Concert - A programme of fantastic English orchestral and choral music.

For tickets, pricing or information please call the Box Office on:01403 247434, Mon–Fri 9.30am - 12pm Term Time Only

Information available on the School website: <http://www.christs-hospital.org.uk/school-life-whats-on-box-office.php>

OLD BLUE NEWS

Christ's Hospital in the Victorian Era

Ken Mansell's (PeB 53-61) new book - CHRIST'S HOSPITAL IN THE VICTORIAN ERA - is scheduled for publication in March. Further details and an order form can be obtained from Ken at ken.mansell@btinternet.com or from the publisher's website at ashwaterpress.co.uk. If preferred, the book can be collected (by arrangement) from Purley or Whitton, rather than posted.

Hang on Tight - Christ's Hospital: from Girlhood to Governor

Sue Davies-Jenkins (2's 57 – 65) 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

OR

Call Margaret at The CHOPA office Tel: 01403 247665. Email: administrator@chassociation.org

Website: www.chassociation.org

New Year Honours given to Old Blues:

Howard Davies (MaA 56-63), stage director, CBE for services to Drama

Nicolas Chisholm (ThB 61-68), formerly Headteacher at the Yehudi Menuhin School, MBE for services to Music

Old Blue to run the London Marathon

Carol-Ann Gurney (CoLA 91-98) is running this year's London Marathon in aid of CLIC Sargent, a charity for children with cancer. CLIC Sargent helps children and young people with cancer and their families with the trauma of diagnosis and the often long journey through treatment and beyond. In order to assist Carol-Ann in supporting this worthy cause, you can visit the online fundraising page at <http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/thecrazycs>.

Gloucester v Old Blues Rugby

Tony Gayfer's sad death has brought a lot of reminiscing amongst the older OBRFC members about past matches, and in particular those against Gloucester, who co-incidentally were founded in the same year as the OBRFC, 1873. Tony was captain in 1955 when Old Blues recorded a famous victory by 14 points to 6.

Mike Pickard (PeB 50-57) as a current Gloucester season ticket-holder has discovered that the club has an excellent heritage web-site, it has a section containing many, but by no means all, of the programs of past Gloucester matches. Unfortunately, the program for the Old Blues' 1955 match is not there, but the programs

for the Old Blues' matches for the following years can be found: : 1949-50, 52-53, 53-54, 59-60, 60-61, 61-62, 62-63, 63-64, and 67-68. The interested reader will see names that will bring back many memories. The 1960-61 program, is particularly interesting in that it gives a resume of the results since the first match between the clubs took place in 1922.

The web-site is www.gloucesterrugbyheritage.org.uk with the links to: Matches, Match Programmes, Gloucester, Choose year, Old Blues

Older readers will recall that reports on OBRFC matches were included in contemporary editions of *The Blue*, which could reflect any changes in the team immediately ahead of the game after the programs were printed. Richard McGregor (MaB 48-57), a stalwart of several games against Gloucester in the 1960s, recalls an example that happened on 23 November 1963, the day after President Kennedy's assassination. All the players wore black arm-bands, as they did in the 1966 match in the immediate aftermath of the Aberfan disaster. In 1963 Old Blues were narrowly defeated 10-8, our tries being scored by Peter Blades (MdB 43-49) (not in the programme) and Tony Green (MaA, LaB 46-52) (mis-spelt in the programme as Greel).

There is an unexpected mention of the Old Blues in the main Gloucester web-site, www.gloucesterrugby.co.uk. At the end of the Club History section in this web-site (entered via "The Club" link) covering the years 1900-25 the following note appears:

"Sadly, this 25 year period in the Club's history ended in tragedy, when former Stroud and then Gloucester player, Stan Bayliss died one week after dislocating his neck in a tackle in a match against Old Blues RFC at Kingsholm."

In the 1960s another Bayliss, John, was an iconic Gloucester centre well known to the Old Blues, including Richard McGregor who once knocked him out in a tackle, but happily without any adverse consequences.

Mike has in his possession the programme for the 1970-71 fixture, the last one (lost 9-44). If any reader can fill in more gaps Mike will be pleased to hear from you

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THOSE OLD BLUES WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US

Hilda Morgan (nee Gibbs), 6's 20-26, died in November 2010, aged 101
Keith Sainsbury ThB 34-43, died January 2011

SECTION NEWS

We would like to introduce two new section secretaries;

James Lechmere (PeB 63-69) who has taken over the North West Old Blues. Our thanks to Peter Birkett (LaA 43-52) who has previously run the group successfully for the past few years.

Annie Charman (Hertford, GrW 96-03) will be taking over the Old Blues Girls' Sporting Association from Bethan Keall (BaA 92-96) our thanks also to Bethan for all her hard work.

We wish both James and Annie the best of luck in their new posts.

West Sussex Old Blues have found two new venues for 2011 at The Labouring Man, Cold Waltham and at The Greyhound Inn, Cocking Causeway for more details see the events calendar below

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 2011 please refer to:

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 CHOPA office directly and we will amend your record accordingly.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011			
Date	Section	Venue	Contact Details
Wednesday 2nd February	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
Wednesday 2nd February	East Sussex Old Blues	The Cock Inn, beside the A26 between Lewes and Uckfield	Meet at 12:30. If you would like more information please contact the Secretary, Sarah O'Reilly on 01825 840727 or email at: sw1303@hotmail.com .
Monday 7th February	West Sussex Old Blues	The Greyhound Inn, Cocking Causeway, GU29 9QH, just south of Midhurst	Meeting time will be 12:15 for 1pm. Please contact the Sue Howell Evans by email at she1549@yahoo.co.uk if you would like more information
Thursday 17th February	East Surrey Old Blues	The Red Lion, Bletchingley	Please contact Paul Winterflood for further details. Tel: 01883 65 3017, or woolhams@btinternet.com
Saturday 19th February	Herts, Beds and Bucks Old Blues	"The Boot" Public House, Sarratt, WD6 3BL	All are welcome to join us for our luncheon from 12 noon. Please contact the Secretary, Jim Nelhams for further details. Tel: 0208 449 7076, hbob@chassociation.org
Saturday 19th February	Old Blues Rugby Football Club Reunion	Motspur Park	1st XV playing Old Walcountians in this reunion match. Known as "The Ditch Day" in honour of the late Phil Allen. A buffet lunch will be provided and the bar will be open till late. For more details and booking information contact Bryan Hall at bcmhall@yahoo.co.uk
Wednesday 23rd February 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
Tuesday 1st March	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 March	East Sussex Old Blues	The Cock Inn, beside the A26 between Lewes and Uckfield	Meet at 12:30. If you would like more information please contact the Secretary, Sarah O'Reilly on 01825 840727 or email at: sw1303@hotmail.com .
Wednesday 2nd March	West Surrey Old Blues	The Anchor, High Street,	Please contact the Secretary John Swayne on 01483 453703 or by email at swayne_1@btinternet.com if

		Ripley GU23 6AE at 1pm	you would like more information
Friday 4th March	Surrey and Hampshire Border Old Blues Annual Dinner	Venue tbc	Please contact the Secretary, Michael Jefferies, for further details. Tel:01252 850215
Saturday 5th March	West Sussex Old Blues	The Labouring Man, Old London Road, Coldwaltham, RH20 1LF(the venue for our successful Christmas lunch).	Meeting time will be 12:15 for 1pm. For these occasions it would be helpful if you could let the Landlord of the pub know in advance if you intend to come on 01798 872215, as this venue can only hold limited numbers. Please contact the Sue Howell Evans by email at she1549@yahoo.co.uk if you would like more information
Wednesday 9th March	Kent Old Blues	White Rabbit, Sandling Road Maidstone ME14 2RF	Event: Informal lunch time meeting Details: 3rd Quarterly Meeting of KOBS For further details, please contact Richard Briggs on 01732 352590 or richard@misterbee.co.uk . All Old Blues are welcome
Monday 14th March	Herts, Beds and Bucks Old Blues	Brookmans Park Golf Club , AL9 7AT (3 miles north of Potters Bar)	All are welcome to join us for our luncheon from 12 noon at Brookmans Park Golf Club. Please contact the Secretary, Jim Nelhams for further details. Tel: 0208 449 7076, hbob@chassociation.org
Wednesday 16th March	Severn and Avon Old Blues	The Five Mile House (5 miles out of Cirencester on the A417 to Gloucester)	Meeting at 12.00 for 12.30 for lunch. For further details please contact Peter Wornell on 01225 703517
Thursday 17th March	East Surrey Old Blues	The Red Lion, Bletchingley	Please contact Paul Winterflood for further details. Tel: 01883 65 3017,or woolhams@btinternet.com
Tuesday 22nd March	CH Chamber Orchestra Concert	Chichester Cathedral	Further details to follow
Saturday 30th April (day after the Royal Wedding)	Old Blues Day 5 Years On 10 Years On Reunions	CH, Horsham	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 .
Saturday 7th May	20 Years On Reunion - leavers of 1990/91	CH, Horsham	Invitations to be sent out in March. Please call the office for further details.
Saturday 14th May	Old Blues Golfing Society	Knole Park, Kent	Each year we compete in the Grafton Morrish Public Schools Old Boys competition in early October. The qualification event is held at Knole Park in Kent and

			will be on Saturday 14 th May. For more details For further details please contact Charles McKay either by e-mail mckayc@sky.com or mobile 07753 739000
Saturday 10th September	30 Years On Reunion	CH, Horsham	Invitations to be sent out in July. Please call the office for further details.
Saturday 8th October	50 Years On Reunion	CH, Horsham	Invitations to be sent out in August. Please call the office for further details.
Tuesday 18th October	Founder's Day Dinner	Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane, London EC2V 6BN	Application forms will be issued in July and sent to those who have attended in recent years. If you would like to be added to this mailing list please contact one of the following. Roger Eades - Hon Sec to the Stewards of Founder's Day, 4 Squirrel Wood, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6PE Email: rogereades@o2.co.uk CHOBA Christ's Hospital Foundation, Horsham West Sussex, RH13 0YP Email: administrator@chassociation.org
Sunday 23rd 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
Saturday 5th November NEW DATE	40 Years On Reunion	CH, Horsham	Invitations to be sent out in September. Please call the office for further details.

SCHOOL NEWS

Oxbridge 2011 Aspirants

16 Grecians (exactly half from Grecians W & E) this year have now received their Oxbridge offers - the highest number since the School (once again) became co-educational in 1985.

Offers to the following colleges are as follows:-

Classics Jesus Cambridge
 Classics Lady Margaret Hall Oxford
 Classics Balliol Oxford
 Classics St Hilda's Oxford
 English King's Cambridge
 English Emmanuel Cambridge
 Geography Jesus Oxford
 Maths Queen's Cambridge
 Maths Corpus Cambridge
 Chemistry Somerville Oxford
 Law Jesus Cambridge
 Law Robinson Cambridge
 Law St Edmund's Hall Oxford
 Music Organ Scholar Cambridge Emmanuel

Music Choral Scholar Cambridge Fitzwilliam
German and French Cambridge Open

We wish these students and the others who have applied to major universities in the UK and overseas.

Text Book Recyclers awarded £50,000 aid

Thomas Williams, 17, (Grecians West) and his business partner, James Seear, 17 who attends Collyers Sixth Form College in Horsham, have been given £50,000 worth of sponsored products and services after being named winners of a brand new business prize for young people on 20 January.

The two students were winners of the Young Start-up Talent (YST) competition which challenged thousands of 16-21 years olds from across the Gatwick Diamond last July to think about business. Their winning idea recyclabook.co.uk allows students to post their used text books with their name and address, getting their money back within 10 working days. Their books are then re-sold onto next year's students on-line. You can see their 'Dragon's Den' style pitch on YouTube ([link](#))

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jw0b3siQnbc>

Government Attainment Tables

Christ's Hospital pupils performed very well at GCSE level in 2010 with 93% of all entries being at A*, A or B and 75% of entries at A* or A grade. The overall pass rate at A* - C was 98%. However, the School's results appear as a zero score (along with many other independent schools) in the GCSE Government Achievement and Attainment Tables published on 12th January.

The fact that the Government does not officially recognise the IGCSE (International GCSE) qualification in Maths, even though it is more intellectually demanding than the standard GCSE equivalent, severely distorts Christ's Hospital's results in the West Sussex schools' league table performance.

Because all Christ's Hospital pupils take IGCSE Mathematics, English, English Literature, Geography and Science courses, they are automatically excluded from the "English Baccalaureate" which only counts A*-C passes in "standard" GCSE subjects.

The Head Master, John Franklin, commented "Presenting comparisons of GCSE results in this way distorts the real picture and makes it seem that independent schools like Christ's Hospital have not done as well as state schools. I would urge parents to judge for themselves by accessing the Christ's Hospital website where further information and full details of our examination results can be viewed".

Band at Twickenham and Lord's

Sports fans will have two opportunities to see the Christ's Hospital Band perform at major venues in the next few months.

At Twickenham, the Band will tread the famous turf with a twenty minute concert during the lead up to the England-v-Italy Six Nations rugby international on Saturday, 12th February (kick-off 2.30pm).

And at Lord's, they will play during the interval when England meets Sri Lanka, Test Day 2 on Saturday, 4th June. Georgia Garrod is this year's Band Captain.

Admissions Open Day Saturday, 5 March

This Open Day is for both day and boarding Direct Entry (Years 7 & 9 entry) and Foundationer boarding Year 7. Please contact Admissions for an invitation on 01403 211293.

For more school news, please view the Christ's Hospital website www.christs-hospital.org.uk

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