



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OLD BLUES' ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the CHOBA January e-newsletter for 2011

A Happy New Year to you all

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:

<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.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2010/11			
Date	Section	Venue	Contact Details
Monday 17th January	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
Thursday 20th January	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 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 29th January	Oxfordshire Old Blues - Evensong and Supper	Christ Church Cathedral followed by Supper	Please contact the Secretary John Evans for further details. 27 Clevelands, Abingdon, OX14 2EQ; Tel: 01235-525059; jhevans@sky.com .
Tuesday 1st February	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 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 .
Thursday 17th February	East Surrey Old Blues	The Bell, Outwood, Nr 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	For more details 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
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
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
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
Tuesday 22nd March	CH Chamber Orchestra Concert	Chichester Cathedral	Further details to follow
Saturday 30th April	Old Blues Day 10 Years On Reunion	CH, Horsham	Tickets for morning coffee, lunch and tea will be available from the middle of February via The CHOA Online Shop, or alternatively

(day after the Royal Wedding)			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 21st May	60 Years On Reunion – leavers of 1951/1950	CH, Horsham	Invitations to be sent out in March. Please call the office for further details.
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.
Saturday 12th November	40 Years On Reunion	CH, Horsham	Invitations to be sent out in September. Please call the office for further details.

Copies of recent CHOPA 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 Old Blue can also be found on our website shop to download free of charge at <http://www.chassociation.org/shop/>

SURVEY ON THE WAY!

Advance notice to let all Old Blue readers know that there is to be a major survey from Christ's Hospital which is due to be sent out around mid-January. 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'll even include a pre-paid envelope. There are some exciting initiatives currently being put together and we wouldn't want you to miss out!

REQUEST FOR OLD BLUES WITH SKILLS IN RECRUITMENT AND CAREERS

We would welcome any Old Blues with skills in the above areas to help to advise us with some projects in the New Year. Please contact the office to see how you might be able to help us. We would greatly value your assistance and advice.

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** (the day after the Royal Wedding)

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 CHOPA Online Shop](#), or alternatively [contact Margaret in the CHOPA Office](#).

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

THE OLD BLUE

We welcome all articles to be sent in for inclusion in the spring edition of the Old Blue by 31st January; we would particularly welcome any articles of interest or news from Young Old Blues.

Additionally, if you have any suggestions about how we can improve the magazine do not hesitate to contact us.

RE-LAUNCH OF THE CHOBA CAREERS NETWORK

As always, new offers are always welcome, and at present especially for:

Architecture
Business Analysis
Events Management
Financial Management
Insurance
Investment Banking
Hazard Management
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

Please contact Margaret at the CHOBA office if you are able to offer this valuable service to other Old Blues on 01403 247665 or administrator@chassociation.org

OLD BLUE NEWS

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL IN THE VICTORIAN ERA - The recent issue of *The Blue* contained a note about **Ken Mansell's (PeB 53-61)** new book - scheduled for publication in March - and a flyer which included an order form. If you wish to have a copy of the note and the flyer or for further details please contact Ken at ken.mansell@btinternet.com or visit the publisher's website at ashwaterpress.co.uk.

Dr David Poston PhD FRSA (BaA 60-65) has designed the award that the President of Brazil received for UNAIDS leadership. The award was carved from lime wood and plated with gold. Please follow the link below for more information
<http://unaidstoday.org/?p=1868>

THOSE OLD BLUES WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US

Tony Gayfer (BaA 37-44), died on 29th November 2011
David Kenworthy (PrepB, MdA 41-49), died 19th December
Denis Womersley (PeB 1931-1938), died 28th December

SECTION NEWS

Calling Old Blue Golfers

Do you play off a single figure handicap and want to play for the Old Blues?

Each year we compete in the Grafton Morrish Public Schools Old Boys competition which involves a qualifying round in May followed by a fantastic weekend in Norfolk playing Hunstanton and Brancaster if successful, in early October. The qualification event is held at Knole Park in Kent and for 2011 will be on Saturday 14th May.

The format is scratch foursomes – team of 6 people and we are in need of some new players.

There must be some of you out there!!

For further details please contact Charles McKay either by e-mail mckayc@sky.com or mobile 07753 739000

SCHOOL NEWS

Admissions Open Day

The next Admissions Open Day will be held on Saturday, 5 March for Foundationer (means-tested) places at age 11 and Direct Entry (full-fee) Boarding and Day places at age 11 and 13. Please contact Admissions for more information and an invitation on 01403 211293.

Primary School Workshops

As part of the Workshop programme for primary school children in Year 5, Maths and Music workshops will be held at Christ's Hospital on 18th February. If you are connected with a primary school and would like more information, then please telephone 01403 247594. We still have a few places left on the Music Workshop and an invitation can be downloaded from the CH website www.christs-hospital.org.uk.

CH Uniform – A focus for national media attention

Our recent pupil poll about the school uniform, which confirmed that 95% of respondents were proud to wear it and rejected any suggestion of change, has been the subject of considerable media attention.

The Independent newspaper featured a substantial news item about the results of the survey alongside a photograph of pupils wearing the uniform. This appeared in the issue of Monday, December 13th and also appeared on-line. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/private-school-pupils-vote-for-tradition-and-uniformity-2158690.html> A similar article appeared in on-line editions of the Guardian, Daily Mail and Daily Telegraph newspapers, together with local newspaper coverage, including the Brighton Argus. An interview with pupils was broadcast on BBC Sussex while a bulletin on Independent Radio News [IRN] also announced the findings nationally.

This positive focus by the media on Christ's Hospital's 450 year old uniform seems likely to continue during the coming weeks.

NB. The Daily Telegraph has been asked to clarify an error in their report which incorrectly suggested that the historic uniform might be "phased out".

For more School news, please visit the CH website www.christs-hospital.org.uk

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