



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

OLD BLUES' ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the CHOBA e-newsletter for February 2012

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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 at <http://www.chassociation.org/shop/>

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD BLUES' DAY - SATURDAY 28th APRIL 10:30am – 6:00pm

This year Old Blues' Day will be held on Saturday 28th April organised by CHOBA. This event is open to all Old Blues and their families.

Activities include:

Band Parade
Old Blues Special Recognition Award ceremony
Chapel Service with Old Blues Choir

Museum Open House to see Special New Exhibition, with regular guided tours
CH memorabilia for sale
'5 and 10 Years On' reunion drinks reception
Boarding House tours
Tube tours
Cricket matches
Ensembles concert
A range of school departments will be open

Further details to appear on the CHOBA website in February

Christ's Hospital Old Blues' Special Recognition Award

2012 will see the first Old Blues' awards which will recognise and acknowledge Old Blues who have made an important contribution to the profile of the School through their achievements. **CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY**

The event will be held on Old Blues' Day 2012 – Saturday 28th April

Nominations are for Old Blues who have made an important contribution to the local, national or international community in the course of their career or through voluntary or charitable work in addition to providing outstanding support to Christ's Hospital.

The fields for which nominations are being considered are:

- **Achievement in a chosen career**
- **Community engagement and leadership**
- **Enterprise and innovation**
- **Excellence in sports or the arts**
- **Commitment to Christ's Hospital**

Further details can also be found at the CHOBA website: <http://www.chassociation.org/index.php>

Founders Day Dinner 2012

Date: Thursday 11th October 2012
Location: Skinners' Hall, London EC4R 2SP

Chairman: Sally O'Brien, FCH USA (5s 70-77)
Responder: General Sir Garry Johnson, CH Treasurer (MdA 48-54)

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

CHOPA
Christ's Hospital Foundation, Horsham
West Sussex RH13 0YP
Email: administrator@chassociation.org

Career help required

I have a very recent Old Blue who left this summer who is reading Classics at Oxford University. She would like to contact any Old Blues in Germany or German speaking with regards to finding paid or unpaid work this summer. She has a German A level and would like to use her language skills, which would improve faster if she continued to use it. In the long term she would like to be a barrister and fluency in a modern language would allow her to work in European British law.

Please contact Margaret Wadman for further details administrator@chassociation.org

CHOPA CAROL CONCERT - Friday 16th December 2011

Church of St. Andrew, Holborn, London.

Over 150 Old Blues and their families enjoyed some great carol singing performed by fellow Old Blues followed by a glass of warming mulled wine and some mince pies.

As well as excellent singing from the choir there were festive readings given by various Old Blues. It was a great way to round up a day of Christmas shopping in the city and brighten up a dark and seasonally chilly winter evening. Full report to be published in the Spring edition of the Old Blue. A fantastic £500 was raised for the Benevolent Society of Blues.

CH CCF – Old Blue support required

In March the CCF are doing a major fundraiser in aid of Combat Stress and the South Atlantic Medal Association to commemorate 30 years since the Falklands War.

They would like to hear from Old Blues who served in the Falklands and who would be prepared support the project by way of using their name and a sentence or two in support of the cause, which could be used in the fundraising packs which the students are creating.

If you think you can help the CCF pupils please contact Phil Jacques (CH staff) pj@christs-hospital.org.uk, he will be delighted to hear from you.

University Reps – more offers

Many thanks to those Old Blues who have already offered to act as university reps. We now have new volunteers at:

St Andrews
York
London Southbank
Kings College
Surrey.

They are happy to help with all university related enquiries. Please contact the CHOBA office for details. administrator@chassociation.org

Christ's Hospital School Performing Arts Events Lent Term 2012

Fri 3rd Feb 8pm – Jazz & Blues Night

This hugely popular cabaret style evening in CH's own 'jazz club' includes performances by some of our finest jazz musicians led by Steve Titchener.

Mon 6th Feb 7.30pm - Bluecoat Concert – St Johns Smith Square

The annual Bluecoat Concert in the magnificent acoustic of St John's.

Fri 24th Mar 8pm – London Myriad Ensemble

A flexible chamber ensemble based around a core wind quintet will be performing pieces by Nielsen, Karl Nicklas and Gustavsson among others.

Fri 24th, Sat 25th Feb 8pm – Victim, Sidekick, Boyfriend, Me

CH's entry to the National Theatre's prestigious Connections Festival 2012.

Sun 26th Feb 2.15pm – Singing Masterclass

Discover how people are taught to sing.

Sun 4th 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.

Sat 10th Mar 11am – Choral Society Workshop

Keen singers are invited to join the Choral Society for this workshop day on Verdi's Requiem.

Thurs 15th Mar 7.30pm – Into The Woods

The University of Chichester's Theatre Dept comes to the CH Theatre with their production of Stephen Sondheim's classic musical Into The Woods.

Fri 16th Mar 8pm – Handel Organ Concerti

A performance by Andrew Cleary & the CH Chamber Orchestra to be given on the 1835 Flight Robson organ.

Sun 25th Mar 7pm – Angus Ross Memorial Concert

Verdi's thrilling Requiem performed by over 250 musicians from the CH Choral Society, Chapel Choir & Ripieno Orchestra.

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

Or Email: box.office@christs-hospital.org.uk

OLD BLUE NEWS

Roger Allam (PeB, ThA 64-72)

He starred in two television dramas recently on ITV. "Endeavour", which imagines the early years of Oxford sleuth Inspector Morse and also "The Jury" which follows the story of a fictional murder retrial and its jurors' lives outside court.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/tvandradio/8981314/Endeavour-Will-the-frosty-reception-for-the-new-Morse-thaw.html>

<http://www.itv.com/thejury/>

James D'Arcy (Simon D'Arcy, LaA, LaB 84-91)

The former House Captain of Lamb, appeared on the Graham Norton Show on Friday 13 January alongside Madonna. His love of drama began at CH. On leaving Christ's Hospital he went to Australia during his gap year and worked for a Perth school's drama department, which further ignited his interest in acting. Upon returning to London, he entered the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, during which he appeared in several West End plays, before

graduating in 1995. He began appearing on television in 1996, initially in British dramas Silent Witness and Dalziel and Pascoe. He made his (minor) film debut in 1997's Wilde, and later starred in The Trench (alongside Daniel Craig) and Guest House Paradiso. He began taking bigger roles at the turn of the century, from a major role in the miniseries Rebel Heart, to a role in the war series P.O.W. He became known to American audiences for his roles in the epic film Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World and the horror films Exorcist: The Beginning and An American Haunting. After appearing in several other British productions, both on film, television and radio, he took a role in the Fox television special Virtuality.

James Hooper (MaB,GrE 98-05) Richard Lebon (MaB, GrW 97-04), Tim Gauntlett MaB,GrE (01-08), Owen Davis (GrW 09-11) and Adam Jasko (MdB, GrW 09-11)

This group of Old Blues took part in the 12km four hill New Year's Day Race at Box Hill in Surrey. Look out for them in this video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-UnpsivUIA>

Joe Launchbury (MdB, GrW 02-09)

Joe has been selected for national duty and has been named in the England Saxons squad. . <http://www.wasps.co.uk/news/wasps32867.ink>

Where are they now?

If you have changed jobs, got married, had any important promotions or other news you would like to share with other Old Blues please email it to me and we will mention it on a monthly basis. Look forward to your news!

Keith Byatt (PrepB, BaB, CoIB 62-69)

Has taken early retirement and along with his wife Judi and are living on their Narrow Boat called Lily Maud cruising the canals of England.

David Taplin (LaB 50-57)

Has recently published an international journal "Strength, Fracture and Complexity

<http://www.iospress.nl/journal/strength-fracture-and-complexity/>

Book reviews

Edward Denison (MdA 85-92)

Edward's latest book is due to be published in March 2012 and is titled the Life of the British Home – An Architectural History (Wiley, 2012). Please follow the link below.

http://issuu.com/wiley_publishing/docs/the_life_of_the_british_home?mode=window&backgroundColor=%23222222

Rosalind Malcolm (5s, 67 – 73)

The second edition of her co-authored book was published last September 2011:
Statutory Nuisance: Law and Practice by Rosalind Malcolm and John Pointing, (2nd ed., OUP, 2011).
(<http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199564026.do>)

Since **David Miller (PrepB, LaA 48-55)** published his book “Freedom, We Died for You” in April 2010 some new information has come to light.

Captain HFL Sladen.

Captain Hunter has been identified. He had been a teaplantier in Sumatra from 1934-1941 and escaped just ahead of the Japanese. He then joined the British Army in India, was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in August 1942. He joined the Operation Minerva team in October 1942, where he would have provided considerable knowledge of conditions, the people and languages in Sumatra.

Operation Minerva had two aims. One, as stated, was to try to find any Allied personnel still at large in Sumatra. It has now been established that the other aim, which was even more ambitious, was to establish a base in north Sumatra and then send Sergeant Lau to Singapore to try to establish contact with Allied prisoners-of-war being held on the island.

Colonel Eric Sudeley Unwin, MC.

Eric Unwin was a passenger in an RAF transport aircraft, Lockheed Hudson P5164. This suffered an engine failure and crashed on the edge of Dead City, near Abbassia, Cairo, Egypt, killing all aboard.

Michael George Langley Evans

Michael Evans' grave had been covered in lavender and looking generally unkempt. It has now been completely cleared and the headstone cleaned by a local volunteer.

Frank Armstrong Abbott Reynolds.

Due to an initiative by an Old Blue, Frank Reynolds' name has now been added to the Commonwealth War Grave Commission roll and is being added to the Rangoon War Memorial. See http://www.cwgc.org/search/casualty_details.aspx?casualty=75229431

David Mitchell (CoIA 55-62)

The *Tea, Love and War* tells the unique true story of the child of an exploited village woman gaining recognition and acceptance in suburban England.

http://www.troubador.co.uk/book_info.asp?bookid=1657

There is reference to CH in a couple of passages. including the following:

This resulted in an introduction to Christ's Hospital, the Bluecoat school, and after very many months of letter writing to potential benefactors, my mother succeeded in gaining me a place at that wonderful establishment, where, clad in knee breeches and yellow socks, I was to be for seven years from the age of ten onwards.

I only remember one occasion when I cried publicly for my loss. I must have been about twelve since it was when I was a monitor at Christ's Hospital Prep School, which lofty status I reached in the year before entering the upper school. The whole school, including the prep school, ate in the huge Dining Hall,

overlooked by the vast fifty yard long painting by Antonio Verrio and we precocious prep school monitors had the good fortune to sit on a dais in one of the two bays framed by the stained glass windows overlooking the quadrangle. It must have been July because that morning I had received a letter from my mother in which she had, for the first time to me, set out the circumstances of my father's death, which I now know was in that month of 1944. Her letter described how he had been advancing down a village street when he was machine gunned by one of a group of partisans concealed nearby. I had a compulsion to share the news and read out the passage to a fellow monitor and friend.

Those Old Blues Who Are No Longer With Us

Roy Adams (PrepB, MdB 37-45), died in 2011
Betty Crawford (1s 25-33), died in August 2011
Alec Halliley (LaA 22-30) died in December 2011 shortly before his 100th birthday
John Hatt (PeA 45-55), died on 28th January 2012
John Irish (MdA 39-45), died in January 2012
Trevor Derek Maunder (MaA 36-41), died 29th September 2011
Brian Miller (CoLA 66-71), died in November 2011
Patricia Thirkettle (1s 32-39). Died 30th December 2011

SECTION NEWS. Please see events calendar below or refer to full event listings on the website <http://www.chassociation.org/events/index.php>

Coleridge B Association had been renamed as Coleridge B and Wards 1-4 Association.

Old Blues Sailing Club - Sailing opportunity for Young Old Blues

Mark Stevenson (MdA 74-81) has generously offered his Swan 46, *Outrageous*, to any YOBs who might wish to try their hand at sailing. The cruise will start in Gosport on September 15th and finish 1 week later.

There is no charge for the use of the boat, but crew members will have to share the cost of food and drink, fuel and mooring charges. Any Old Blues (or about to become Old Blues) wishing to know more should contact David Eastburn on 01326 374237 or by email to davebythesea@aol.com or Mark at mark.stevenson@aae.ch

Old Blues Squash - update

Contact either Jaz Karim (MdA 73-74) jaz@jazsports.co.uk or Dominic Curtis (PeA 83-90) dominic.curtis@btinternet.com if you are interested in this activity.

SCHOOL NEWS

For further School news please refer to the CH website <http://www.christs-hospital.org.uk/>

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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011			
Date	Section	Venue	Contact Details
Monday 6th February	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, jim_nelhams@hotmail.com
Tuesday 7th 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.
Thursday 16th February	East Surrey Old Blues	The Red Lion, Bletchingley RH1 4NU	Please contact Paul Winterflood for further details. Tel: 01883 65 3017, or woolhams@btinternet.com
Wednesday 22nd February	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 secretary.2650@live.co.uk
Tuesday 6th	Shropshire	The Coach and	Please contact the Secretary Peter Simmonds -01743 246508 for further information.

March	and Welsh Borders Old Blues	Horses, Swan Hill, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NF	
Wednesday 7th 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 7th March	West Surrey Old Blues	The Jovial Sailor, Portsmouth Road, Ripley. GU23 6EZ 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
Saturday 10th March	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, jim_nelhams@hotmail.com
Thursday 15th March	East Surrey Old Blues	The Red Lion, Bletchingley RH1 4NU	Please contact Paul Winterflood for further details. Tel: 01883 65 3017, or woolhams@btinternet.com
Saturday 17th March	20 Years On Reunion	CH, Horsham	Invitations to be sent out in January. Please call the office for further details.
Wednesday 21st March	Severn and Avon Old Blues	<u>Please note new venue:</u> The Crown of Crucis, Ampney Crusis on A 417 between Lechlade and Cirencester	Please contact Peter Wornell for further details on peterwornell@talktalk.net or 01225 703517. Meet at noon for 12:30
Wednesday 28th March	65+ Years On. (Leavers of 1947 or before)	CH Horsham	Invitations to be sent out in January. Please call the office for further details.

Tuesday 3rd April	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 or davidspackman@btinternet.com
Saturday 28th April	Old Blues Day to include 5 and 10 Year 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 .
Wednesday 9th May	60 Years On Reunion	CH, Horsham	Invitations to be sent out in March. Please call the office for further details.
Wednesday 16th May	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
Saturday 26th May	Yorkshire Old Blues	Rudding Park Hotel near Harrogate, courtesy of the Managing Director Peter Banks (MaA 80-86).	<u>Saturday 26th May</u> as been booked for another delicious lunch (and overnight stay if required!). Please contact Megan Godden for further details megsgodden@hotmail.com or 01904 766683
Thursday 12th July	Old Blues Rifle Club	Bisley, Brookwood, Woking Surrey GU24 0PB	Guy Milner-Smith MdB 88-95 is the new section secretary for this group. Their annual shoot will be held during the Imperial Meeting at Bisley on starting at approx 5.15pm. Their website is www.oldbluesrifleclub.org.uk and all the details are on there.
Wednesday 12th September	50 Years On Reunion	CH, Horsham	Invitations to be sent out in July. Please call the office for further details.
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Saturday 15th September	Old Blues Sailing Club	Departing Gosport	There is no charge for the use of the boat, but crew members will have to share the cost of food and drink, fuel and mooring charges. Any Old Blues (or about to become Old Blues) wishing to know more should contact David Eastburn on 01326 374237 or

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Thursday 27th 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 or davidspackman@btinternet.com
Saturday 6th October	40 Years On Reunion	CH, Horsham	Invitations to be sent out in August. Please call the office for further details.
Thursday 11th October	Founders Day Dinner 2012	Skinners' Hall, London EC4R 2SP	Chairman: Sally O'Brien, FCH USA (5s 70-77) Responder: General Sir Garry Johnson, CH Treasurer (Mda 48-54) If you would like to be added to this mailing list please contact Roger Eades Hon Sec to the Stewards of Founder's Day 4 Squirrel Wood, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6PE Email: rogereades@o2.co.uk Or the CHOBA office
Wednesday 17th 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 secretary.2650@live.co.uk
Saturday 27th October	The Caledonian Society of Blues Founder's Day lunch	The Queen's Hotel, Perth, 12:30 for 1pm	Please contact the secretary John Shippen on 015395 33039 or john@shippen.org.uk for further details
Sunday 4th November	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

		The guest speaker will be Ben Vessey, current Deputy Head of Christ's Hospital.	
Saturday 17th November	30 Years On Reunion	CH, Horsham	Invitations to be sent out in September. Please call the office for further details.
Wednesday 28th 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 secretary.2650@live.co.uk
Friday 14th December	CHOBA Carol Concert	St Andrews Church, Holborn	Further details to follow

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