



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL
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SCOTTISH SECTION

THE CALEDONIAN
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Welcome to the newly-headed News of the **Caledonian Society of Blues**. Most of you will be regular members of the Scottish Old Blues Section, or at least regular readers of our newsletters. Thanks to modern technology and the new **Administrator of CHOBA** (see heading above), **Margaret Wadman**, we can now reach out to all Old Blues on the Association's mailing list.

If you wish to keep your **membership of this section** or to join it please let me know. This is in addition to the free membership of the Christ's Hospital Old Blues Association, and involves **an annual subscription of £5** payable to *The Caledonian Society of Blues*. Subscription should be sent, along with contact details and donations, to the secretary at the address on the enclosed reply form.

As those of you who were at last year's Founder's Day lunch will remember, we now have a permanent **Chairman in John Cugley (PeA 1964-73)**. Despite continuing renewals to his limbs, John still hopes to be able to occupy his Chair at this year's gathering. We also have a new **Treasurer: Ian Atkinson (1970-85)** retires after many years in the post and is succeeded by **Ian Torkington (1972-2007)**. Both were on the academic staff of Christ's Hospital, Horsham and will be well known to most of you.

The **FOUNDER'S DAY LUNCH** this year will be held **a week later than usual**. The details are:

Saturday 30th October 2010 The Queen's Hotel Perth 12.30 for 1.00 pm

Speaker: **John Franklin, Head Master of Christ's Hospital**

We will also be joined by **Margaret Wadman** the Administrator of CHOBA.

I will be sending out final details and booking forms in September but please make a note of the date now. Details of the Association and **other OB events** can be found online at

<http://www.chassociation.org>

I am sorry that this newsletter is a month or two later than usual because we have been waiting for Old Blues to reply to the questionnaire in the latest edition of *The Old Blue* and for the updating of the **CHOBA database** to be completed. If you know of **Old Blues in Scotland** who have not been contacted in this way please ask them to contact me if they would like to join the **mailing lists**.

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You may have seen in the latest issue of *The Old Blue* the obituary for **Simon Cox (LaA 1949-59)** – a long standing member of our section who lived at Tomatin. At our lunch last October we paid respect to our previous year's speaker **Rob Gauntlett**, who had died in the Alps in January. You would have needed a magnifying glass to spot me in the photograph in *The Old Blue* of the **Bath and West** Section where I was the speaker last October. Our October 2009 speaker was **Sam Noel-Paton (Pe A 1984-91)** supported by his family and colleagues, who, in recovering from a major brain operation, had organised and completed a sponsored walk of the **West Highland Way**. This had led to a permanent hiking club of



friends, Old Blues, and retired staff. We heard then that **Joshua Bell (Pe A 2002-09)**, the one time star of *Rock School*, was on a walking pilgrimage to **Rome** as a prelude to his gap year. He left Cartmel Priory on 1st August and, travelling via Durham, Ampleforth, York, Lincoln and other English abbeys and cathedrals arrived eventually at Canterbury. From there he followed the *Via Francigena* through France, Switzerland, and Italy, reaching Rome on December 1st. He also appears in *The Old Blue* and I hope he will be joining us in Perth in October.

Other Old Blue friends of mine continue to uphold the tradition of the unexpected. **Jeremy Dawson (LaB/LaA 1987-94)** is a founder member of *Extreme Cellists*. He and his two fellow cellists began their charity fund-raising career by playing on the roofs of every cathedral in England. This year's challenge is the Wainwright Coast-to-Coast walk (with celli) and, as I write, they have got as far as Osmotherley. They are due to reach Robin Hood's Bay on August 6th. See <http://extremecello.blogspot.com> Perhaps even more startling was when **Guy Matthews (LaB/PeA 1994-2001)** turned up here a couple of weeks ago in the Lake District to take part in the Lakeland 50 Ultra Mountain Marathon – and finished. **Mary Clare (BaB 1997-2004)**, our Young OB secretary, was appearing last night at the Buxton International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival in Peak Opera's performance of *Patience*. It was a fine sight.

For those new to the section and those members we haven't seen for a while, I hope we have a fine turnout this year on October 30th to greet the Head Master in his visit north of the Border. All **Old Blues and ex-Staff of CH with their partners and guests** will be most welcome. Last year we were delighted to welcome Kitty Cugley as her father's escort along with several recently retired Horsham staff who were climbing in Scotland. The cost this year is likely to be much the same as last year, thanks to the forward planning your committee and the staff of The Queen's Hotel. It has been the tradition of the Society to offer hospitality to Young Old Blues who are students in Scotland. Last year there were nine of them from Edinburgh and St Andrews and we would welcome your donations to enable us to continue this hospitality.

Please send any donations with your annual subscription to me as soon as convenient. I very much look forward to hearing from you and, where possible, seeing you in October at Perth.

As aye,

THE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF BLUES

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 2010

Although membership of **The Christ's Hospital Old Blues Association** is **free**, the individual **sections** are responsible for balancing their own costs with a combination of charges for events and **subscriptions** to cover the administrative costs of keeping members and potential members in touch.

The **Caledonian Society of Blues** traditionally has charged **£5** – which is payable by all those on the mailing list, although we have a tradition of **free membership for Old Blue students** in Scotland.

The cost of the annual lunch is met by the charge to those who attend although again we traditionally offer a **'free lunch' to Scottish students** and to our Guests of Honour. In recent years the numbers of students has increased for which we are very grateful: their support keeps us from becoming too set in our ways and helps us to keep in touch with changes at the School. Last year we were pleased to welcome a record number from Edinburgh and St Andrews Universities

In addition, the **remarkably good value** we have enjoyed at the Queen's Hotel in Perth is likely to be realistically priced this year. Because we order a year in advance we get the benefit of the price offered the previous October. At our last committee meeting (before that price was announced) we decided to set the combination of the lunch charge and the subscription at £30. In the event, this means **£25** per person attending the lunch (**payable when the places are booked**) and **£5 still for subscriptions**.

We would also welcome **donations** to enable us to keep our **offer of a free lunch to the OB students**. For the moment then I would be grateful if you could let me have your annual subscription as soon as possible, plus any donation you may care to make to our hospitality fund. **The payments for the October lunch should not be sent yet.**

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I enclose my subscription for the Society for 2010 £ 5.00

Arrears from last year £

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