



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL
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SCOTTISH SECTION

THE CALEDONIAN
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NEWSLETTER May 2011

Welcome to this year's News of the **Caledonian Society of Blues**. You will most likely have received a recent copy of **The Old Blue**, with an account of our last Founder's Day gathering in it. Thanks to modern technology and the new **Administrator of CHOBA, Margaret Wadman**, you should also be getting monthly online updates of CHOBA News from the CHOBA office. If not, please contact Margaret at administrator@chassociation.org or on 01403 247665.

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*. Subscriptions 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 hopes to be able to occupy his Chair at this year's gathering. We have a new **Treasurer, Ian Torkington (1972-2007)**, who was on the academic staff of Christ's Hospital, Horsham and will be well known to many of you, especially if you played Fives or Cricket or were in the Scouts.

The **FOUNDER'S DAY LUNCH for 2011** will be held **a week earlier than usual**. The details are:

Saturday 15th October The Queen's Hotel Perth 12.30 for 1.00 pm
Speaker: **Kate Atkinson (Coleridge B 1993-2000 and Millennium Senior Grecian)**
Board member of CHOBA and focus for Young OBs

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>

We are hoping this year for a bumper crop of Young Old Blues, Scottish University undergraduates, ex-Senior Grecians, friends of Kate, former staff, recent postings to Scottish bases, and anyone else recently moved to Scotland or the border counties to join our present splendid band of Horsham and Hertford Old Blues and retired staff who constitute the core of the Section.

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We reported last year 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 2009 and, travelling via Durham, Ampleforth, York, Lincoln and other English abbeys and cathedrals arrived eventually at Canterbury. From there he followed the *Via Francigena* reaching Rome on December 1st. He joined us in Perth in last October, having begun his Theology course at Cliff College in Derbyshire. Since then he has edited all his Pilgrimage notes and blogs into an immensely readable book *Let him come hither* which is readily available on <http://lulu.com> Just type the title of the book in the 'Find' box and it will reveal itself to you. It is also available on Amazon at the same price of £5.99.

You may have seen that **Peter Farnfield (MaA/MidA 1966-73)**: another CH Scout and present Almoner) is attempting an End-to-End ride in June for CH funds. No doubt he will welcome support as he rides across Scotland. Details and donations on www.justgiving.com/peter-farnfield-ch

Mary Clare (BaB 1997-2004), our Young OB secretary, really hit the headlines in the Edinburgh press when she played Miss Adelaide in the Show *Guys and Dolls* at the Church Hill Theatre in March. The *Evening News* report raved: *“By far the stand-out performance of the night was Mary BH Clare as Miss Adelaide, who not only stole every scene she was in but also fenced them and absconded with the profits. There was plenty of energy, creativity and colour put into the big production numbers, but the highlight of the show was watching her alone on the stage delivering her sweet, sad, comic playing of Adelaide's Lament. It was only deserving that at end of the show she got the longest and loudest round of applause.”*

Caledonian Society of Blues		Speakers at Founder's Day lunches
1989	Dr John Kennedy	OB CH Club (inaugural lunch)
1990	James Forbes	OB Treasurer
1991	Richard Poulton	Head Master
1992	Elizabeth Cairncross	Deputy Head
1993	Dr Ken Greig	Staff
1994	Bob Rae OBE	Deputy Head (retired)
1995/6/7	No speaker	
1998	Dr Peter Southern	Head Master
1999	Diane Gould	OB CHA
2000	Dennis Silk CBE	OB
2001	Steve Webb	OB BSB
2002	Moyna Gilbertson OBE	OB Almoner
2003	John Shippen	Staff Editor <i>The Blue</i>
2004	Ian Flanagan	Almoner
2005	Chris Bruce-Jones	OB Almoner
2006	Kerren Simmonds	OB CHOGA and CHA
2007	Mary Ireland	Deputy Head
2008	Rob Gauntlett & James Hooper	OBs Explorers
2009	Sam Noel-Paton	OB Explorer
2010	John Franklin	Head Master
2011	Kate Atkinson	OB CHOBA

I have been doing a little research in the section's archives. *Errors and Omissions Excepted* I have compiled the attached list of **Speakers at our annual lunches**.

As you can see there, is a very good mixture of OBs, Head Masters, Staff, Almoners, male and female, young, in-their-prime, and senior. Members' suggestions for **future speakers** are always welcome. With 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 15th to meet and each in the Housey Toast. All **Old Blues and ex-Staff of CH with their partners and guests** will be most welcome. The cost this year is likely to be much the same as last year, thanks to the forward planning of 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 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.

John Shippen

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 2011

Although membership of **The Christ's Hospital Old Blues Association** is **free**, 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 our 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.

In addition, the **remarkably good value** we have enjoyed at the Queen's Hotel in Perth is likely to be more 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 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 **hospitality 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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NAME _____ House / Years at CH _____

I enclose my subscription for the Society for 2011 £ 5.00

Arrears from last year £

Donation to hospitality fund £

TOTAL

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